

“Back to Grass Roots Event”

Project Final Report & Findings

A National Landcare Programme funded —
Convention or Innovation
A Practical on Farm Trial

Featuring key note speakers:

Dr Christine Jones and Dr Julian Hill

Convention or Innovation—A Practical on Farm Trial has been a three year farmer driven sustainable farming project undertaken by the Soil Health Bestwool Bestlamb Group and the North East Ecological Farmers within the North East and Goulburn Broken regions within Victoria. These trials compared conventional fertiliser applications of super-phosphate with other soil amendments including soil aeration, biological activators and other fertilisers. Time Control grazing was implemented at all sites. Pasture production, stocking rates, botanical composition, plant sugar levels were all monitored. Regular soil testing, plant tissue testing and soil biology testing was undertaken.

What, When and Where...

Day 1

4:30pm Wednesday 25th February Meet at Moglonemby Hall.

Farm Trial Site inspection and on farm discussion. The nuts and bolts from a farmers perspective.

7:00pm Wednesday 25th February, Ellen Francis Hotel Violet Town.

An evening dinner with Futurist Neil Henson as our guest speaker. Neil has more than 25 years experience in design, marketing and strategic foresight. He recently worked with the Victorian State Landcare Team to develop a vision for Victorian Landcare in 2036. In his presentation, he will pose questions such as: How will climate change, demographic change, social change and landscape change affect Landcare and farming into the future in Victoria?

DINNER \$20 per person and drinks at bar prices

Day 2

9:00am—4:30pm Thursday 26th February DPI Offices 89 Sydney `Benalla

Back to Grass Roots— Presentations by Dr Christine Jones, Dr Julian Hill including the presentation of the Trials outcomes and findings. This event is fully catered

Dr Christine Jones is an internationally renowned and highly respected groundcover and soils ecologist. She has a wealth of experience working with innovative landholder to find ways to improve biological activity, sequester carbon, stimulate non symbiotic nitrogen fixation, revitalise soil productivity and create new topsoil.

Dr Julian Hill has a PhD in Animal Nutrition and is an expert in pasture utilisation and also leads the ‘Consuming home-grown feed’ theme of Project 3030. He has been involved in grazing research in numerous countries and currently is a research member at the University of Melbourne.

REGISTRATION \$20 per person

RSVP to register your participation to any of the above events.

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