

EVENTS

Looking for markets or export opportunities? Contact BFA to have your products on show at domestic and international events. Email <events@bfa.com.au> for more information.

April 3, 2007

Organic Open Day, South of Echuca, Northern Victoria
An informative day in the beautiful grounds of the Castle at Ballendella and including a FREE organic beef luncheon. BFA will present on the day and is a sponsor of this event. More information at <www.elsobey.com.au> or phone Craig Sobey on 0427 099 588.

April 5, 2007

Benefits of Healthy Soil Symposium, Wellington, NSW
Soil microbiologist, Dr Elaine Ingham will present the fourth symposium being held with a Soil Foodweb focus for drylands. The one-day event attracts a 50% discount for Central Western Catchment NSW growers/land-holders. Phone: (02) 6688 2324, email: <greg@asapsupplier.com>, <www.asapsupplier.com>.

April 13, 2007

BFA Roadshow, Melbourne, Vic
The roadshow will cover the latest soil innovations, marketing advice, certification advice and more from A-grade producers and others with high expertise in their fields. There is a small covercharge for catering only. Phone: (07) 3350 5716, email <events@bfa.com.au>, visit <www.bfa.com.au>.

May 18-21, 2007

MINDD International Forum on Children, Sydney, NSW

Austrade Osaka, Japan: Organic Seminar and Sample Showcase

Coming up: Existing and potential exporters of organic foods and beverages (non-alcoholic) are invited to contribute products in an organic seminar/ product sampling showcase arranged by Austrade Osaka and BFA/ ACO. This event will target importers of organic / conventional food products and media involved in the organic food industry. To take place before July 2007. To register your interest contact <info@bfa.com.au> or phone 07 3350 5706.

June 2-3, 2007

Eco Living Expo, Adelaide, South Australia
Phone: 0419 853 614, <www.ecolivingexpo.com.au>.

July 24-27 and November 6-9, 2007

NTS Certificate in Sustainable Agriculture, Yandina, QLD
Features the NTS Management Approach where five leading biological agronomists cover every aspect of microbe, soil and plant nutrition (and protection).
Phone: (07) 5472 9900, email: <kirstie@nutri-tech.com.au>.

September 24-27, 2007

Fine Food Australia, Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre, NSW.
<www.finefood.com.au>.

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Organic Expo makes its Melbourne Debut



If you haven't already booked your stand at this year's Organic Expo then do so quickly. The show is already 65% sold with keen interest from international exhibitors picking up. Now in its third successful year, the Organic Expo is Australia's foremost organic and environmental show covering all lifestyle areas.

September 2007 sees some exciting changes with the Organic Expo making its Melbourne debut at the splendid Royal Exhibition Building, Carlton Gardens.

It will become a wholly certified organic show that will incorporate the new Natural & Ethical Show for the environmentally based products. It is anticipated that around 200 exhibitors from across Australia and overseas will be taking part.

The Organic Expo will provide attendees with the opportunity to taste, buy, learn and talk to growers, producers and retailers about the benefits of 'eco-ganics' (certified organic and environmentally friendly products and services).

In addition, many organic and environmental associations will be there to meet with trade and consumers.

The Organic Expo will present an exciting range of entertainment and features:

- Demonstration Stage
- Speakers Corner (featuring the Organic Garden)
- Organic Vineyard
- Organic Fashion Show
- Organic Farmers Market Display
- Organic Awards – New

Tobie Puttock, Fifteen Melbourne.

Soil Health Workshops

The Soil Health Workshops run through the Healthy Soils for Sustainable Farms program. The program is funded by the Department of Agriculture Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) in partnership with the Grains Research and Development Corporation (GRDC) and managed by Land and Water Australia.

This series of workshops has the backing of the Biological Farmers of Australia and support from SEQ Catchments Pty Ltd.

The workshops marry some of the technical aspects of soil health to the practical examples and applications to help give land managers an understanding of how to reduce production costs and gain added cash flow benefits from resulting plant and animal health.

The workshops are tailored to the specific area and enterprise mix of the attendees whether they are involved in the dairy, horticulture, tropical horticulture or beef enterprises. Please note some are industry specific due to funding agreements.

The aims of the workshops are to identify:

- Soil health parameters
- How with this knowledge practices can be managed so that extra profit can be generated from the environmental services provided by the soil health outcomes.
- How effective use of local inexpensive resources considered as waste from one enterprise, can be utilized productively in

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another enterprise, so that nutrients can be effectively recycled and augmented.

- Why humus development is a critical determinant to production, health (animal and plant) and profit.

Workshops are to be held in Gympie, North Queensland (March 27-29) and Goomeri, tentatively April 24 with further discussion happening to develop more workshops in the Gatton, Bundaberg and Beaudesert regions.

The presenters have a good mix of practical and technical skills on the application of low external input production system development and a consequent passion for production systems that derive soil health outcomes such as soil regeneration and carbon building processes.

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The Demonstration Stage and Speakers Corner will host an exciting program of practical demonstrations, seminars and panel discussions from celebrities, industry and professional speakers, who are keen to share their knowledge and passion.

The Organic Expo is delighted to welcome back renowned

chef Kylie Kwong, horticultural expert and presenter of Gardening Australia Jerry Coleby-Williams as well as introduce Tobie Puttock, Fifteen Melbourne along with many new and well loved faces.

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