

“Healthy Soils” Discussion Group



Spring Field Days: Fri 9th August; Fri 16th August; Friday 23rd August 2019
Autumn 2020 Field Days: TBA.

Latest Developments:

We are delighted to have secured presenters Rob Moreton (DPIPWE), Theresa Chapman (RMCG) and Dr. Bill Cotching.



Dr Bill Cotching, Author, Consultant, Researcher, Educator, Project Manager.

Bill is a leading expert on soil management for agriculture. Bill works with farmers, natural resource management groups, local government and industry representatives and indigenous communities across a wide range of regions, farms and environments.

Bill has completed research in natural resource management and soil health that quantifies the impacts of agriculture on land and water resources in Tasmania.

His understanding of biophysical and social processes allows for development and adoption of land and water management techniques that optimise production as well as minimise agricultural impacts on our environment.

Bill is a private consultant providing services and advice to the agricultural industry on land management issues affecting Tasmanian agriculture such as land drainage, irrigation, soil health and carbon, nutrients and fertilisers, soil structure and erosion control, farm planning and nutrient mapping and he works with key stakeholders to help them adapt to changing needs and imperatives.



Theresa Chapman, RM Consulting Group

Theresa is excited by Tassie agriculture and the way new technology and old knowledge can help us look after our soil, the most important resource we have. She has an Agriculture degree from UTAS, Burnie, and did her postgraduate studies with the TIA researchers on soil biology.

Theresa works across Tasmania and interstate for RM Consulting Group delivering on a number of soil related projects. She is also an active member of Soils First Tasmania involved with various regenerative agriculture practices including mixed cover cropping and reduced till.



Rob Moreton, Senior Land Resource Assessment Officer at the Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment (DPIPWE).

Rob has had extensive experience mapping and classifying Tasmanian soils, and will talk with us about the variety of soils we can expect to find in and around the Tamar valley and the important soil attributes that make for a health agricultural soil. He will provide a hands on session that aims to discuss the soil profiles brought in by participants to make this session as relevant to your farm/property as possible.

Rob will also will provide a demonstration of the DPIPWE soil drilling rig and extract a core that will help discussion regarding the importance of sub soil characteristics and implications to management. He will explain the availability of

other agencies resources that aim to support Agricultural productivity and planning - such as the enterprise suitability mapping, land capability maps and soil maps/reports.

To get more information call Greg on 6323 3310; 0438 642 112, or visit the website at www.tamarnrm.com.au.

Numbers are limited to 36 properties, so register early!