

FRIDAY 19 AUGUST, 2016


# FARM FIELD DAY

Photo by Bronwyn Silver

## Showcasing the possibilities for viable, sustainable and biodiverse farms.

FREE  
EVENT

 Friday 19 August 2016

 9:30 am - 4:00 pm

 Sutton Grange Community Hall  
and Sutton Grange  
Organic Farm

 Places are strictly limited,  
RSVP is essential by 8 August  
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- ▶ **Sustainability** - Launch of the north central Soil Health Guide. Native pastures and biosecurity.
- ▶ **Biodiversity** - Benefits, Aboriginal history, managing water and pest plant and animals.
- ▶ **Viability** - Business planning, financial management, compliance and employing staff.
- ▶ **Living by example** - Local producers sharing their stories including diversification and value adding.

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Time	Activity	Location
9.30 am	Arrival/tea/coffee	Hall
9.45 am	Welcome and introduction to Sutton Grange Organic Farm	Hall
10.00 am – 10.15 am	Walk to farm	
10.15 am – 11.15 am	<p><b>Session 1: Sustainability</b> – *Integrated sustainable land management, soils, native pastures and biosecurity management.</p> <p><b>Session 2: Biodiversity</b> – *Benefits of biodiversity in the paddock, Aboriginal history, managing water and pest plant and animals.</p>	Farm
11.15 am – 11.30 am	Meet-up and tour of dairy	Farm
11.30 am – 12.30 pm	<p><b>Session 1: Sustainability</b> – *Repeat of earlier session.</p> <p><b>Session 2: Biodiversity</b> – *Repeat of earlier session.</p>	Farm
12.30 pm – 12.45 pm	Return to Hall	
12.45 pm – 1.30 pm	Lunch / displays Launch of the north central Soil Health Guide.	Hall Hall grounds
1.30 pm– 2.00 pm	<b>Session 3: Viability</b> – Business planning, financial management, employment, compliance and employing staff.	Hall
2.00 pm – 3.30 pm	<p><b>Session 4: Living by example</b> – Local producers sharing their stories including diversification and value adding.</p> <p><b>Guest speakers:</b>  <b>Katie Finlay</b> – Mt Alexander Fruit Gardens  <b>Mandy Jean</b> – Guildford Vineyard  <b>John Cable</b> – JCBee Honey  <b>Ben Boxshall</b> – Farm Forest Growers of Victoria  <b>Sam White</b> – Sidonia Road Organics  <b>Claire de Kok</b> – Pig In A Box  <b>Carla Meurs and Anne-Marie Monda</b> – Holy Goat Cheese</p>	Hall
3.30 pm – 3.40 pm	Wrap-up	Hall
3.40 pm – 4.00 pm	Open discussion: speak with producers Tea/coffee/afternoon tea	Hall