



# *Digital homesteading and oral history*

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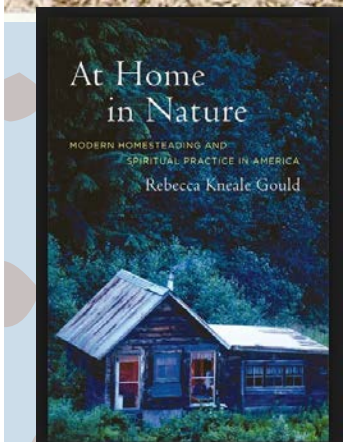
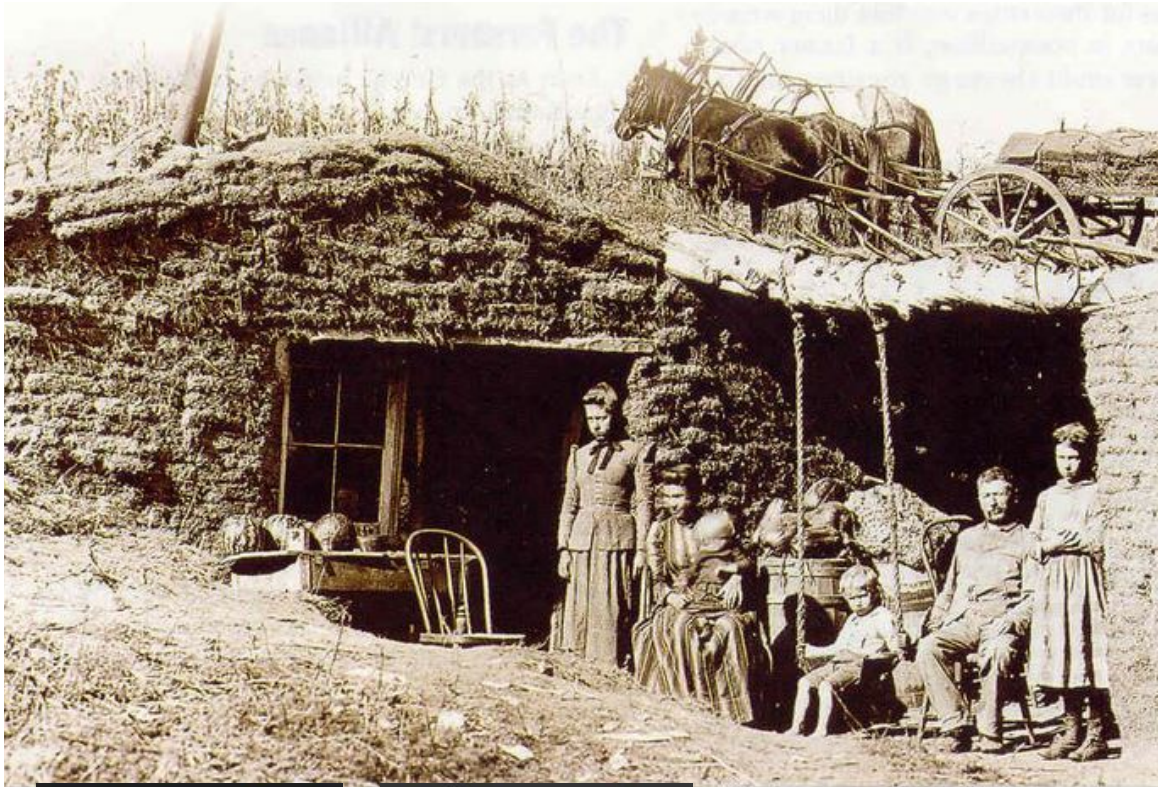
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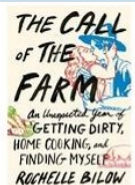
Examples of different versions of off-grid living in NSW, Vic and Qld. Photos taken during the oral history research trip, May-June 2016



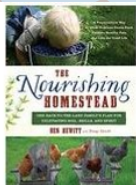


making a living homesteading

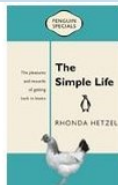




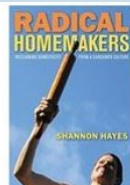
The Call of the Farm: An Unexpected Year of Getting Dirty, Home Cooking, and Finding Myself  
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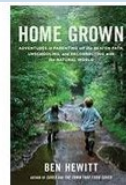
The Nourishing Homestead: One Back-to-the-Land Family's Plan for Cultivating Soil, Skills, and Spirit  
BEN HEWITT



The Simple Life  
Rhonda Hetzel  
Kindle Edition



Radical Homemakers: Reclaiming Domesticity from a Consumer Culture  
Shannon Hayes



Home Grown: Adventures in Parenting off the Beaten Path, Unschooling, and Reconnecting with the...  
BEN HEWITT



I.T. Geek to Farm Girl Freak: Leaving High Tech for Greener Pastures  
S.A. Molteni



Growing Before I  
Anna H.



## HOMESTEADING

212,515 members · 3,942 new members

Note - If you have admin blocked you will not be allowed in the group. Read about our group and its rules here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/homesteading1/101527850...>



## Off Grid Living and Homesteading

123,908 members · 3,164 new members

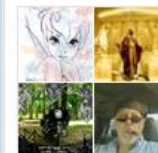
WELCOME, AWESOME PEOPLE! We welcome all who live lifestyles of self-sufficiency as well as those who want to learn how. Please note that posting, commenting, replyin...



