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SoilCare Inc.

SoilCare Expo 2012

Saturday, 10 March 2012
8.30 AM to 4.00 PM

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Sign up at the Expo entry desk for a free ticket to
'Finding the balance... BIOLOGICAL FARMING'

**Wollongbar Agricultural Research Institute
NSW Department of Primary Industries
1243 Bruxner Highway, Wollongbar NSW**

Want to bring your soil back to life?

Don't miss this unique opportunity to learn about soil friendly products & management practices from over 30 exhibitors at SoilCare Expo 2012.

FREE 1 hour presentation by Dr Maarten Stapper **'Finding the balance... Biological Farming'**

10.00 AM, 12.30 PM or 2.30 PM



Dr Maarten Stapper is a farming systems agronomist whose main focus is helping farmers improve the profitability of their operations by harnessing the power of natural healthy soil processes. After working for thirty years as a research agronomist on four continents, Maarten has become an advocate of biological and organic farming systems.

Through Maarten's research, discussions with Landcare groups and farmers, he has come to the belief that science must take a broader view to achieve the sustainable development of agricultural industries. Maarten proposes that to achieve this we have to look at the whole farming system - where everything is linked to everything else.

Maarten believes that biological agriculture leads to higher biodiversity on farms and a greatly reduced impact on catchment environments. This process can achieve a doubling of organic carbon content of the soil, and, if practised Australia-wide, could capture most CO2 released in the country and slow climate change. Maarten will tour the North Coast following SoilCare Expo. Details at www.soilcare.org

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SoilCare Expo 2012 Exhibitors

More than 30 exhibitors to answer your questions about:

- soil nutrient management
- soil health products
- soil analysis
- soil erosion
- soil/rural education
- soil/environmental legislation
- biochar information
- compost/compost tea equip
- biological control of pests
- grazing management
- ground covers/smothergrass
- surface water management
- protecting waterways
- machinery – ATVs, mowers, C-dax (atv sprayers, fert spreaders, pasture meter), wood chippers
- compost spreaders, pruning tools, nut harvesters

AC Backrubs livestock parasite control

AgriChem organic soil /plant activators

Ag Solutions NatraMin

AIMS grazing management/paddock design

BioResources mass rearing beneficial insects

Coates Horticulture advisory service

Environmental Analysis Lab soil analysis

East Coast Spreaders manure/compost

Far North Coast Weeds weed management

GROUNDGROCER composting equipment

Lismore Motorcycles C-Dax, Ferris, ATVs

MI Organics poultry manure, mulches composts

Monchiero nut harvesters

MUNASH Natural Fertilizers chemical free

Natrakelp liquid seaweed

Northcoast Macadamia Management

NSW DPI analytical and advisory

Northern Rivers CMA nrm funding and advice

O'Grady Rural comp. tea/nutrition/soil health

Orchard Floor Protection erosion control

Organic Nutrients BFA certified/HACCP accred. composts

Pellenc professional, portable electric tools

PestWeb insect monitoring

Precision Mulch Spreading composts/mulches

Richmond Landcare Inc community support/biochar

Rous Water regional water supply authority

SAFE Fertilisers remineralisation of soils

Soil Foodweb Institute measures the life in your soil

TAFE Wollongbar rural production training

Terra Firma organic based pelletised fertiliser

Tryton organic compost, mulch & potting mix

Wilson River Pecans nursery/Nutri Tech Solutions

Woodchippers Australia woodchippers

Worms Down Under composting worms

Visit the SoilCare Expo 2012 FARMER SHOWCASE

SoilCare member farmers share their sustainable soil and farm management/marketing experiences. Visit the Farmer Showcase Exhibit and meet the farmers, hear the stories and buy their products!

Gold Sponsors speakers:

10.00 to 10.10 AM

Lukas Van Zwieten- 'Biochar Myth-busting'

12.30 to 12.40 PM – Lismore Motorcycles

C-Dax Agricultural Solutions

1.40 to 1.50 PM – Judi Earl (AIMS) grazing management

2.30 to 2.40 PM - Lukas Van Zwieten

Video – 'Biochar - reducing greenhouse gas emissions and improving agricultural production'

Treat yourself to morning/afternoon tea and a barbecue lunch prepared by the NSW DPI Staff Club.

Australian Sub-Tropical Coffee Association providing barista coffee for sale all day.



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