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All people can **live a healthy life** through a complete biological balance in the soil.



NutriSoil Open Day 2016 – Local Solutions with Global Implications

SAVE THE DATE... Thu 28th July

We've got the big guns this year with Walter Jehne answering all things scientific, David Hardwick making the complex interactions of nutrient cycling easier to understand and Andrew Freshwater, ARJ Freshwater Agri Group Pty Ltd, presenting on his Mob Grazing operation which operates partly in North East Victoria.

Objectives:

1. Problem solving the major issues preventing regeneration of your land.
2. Empowering farmers to either make changes or better understand how to measure and make observations in the field.

See centre spread for further details...



Biological Farming Roundtable (BFR) Review

The February BFR was facilitated by David Hardwick with a role-play workshop "A day in the life of soil" leading the group in an entertaining two hours on the importance of feeding and protecting microbes in the soil.

Farmer, Col Harper, shared his farming program with some awesome practical words of advice in the April session. Aside from great networking and yummy morning tea, some wisdom gained so far...



"It's not just about nutrient content that promotes good growth and regenerates soil."

"Agricultural practices generally disturb the soil ecosystem, so you have to be thinking of what you are or can be doing to regenerate the soil while farming it."

"We need to move away from the one-season mentality. Any addition to your soil should be considered with this season's current yield potential and for future generations to come."

Take your opportunity to be involved in these bi-monthly discussions. David Hardwick will be **"Demystifying**

Alternative Products" at the next BFR on Thursday 30th June. The final 2 sessions for 2016 are on August 25th and October 27th.



Soil Restoration Farming

The WA Tour with Walter Jehne and Nicole Masters was a great success in March this year. Over 200 people attended the 3-days and there was a lot of "Answers and Actions for Healthy Soils" addressed. It never ceases to amaze me, no matter where you are in Australia, or the world for that matter, the same underlying causes result in a myriad of issues for farmers that can be addressed with the same principals of farming more biologically. Download from our website www.nutrisoil.com.au and click on The Research "10 Steps to Biological Farming" to find our principals. Check out www.soilrestorationfarming.com.au for more information on SRF events and related resources.



"As to methods, there may be a million and then some, but principals are few. The man who grasps principals can successfully select his own method."

– Ralph Waldo Emerson

New Bulk Rates

Broadacre farmers will be pleased to note our new rates for 15,000L at \$3.95/l and 20,000L at \$3.85/l. This is not on our printed pricelist.

Dairy Crisis

In response to the Australian Dairy Crisis, NutriSoil would like to offer their support by giving a 25% discount to all dairy farmers until the end of 2016.

If you consider the history of fertiliser inputs, a lot of nutrient is locked up in soil. NutriSoil will help to solubilise those nutrients and make them available to pastures.



Field Days 2016

July

- ▶ 16th - 17th Mudgee
- ▶ 28th NutriSoil Open Day

August

- ▶ 16th - 18th Agquipp Gunnedah
- ▶ 24th - 25th Dowerin (WA)

September

- ▶ 16th - 17th Riverland (SA)
- ▶ 20th - 22nd Henty Machinery

October

- ▶ 4th - 6th Elmore
- ▶ 15th - 16th Murrumbateman

Inquiry into Agricultural Innovation

The report of the Inquiry into Agricultural Innovation is now available to be viewed at:

http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/House/Agriculture_and_Industry/Agricultural_innovation/Report

We were privileged to be invited to contribute to this inquiry, but on the whole, disappointed with the outcome which didn't address any soil health or water issues for guiding future innovation. The report recommended more funding go to the same resources that have got us to where we are currently situated, without guidance for nature-aligned goals. With the scientific support of Walter Jehne and farmer input by Ian and Di Haggerty, we created a lot of interest in January when we delivered our submission. However, our recommendation to consider the soil health impact as a reference to all decision making, seems to have fallen on deaf ears. Please read the report and feel free to share your ideas with us.

Once again, it seems to be up to the farmers to regenerate their soils for the future of their enterprise and generations to come, with or without the support of the Australian government.

Meanwhile there is a lot more action going on internationally. For instance the USDA announced recently a new \$72.3 million investment in boosting carbon storage through soil health and a project aimed at increasing the amount of rotational grazing up to 20 million acres.

With the close of COP21 in Paris, there is now an ever increasing understanding from the public, that how we grow our food directly effects our environment and our health. Internationally there is a serious commitment to addressing agricultural means to sequester CO2 in the soil as a means of negating the effects of Climate Change.



Annual Event



Walter Jehne, Healthy Soils Australia

Walter is a Soil Microbiologist and Soil Ecologist, former CSIRO scientist and Co-Founder of Healthy Soils Australia. In this capacity he has addressed UN Global Soils Week in Berlin, as well as informing Australian government and speaking to farmers about the whys and hows of common farming challenges and how to overcome them.

www.healthysoils.com.au

Andrew Freshwater, ARJ Freshwater Agri Group Pty Ltd

Andrew Freshwater, runs an 1800 acre mob grazing property in North East Victoria which is part of a 1.5 million acre operation. He also operates 800 000 acres in Kazakhstan with the same principles. Andrew sows diverse pastures and mob grazes with stocking rates from 600,000kg/ha up to 970,000kg/ha with temporary fencing. Andrew has been successful in keeping summer

litter and pastures that have the ability to respond to rain in our long hot summers. Andrews's principles of managing for deep rooted perennials and using primer crops to get the land going can be adaptable to any land size or location. *Come and see the simplicity behind his success.*



1. Mob grazing in action 2. Litter maintained in long hot summers 3. Pastures that respond to rain in summer

David Hardwick, Soil Land Food

David is an agro-ecologist and has over 20 years experience in sustainable agriculture working in diverse roles including agronomy, soils, agribusiness, R & D, fertiliser manufacturing, rural training and extension and Landcare. David also teaches agriculture and organic agriculture at TAFE NSW.

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Catering

Gum Tree Pies have opened a store in Yackandandah and are flat out. Therefore they won't be able to cater this Open Day, so make sure you visit their awesome cafe in Yack. We are lucky to have another local quality caterer to replace them (if that's possible). Redback Mobile BBQ are the best in the business, so please don't expect pies, but top quality meat, salads and service.

We will also be having a dinner to carry on discussions and networking at the same venue.

Need Accommodation

Comfort Inn & Suites

Blazing Stump

(5 minutes from NutriSoil)

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(Tallangatta Road)
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(02) 6056 3433

*Mention NutriSoil Event
and get better rates.
Cabins also available.*



Venue for NutriSoil Annual Event

343 Whytes Road,
Baranduda, VIC 3691

Venue & Times

Rego from 8.30am – 5.00pm
Dinner 6.00pm (same venue)

Ph: (02) 6020 9676

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Name of Attendee: (i) _____ (ii) _____

 Address _____

 Contact Numbers _____
 Email Address _____

If more than 2 attendees, please attach details.

I am a Current NutriSoil User: Yes No

Please indicate type of farming: Cropping Grazing Horticulture
 Viticulture Orchards Dairy

Other: Please specify _____

1-day event 28/07/2016 _____ at \$40pp* \$ _____
 (\$35pp for two or more)

Dinner 28/07/2016 _____ at \$40pp \$ _____

** Pricing - \$40 Early Bird if paid prior to 25/07/16, otherwise \$45 on the day.*

Total Amount Payable \$ _____

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