



Future Farming

Yarrawalla, Victoria

EXPO

How will you be farming in 2030?



The North Central CMA invites you to attend the 2013 Future Farming Expo and explore new ideas in farm management.

Keynote presentations include 'Understanding the weather' with Jane Bunn, WIN News weather presenter and meteorologist, and 'Regenerative agriculture' with local farmer Darren Doherty.

You can then select the topics that most interest you, with four sessions running concurrently on a broad range of topics: seasonal climate drivers, accessing global markets, biochar, succession planning, holistic grazing management and many more. Sessions will include both presentations from expert speakers and practical demonstrations.

- WHEN:** Thursday 14 March 2013
TIME: 9 am to 4 pm (Lunch provided)
WHERE: Yarrawalla Hall, Yarrawalla South Road, Yarrawalla VIC
COST: Free Event

To reserve your place please **RSVP** to the North Central CMA by 5 pm Tuesday 12 March on (03)5448 7124 or email info@nccma.vic.gov.au.



AGENDA

TIME	SESSION			
8.30 am	Registration			
9.00 am	Welcome			
9.30 am	Understanding the weather Jane Bunn, WIN News <i>The terminology and accuracy of weather forecasts is explained.</i>			
10.15 am	Regenerative agriculture Darren Doherty, HeenanDoherty <i>Ten steps to regenerating your farm, soil, community and lifestyle.</i>			
11.00 am	Morning tea			
11.30 am	Concurrent sessions			
	Social media and agriculture Cynthia Mahoney, Cynthia Mahoney & Associates <i>A beginner's guide to the world of social media and why farmers should get involved.</i>	Seasonal climate drivers Dale Grey, Victorian Department of Primary Industries <i>Learn how global processes drive Victoria's seasonal climate variability.</i>	Accessing global markets Scott McGillivray and Sandy Harman, Central Victorian Exporters Network <i>Local examples of farmers' value adding produce and selling direct to export markets.</i>	Mobile biochar technology John Sanderson, Earth Systems <i>Victorian research project investigating the conversion of on-farm woody weeds to biochar using mobile machinery.</i>
12.15 pm	Lunch			
1.15 pm	Demonstrations			
	Soil Pit Roger Wrigley, Wrigley Dillon <i>See first-hand how soil type and structure influences soil nutrition, water holding capacity and production.</i>	Compost Tea Elise Wenden, Fruition Nutrition <i>Brewing and applying compost teas to improve soil health.</i>	Kitchen Gardens Darren Doherty, HeenanDoherty <i>Learn how to create kitchen gardens using time-saving wicking and no-dig garden beds.</i>	Twitter for beginners Cynthia Mahoney, Cynthia Mahoney & Associates. <i>Practical beginners workshop on using twitter to connect, inspire and share information.</i>
2.30 pm	Concurrent Sessions			
	Succession planning Gary Jones and Stephen Wait, The Farm Protectors <i>Have you discussed what will happen when you or your parents retire or leave the farm? Learn the keys to successful succession planning.</i>	A layered landscape: the role of edible shrubs in resilient grazing systems Tanya Massey, Melbourne University <i>Potential of native shrubs to provide fodder, reduce emissions and increase soil carbon.</i>	Bugs and biodiversity on farm: maximising the benefits Dr Saul Cunningham, CSIRO <i>The role insects play in soil improvement, pollination and pest control on farm.</i>	Future of export hay markets Jack Chen, JC Taloden <i>Sharing 25 years of exporting hay to Asia and insights of the industry's future.</i>
3.00 pm	Mini-break			
3.15 pm	Cultivating the tools and confidence to break with tradition. Jo Bear, Loddon Vale Farmer <i>How switching to holistic grazing management has increased farm profitability.</i>	Making cent\$ of carbon and emissions on-farm Martin Hamilton, Department of Primary Industries <i>Practical actions that farm businesses can take now to improve their emissions performance.</i>	Farm forestry - is it worth it? John Woodley, Farm Forestry Services <i>Growing trees on farms for multiple benefits: timber, shelter, biodiversity and aesthetics.</i>	How to attract and retain skilled workers in agriculture Graeme Lynas, Agrifood Skills Australia <i>Interactive session on industry skills needs, jobs demand and education and training requirements.</i>
3.45 pm	Evaluation and Event Close			

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