

Sustainable Agriculture Forum

Farming our Soils: Farming our Landscapes
Fantastic one day event with a great range of speakers



Friday 28th February, 2014

Holbrook Library Complex, Library Court, off Bowler St, Holbrook

Registration 12:30 pm for 1 pm

BBQ Dinner 6-7 pm in Library grounds

7 pm after dinner speaker

Afternoon tea provided

RSVP and dinner pre-payment by Friday 14th February 2014
Dinner Cost \$20.00

Payment can be cash, cheque or direct deposit.
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We have pulled together a great range of speakers on a wide range of interesting topics to present a fantastic, not to be missed, event in Holbrook. In the afternoon we are starting with soils, moving to water, looking at native pastures and livestock systems and hearing from a couple of farmers about their approach. After a chat and dinner at the CTC grounds we will hear Bill Gammage talk about how aborigines managed the land before white man arrived.

12:30 pm : Registration

1:00 pm: Speakers commence:

Dr Susan Orgill, NSW DPI: ‘The science of soil carbon’

Susan’s research has been investigating improving the efficiency of pastures to sequester carbon in soil. Susan will speak broadly on soil carbon

Dr Gupta Vadakattu, CSIRO Adelaide: ‘The critical role of soil microbiology: What we know and what we don’t’

Dr Vadakattu is researching soil microbial function and diversity in agricultural systems

Dr Leah Moore, Associate Professor in Land Management, University of Canberra:

‘Understanding hydrogeologic landscapes (HGL): How water moves through landscape materials’

Leah will be discussing the findings of local hydrogeological mapping and why some parts of the landscape behave differently

John Ive, ‘Talaheni’, Yass: ‘Farming under landscape and climate challenges’

John produces ultrafine wool, Angus cattle and farm forestry. John is part of the climate champion program

Vince Heffernan, ‘Moorlands’ Gunning: ‘Ecological agriculture in practice’

Vince produces bio-dynamic lamb, farming without pesticides, antibiotics or growth promoting hormones

Kate Sargeant, VIC DEPI: ‘Managing Profit, Risk, Sustainability and Lifestyle’

Kate and Evergraze scientists will discuss the key messages from research on local high and low input systems. Topics include native pastures, livestock systems, lambing time, profitable pasture systems and grazing management. New tips and tools will be introduced and explained.

6 -7:00 pm: Dinner

Adjunct Professor Bill Gammage, Humanities Research Centre ANU:

‘The Biggest Estate on Earth - How aborigines managed the land before Europeans arrived’

Bill grew up in Wagga, and studied history at ANU. He has taught at ANU, and both the Universities of PNG and Adelaide. His book *The Biggest Estate on Earth: How Aborigines made Australia* was published in 2011, and in 2012 won the Prime Minister’s Prize for Australian history.

8.00pm Close