

# THE BUSINESS OF SMALL-AREA FARMING

## TUES 11TH FEBRUARY

|                                   | TIME       | TITLE  | PRESENTER(S)                  | SUMMARY  |
|-----------------------------------|------------|--|-------------------------------|--|
| Financial and Property Management | 9 - 10.30  | Small farms as viable enterprises  | Elaine Bradley                | What factors are important in having a viable small farming enterprise?  |
|                                   | 11 - 12.30 | Managing farm finances   | Elaine Bradley                | Keeping track of your farming enterprise   |
|                                   | 1.30 - 3   | Environmental management   | Peter McAdam                  | Planning to minimise adverse environmental impacts   |
|                                   | 3.30 - 5   | Evaluation checklists for your property and your potential   | Steve Burgess                 | Using checklists to evaluate the potential of your property and yourselves. Understanding risk   |
| General Horticultural Enterprises | 9 - 10.30  | Planning for tree crops  | Peter Young, Birdwood Nursery | Orchard planning and maintenance; what are potential new crops?  |
|                                   | 11 - 12.30 | Create a Pollinator Paradise   | Athol and Glenbo Craig        | Highlighting the importance of bees and other beneficial insects in fruit and vegetable production, the importance of farmscaping to include pollinator patches. |
|                                   | 1.30 - 3   | Plant and soil nutrition   | Juliette Greenway             | Soil characteristics and fertility   |
|                                   | 3.30 - 5   | Integrated pest management   | Juliette Greenway             | Introduction to management without chemicals   |
| Harvest Dinner                    | 6-9.30pm   | 3-course buffet featuring locally grown and made foods.  |                               |  |
|                                   |            | Guest speakers representing different levels of the food supply network will discuss their challenges with local food supply and initiatives to developing greater resilience. |                               |  |
|                                   |            | Dagun Community Group to run a bar of local wines  |                               |  |

**WEDNESDAY 12TH FEBRUARY**

Animal Enterprises

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| 9 - 10.30  | Grazing land management           | Graeme Elphinstone   | Interactive forum on grazing land management. What components make up the grazing landscape?                              |
| 11 - 12.30 | Pastured poultry and pigs systems | Panel discussion (Phil Stringer, Moya Valley, Kacey Walker, Karen Jarling) | What needs to be considered when contemplating livestock as part of your production system. To cover poultry, pigs, beef. |
| 1.30 - 3   | Parasite control                  | Steve Dennis   | Current local-area best practice in parasite control.   |
| 3.30 - 5   | Electric fencing basics           | Warren Jarling   | Innovations and best practice for various types of livestock  |

Market Gardening

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| 9 - 10.30  | Irrigation basics                              | Steve Burgess  | Planning an irrigation system for small-scale production. |
| 11 - 12.30 | Production planning                            | Elaine Bradley, James Larsen   | How much to plant? When?                                  |
| 1.30 - 3   | Post-harvest handling and packaging for market | Panel discussion (Trish Gabbana, Elaine Bradley, Narelle Garrett)        |   |
| 3.30 - 5   | From hand-tools to tractors                    | Panel discussion (James Larsen, Dave Sims, Bruno Gabbana, Steve Burgess) | Tools and machinery for small-scale production            |