## SAFE Aussie,USA Preserving and Home...

4,458 members · 9 active posts

. <http://www.shesabottler.com/> I will be sharing the group photos to my page.THANK YOU. [https://www.facebook.com/Shes-a-BottlerPreservesGardensCooks-982828981811199/...](https://www.facebook.com/Shes-a-BottlerPreservesGardensCooks-982828981811199/)



## Off the Grid Homesteading

2,795 members · 493 new members

This is a group for like minded people who is interested in discussing and learning about gardening, permaculture, aquaponics, beekeeping, animal husbandry, hunting, tr...



## Homesteading

12,398 members · 105 new members

A group to network with other homesteaders, whether they are rural, urban, soon-to-be, or wanna-be. Sampling of topics include: gardening, canning, dehydrating, beekee...



## Homesteading Singles

4,621 members · 34 new members

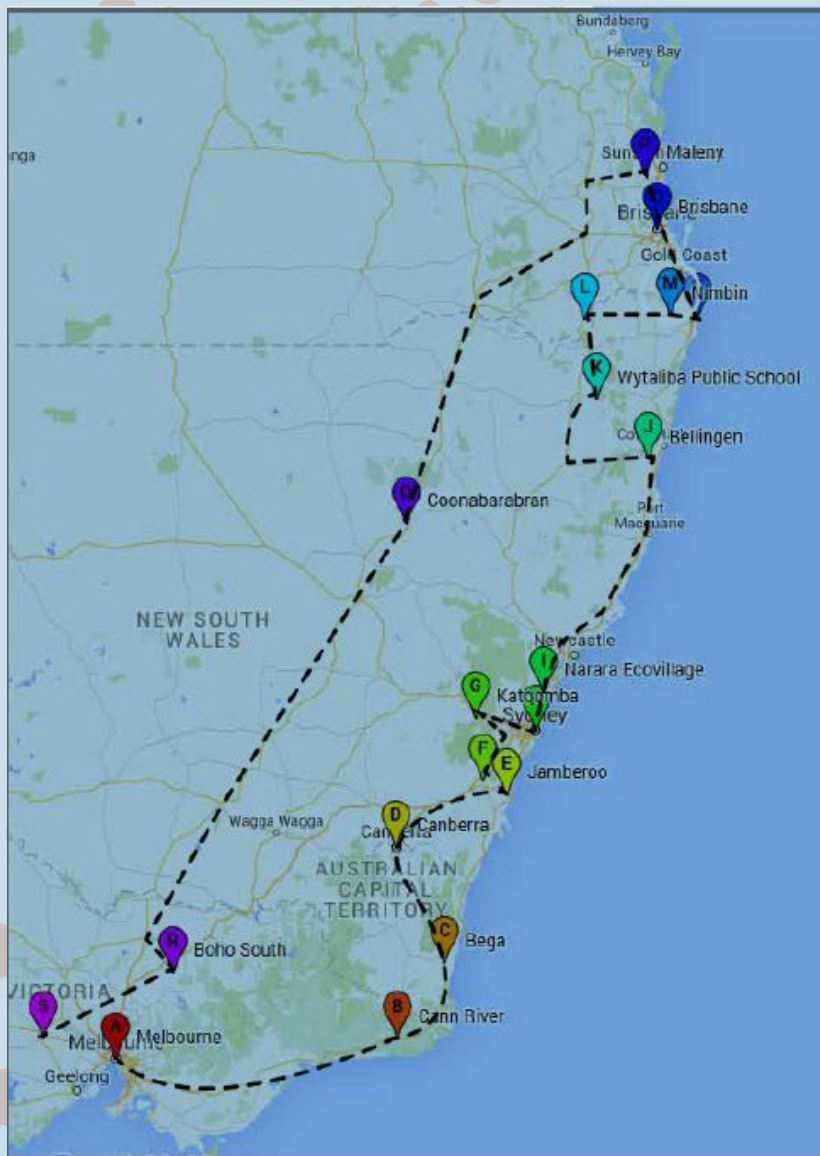
Great group of single hunters, homesteaders, farmers, and gardeners helping each other out while having a little fun. Those who are single and working a homestead face ...



## HOMESTEAD HOMIES with OFF GRID wit...

5,775 members · 1,074 new members

THIS GROUP IS ALL ABOUT YOU! WE WANT YOU TO SHARE YOUR HOMESTEAD STORIES AND ASK QUESTIONS FROM OTHERS IN THE GROUP. THIS GROUP IS ABOUT COMMUNITY



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## Going Off-Grid: Back to the Land Encounters in Australia



From The Land (Sydney, NSW) Friday 29 April, 1932, p. 3

### Seeking Participants for Oral History Research for a PhD thesis at La Trobe University

The research is seeking to interview a range of people who have sought to return to a more 'natural' form of living and who have made the move out of cities onto rural or semi-rural blocks across Australia from the 1940s until today.

A particular focus will be anyone who would like to share the story of their back-to-the-land experiences prior to 1972 in an individual or communal arrangement. I am interested in a variety of stories, including religious or survival oriented experiences.

Central to the thesis are the ideas of "self-sufficiency" and "nature engagement" and participants will be asked questions around these topics.

Interviews can be conducted anonymously at the participant's request. Research will be conducted in South Australia, Southern Queensland, NSW, Victoria and Tasmania at the participants' home, property or at a local library or meeting place in mid 2016.

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