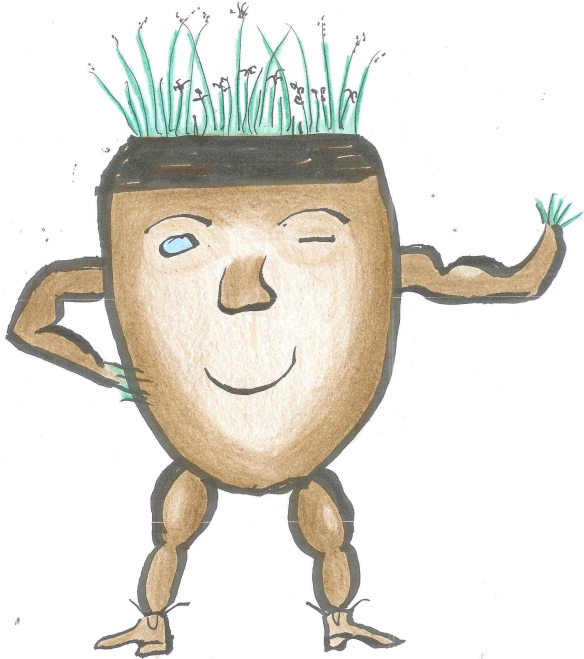


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THE ADVENTURES OF... Stanley the soil sample!



Although slightly troubled by an embarrassing

FUNGAL

 infection

Stanley had never felt better...

MAYBE HIS MICROBES WERE IN BALANCE!

Come and see how to
get yours in balance too!

The South East Burnett Landcare group invites you to
an on-site seminar focusing on the practical implementation
of improved land management practices in



Biological Farming

Wednesday 5 May 2010

9.00am start until 2pm

Meeting Point—Boobyjan Hall, 9397 Burnett Highway, Boobyjan

Cost—\$10

Featuring guest speaker—Dr Maarten Stapper

RSVP to Penny Kennedy on 4168 6179 or Belinda Pennell on 4168 6064

Morning tea and lunch provided

Landcare books on sale

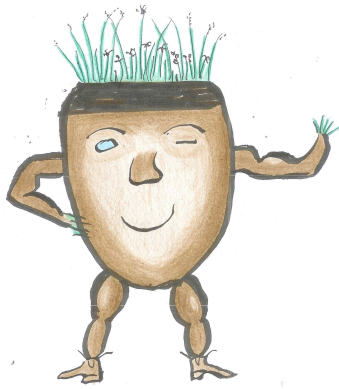
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Biological Farming

On-site seminar program

9.00am

Meet at the Boobyjan Hall (approx 30 kms from Goomeri on the Burnett Highway)
Cuppa and bus to first demonstration site

9.30am

**Guest Speaker—Dr Maarten Stapper, BAgSc AgEng PhD FAIAST,
Farming Systems Agronomist**

Dr Maarten Stapper has lived, studied and worked in the Netherlands, Canada, USA, Iraq, Syria, and, since 1982, in Australia. He has an agricultural engineering degree from Wageningen University, the Netherlands, in farming systems and catchment management in semi-arid tropics. He has a PhD from the University of New England, Armidale, in wheat production systems, linking crop physiology with agronomy and daily weather in simulation modelling. Dr Stapper was till 2007 a senior scientist with CSIRO based at Griffith and Canberra. He is an expert across a wide spectrum of agricultural areas including irrigated and dryland wheat agronomy, farming systems, participatory research, agricultural information technology and biological agriculture. Dr Stapper says biological farming is not just about soil health through improved biology and carbon – it is also about making plants, animals and land more resilient in variable climate (ie drought tolerant), and utilising natural resources for increased productivity – and is thus ecosystem based. His focus is on biological farming that helps farmers improve the profitability of their operations by harnessing the power of natural soil processes. Required practices not just create healthy soils while reducing heavy reliance on fertilisers and chemicals but also improve quality of food and feed. Maarten featured in ABC Australian Story “*Back to Earth*” on 1 June 2009 about his road into biological farming systems and disconnect with official science world.

Questions

11.00am

On-site inspection of biological farming techniques on pasture and lucerne including:

- Residue digestion of grass pastures using fungus
- Bacterial inoculation of grass and lucerne
- Enzymes to stimulate legumes and clover
- Biological foliar treatments on grass and lucerne
- Prescription blend on lucerne

12.00—**Lunch**

12.30pm—**Bus to second demonstration site (lucerne crop)**

Also on the day

- Soil Systems Australia—Adam Wilson
- Nutri-tech Solutions—Graeme Sait and Stephen Capeness
- AusMin—Dave Hardwick
- AgSolutions—Brett Rutter
- Microbe brewing demonstration
- Monitoring tool demonstration

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