



What's happening in the world of Aquaponics.

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BYAP Launches New Website

The website now includes a comprehensive online shop, and extensive free online information

The new website is finally finished. A lot of work has gone into creating a simple yet vibrant and easy to navigate website, where we can provide a great deal of information.

The site now includes an extensive information section, where people can download lots of information about different aspects of aquaponics. This information

has been gathered from many sources around the world.

There's an extensive range of videos to view directly on the site, and a news section to keep you up to date with the latest information.

In the next few weeks we'll be adding an article section to the website, here we'll be writing regular articles about many different subjects relating to aquaponics.

The new online shop has an extensive range of aquaponics related products. We have the widest range of books, DVD's and CD's as well as many different accessories and products that can be bought online. Also in the shop you'll find a range of over 100 seed varieties specially selected for growing in aquaponics.

Pop in soon and have a look. www.backyardaquaponics.com

Backyard Aquaponics at The Perth Royal Show

The Royal show was a huge success in showcasing aquaponics



This year the Perth Royal Show was showcasing a special exhibition on “Aqua-Farming”. A whole pavilion was set aside for the purposes of providing information to the public on aqua-farming, in all of its forms, and of course this includes aquaponics. Backyard Aquaponics had a large display area, with operating systems and information boards for people to view.

ing, as well as talks from popular media identities such as, Neville Passmore.

Dan Machin, from the aquaculture council of W.A. said he was very excited by the interest shown by the public during the course of the event. He expects that this renewed interest would give a boost to all facets of aquaculture within Western Australia. There are plans to repeat the



Faye gave daily cooking demonstrations. She cooked up a smoked trout and rocket pizza, as well as a fish and coconut curry. These dishes proved to be very popular with the visitors. There were also daily demonstrations of yabby cooking and fish fillet-

event next year in the same pavilion because of the success of this years show. Next year we expect that there will be even more interest, this was the first time a display on aquaponics has been at the Royal Show. We had some great informa-



tion packs and show bags available at the show. These are extremely good value, and still available through our website until stocks run out.



BYAP wins sustainability Award

For two years now, the Cockburn City council has run a sustainability campaign, to promote and reward more sustainable practices at a community level.

Last year Backyard Aquaponics entered and were announced as a finalist. This year, Backyard Aquaponics won the small business category, receiving \$1000 and a trophy at the Gala Awards Night.

There were a number of different categories for the awards, Community, Personal, Small business and Large business.



Winning the award for sustainability in the small business category was a pleasant surprise

Workshops Prove Popular

We've been running our monthly workshops for six months now, and the interest is continuing to grow. The October workshop is completely booked out and November is almost full. We are looking at expanding our workshops over the summer months, and changing the times to early evening, as the weather heats up.

We will also be expanding our workshops and running them from different locations around the Perth metro area, in the coming months. There will be one at City Farm in East Perth, early in the new year. We are also looking at running a range of workshops in the northern suburbs.

If you're interested in knowing more about aquaponics,



our workshops are highly recommended as a starting point. All workshops are hands on, with working aquaponic systems. Each

participant receives a workshop pack that's filled with information, and get to meet like minded people in a friendly environment.



Increasing Interest In N.S.W.

John has had a lot of interest in his aquaponic systems

Interest in aquaponics is on the rise in New South Wales. A large part of this increasing interest can be attributed to the promotion and educational work by John Burgess from, Fresh By Nature.

Over recent months, John has featured in three local newspapers, Kiama Independent, Lake Times, and Northern Leader, as part of their month long sustainability promotion.

John was part of a the Sus-

of photos and information about both his own system, as well as systems www.byapmagazine.com

constructed by members of the Backyard Aquaponics forum. This popular event has led to increased interest in aquaponics within the local area, as well as throughout the rest of New South Wales.

John recently had a local television station come and film a segment about the aquaponic systems at his house. This segment should be going to air within the next month or so.

Check out Johns website and keep an eye out for his latest information both on his site and in the BYAP forum.

www.freshbynature.com.au



tainable Housing Forum open day. During this event he opened his house up for people to come and look at his many different aquaponic systems, as part of the promotion of sustainable practices.

As well as the open days the group also held an open forum, recently in Berry. John set up a display showcasing some products that had been freshly harvested from his systems, along with a range



Trial By Media

Over twelve months ago we began a trial of different growing mediums, in a four bed system at the shop. Initially we found that there was very little difference in growth, within the different media beds, however this was over a short period of time.

Over a longer period of growth, within the system, we've found that there are some inherent issues with some of the media types in comparison with others.

We've found that the angular media particles, like blue metal, tend to compact over time, meaning that there's less air space, and as such, less water space when the beds flood. This has led to flooding issues within these beds, the water can't



flow well through the bed, because of the reduced air spaces within the media.

The diatomite bed has many problems, the porous nature of the material draws moisture to the surface of the bed, encouraging algal growth on the media surface, as well as mould, mildew, and

diseases within the plants, because of the high humidity.

The initial article on our media trial was in the third edition of the BYAP magazine. We will be writing up a follow up article, in the seventh edition of the magazine, with further information about the long term results and effects.

New Aquaponics Book

EarthGarden have a reputation for producing great books

EarthGarden have produced a new book, all about aquaponics. The book has been produced with contributions from many people who have aquaponic systems and experience with aquaponics.

There's a range of basic aquaponic information within the book, but the main focus of the book is to look at individual experiences with aquaponics, and provide the reader with a personal view of the experiences people have had in building and operating their own systems.

The book should be available on, 18 November 2009, for around \$20. Stay tuned as we keep you up to date with the books release. We will also provide you with a review and some sample pages closer to the release date.

The book will be available through the BYAP website.



BYAP Magazine News



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The sixth edition features some amazing articles and pictures, above are a couple of sample pages. You can see that the

magazine is moving forward in leaps and bounds, with printed copies proving to be extremely popular.

Come down and see us at the Backyard Aquaponics Shop. You can see aquaponic systems of all shapes and sizes producing beautiful fish and vegetables. Come and speak with the experts about how aquaponics can best suit your lifestyle.

The shop is easy to find, about 12 km south of the CBD, just off the freeway on the corner of Berrigan Drive and Jandakot Road. We hope to see you soon.

