

Welcome to our 2021 newsletter! Save the Event Dates: ➤

It has been a whirlwind start to 2021 for the NutriSoil® team, from staffing and role changes to strategic planning days along with hosting and planning BFR's. Here is a run down of the year so far and what to expect in the coming months.

HUB calls

Our HUB care team have endeavored to contact all HUB members this year, if we haven't spoken to you directly then we have left a message. The purpose of these calls is to check on how last season went, what your plans are for the coming season and to discuss any challenges you might be facing. It has been lovely to touch base with many of you to better understand your system and needs.

So, what is a HUB?? Anyone who purchases 1000L of NutriSoil has the opportunity to be placed in a geographical based HUB group. You will receive contact details of other HUB members in the area, a greatly prized NutriSoil HUB cup, facilitated Zoom HUB group meetings, regular calls from the HUB care team, HUB discount rates and invitations to NutriSoil Biological Farming Roundtable events.

Zoom Meetings

It has been wonderful to have the opportunity to meet a number of our HUB group members this year via our HUB Zoom meetings. Each HUB has had the opportunity to participate in these meetings and the recordings have been sent out to those unable to attend.

Simpson BFR

In April it was a thrill to sponsor the April Biological Farming Roundtable in Simpson Vic. The event was held at Andrew and Linda Whiting's dairy farm near Simpson. The Whittings have been transitioning to regenerative farming practices over the last 15 years, they are a great example of what can be achieved with persistence, adaptability and a willingness to trial new ideas to find out what works for your soil type and farming system.

The Whiting's holistic mindset has resulted in a combination of grazing management, multi-species crops, composting and finally adding



May 2021:

May 27th

Event & Location:

Albury Biological Farming Roundtable
- NutriSoil and Huon Ag Services (Wodonga)

June 2021:

Jun 16th

Holistic Grazing with Graeme Hand
- Brungle NSW

July 2021:

Postponed Dates TBA

Regen Dairy Farming Forum
- Warragul Reception & Conference Centre
41 Sutton St (Warragul)

August 2021:

Aug 23rd

Ongerup Biological Farming Roundtable
- (Newdegate) stay tuned for more details

Aug 25th & 26th

Dowerin Filed Days
- (Dowerin)

September 2021:

Sept 21st, 22nd & 23rd

Henty Field Days
- (Henty)

October 2021:

Oct 28th

Ballarat Biological Farming Roundtable
- (Ballarat) stay tuned for more details

November 2021:

Nov 25th

Tassie Biological Farming Roundtable
- (Dunorlan) stay tuned for more details



a SoilKee to their set of tools which has seen them transition into a regenerative farming system. The Whittings are basically synthetic input free except for spot spraying of thistles and blackberries. During their transition the Whittings have been using

NutriSoil as a foliar application on their pastures, they will now move to using NutriSoil as a seed inoculant as their soil health has improved so greatly the growing plants can readily access all they need from the soil for

healthy productive growth.

It was wonderful to be able to bring agroecologist David Hardwick to the April BFR who explained the role of soil type, soil structure and soil fertility in a healthy production system. David's presentations are always entertaining and educational, particularly the best soil in show competition which everyone loves.

We were fortunate enough to have a SoilKee demonstration from Niels and Jamie Olsen, SoilKee provides the option of sowing directly into pasture or existing cover crops. SoilKee works best in higher rainfall regions and allows newly sown plants to utilise nutrients provided by the existing plants. The event was well attended with around 40 participants from as far away as Gippsland and South Australia.

Albury BFR

NutriSoil had the pleasure of hosting the Albury BFR on May 27 here at our worm farm and warehouse in Baranduda. Again, we secured the services of agroecologist David Hardwick to discuss the role of soil type and soil structure in addressing soil fertility. David ran a best soil in show competition and explains the crucial part microbes play in soil and plant health.

Our own Nakala Maddock explained how everything NutriSoil does ties into the company's vision of empowering farmers to grow nutrient dense food. Nakala was able to describe how to best use NutriSoil and what it contains, the benefits of using the product to farm profit margins and the advantages to overall human health. Ectol was at the event to speak about their organic crop and pasture growth products, and there was a SoilKee demonstration on site.



The BFR concluded with an interview with Ray and Whyatt Snell who operate Huon Ag Services, a 1000 acre property in Wodonga. The Snells began their regenerative agriculture journey about three years ago due to ongoing problems with hard soils and heliotrope proliferation.

Since reducing their synthetic inputs and transitioning to biological products the Snells have noticed a number of changes in their grazing enterprise. Their cattle have increased the diversity of what they graze and as a result they no longer slash phalaris pastures. During summer their cattle have maintained weight gain grazing summer grasses like kikuyu, which are now more palatable to the cattle.

Quality Control

In early May Maria from Microbe Labs Australia spent three days with us at our worm farm and production site in Baranduda. Microbe Labs have been employed by NutriSoil to help establish a quality control system specific to vermiculture, which will become a world first!

NutriSoil take pride in providing a quality product to our customers, we are establishing this new quality control system to ensure we can provide consistency with every batch we distribute from our warehouse. Working with a naturally biological system has variabilities, however we have identified key control points in our production process which will allow us to test and identify any potential hazards to ensure we continue to supply a consistent product.



Particular testing which will take place in our quality control system will include testing for:

- Pathogens • pH Consistency • Nutrient Density • Microbial Testing • Colour Consistency • Texture Consistency

We love working with Microbe Labs, our partnership has allowed us

to develop years of research which helps us to continue to develop our quality control system to ensure we are producing a consistent, reliable and biologically active product. This relationship allows us to identify problems early and provide reassurance to the source of any issues which may arise as soon as possible.



Welcome Shelley!

We would like to take the opportunity to welcome Shelley Scoullar to the NutriSoil team. Shelley started as a casual employee in March and has recently accepted a permanent position working three days a week.

Shelley has a farming background, growing up on a mixed farm near Deniliquin. After pursuing a science degree and becoming a science teacher for seven years Shelley transitioned to a cereal and rice farmer when her and husband Paul purchased the farm across the road from Shelley's parents. Shelley has played a crucial role in advocacy for grass roots farmers and rural communities cofounding and chairing the Speak Up Campaign, and holding key positions in water advocacy groups. She is passionate about agriculture and rural Australia believing farmers are the solution, not the problem to a number of the issues faced by society globally. Shelley will take on a communications role and HUB care role within NutriSoil and we are excited to have her on board.



New Podcasts Released

- Paul & Wendy Whemes - *Coming Out of Drought* ([Click Here](#))

More podcasts about to be released soon!



HUBs 2021

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