



**The Broken Catchment Landcare Network
Invites you to
The Pasture Cropping Soils Forum**

WHAT IS GOING ON IN YOUR SOIL?

UNDERSTANDING YOUR GREATEST ASSET

Benalla Lakeside Community Centre,

Featuring:



Colin Seis has been an important part of the Pasture Cropping projects that have been run by the Gecko CLaN. Colin will talk about his experiences on his own farm at Gulgong NSW and the changes that have occurred in the soils there.



Cath Botta works extensively as a soil scientist, educator and facilitator with rural and regional communities. She worked for almost ten years as a lecturer in agriculture and natural resource management for Melbourne University, and also has considerable experience working in the public service sector including extension program design and delivery. Cath holds a Bachelor and Masters of Science in Agriculture from the University of Sydney and a graduate certificate in Soil Conservation from the University of Adelaide She is certified as a professional Soil Scientist with the Australian Soil Science Society



Dr Bruce Cockcroft's research to improve soil structure, where the plant has ready access to available soil water and nutrient, has led him to estimate that the productivity of Australian horticulture could be improved 2-3 times to its current levels. While his focus has been on perennial horticultural plantings, there are many aspects of this work that are more widely applicable to agricultural soils in general.



Dr Ash Martin PhD, BSc(For)Hons, has an extensive knowledge and experience in the field of agricultural and soil microbiology, biological fertilisers, and sustainable agricultural practices. He has a Doctorate from the University of Adelaide (Waite) specialising in soil microbiology. He is the Principal of Creation Innovation Agriculture and Forestry (CIAAF) which was formed in 2007 with the aim of empowering farmers, agronomists, natural resource managers, fertiliser manufacturers and Government to make informed decisions about the use and management of microbiology in soil, water, compost, fertilisers and other media.

Book and DVD launch

Farmer's trials and experiences

Trade Displays

Microbiology test results



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**Morning, Afternoon Tea & Lunch
provided**

**Bar open from 4:30-5:30 drinks at bar
prices**

RSVP by 16th November [ESSENTIAL]

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MONDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 2011

BENALLA LAKESIDE COMMUNITY CENTRE

PROGRAMME:

9.00 – 9.30 REGISTRATIONS

9.30 – 9.45 WELCOME

BOOK AND VIDEO LAUNCH – MURRAY CHAPMAN

9.45 -10.30 COLIN SEIS - CHANGES TO SOILS AT WINONA

10.30-11.00 MORNING TEA

11.00-11.30 CASE STUDIES

11.30 -12.30 CATH BOTTA - WHAT CAN CARBON DO FOR YOUR SOILS?

12.30 – 12.45 CHARLIE SEXTON - CARBON FARMING INITIATIVE

12.45 – 1.30 LUNCH

1.30 - 2.00 CASE STUDIES

2.00 - 2.30 DR BRUCE COCKROFT – SUPER SOILS – WHAT CAN YOU DO TO IMPROVE SOIL STRUCTURE?

2.30 – 3.00 AFTERNOON TEA

3.00 – 3.45 DR ASH MARTIN - UNDERSTANDING YOUR SOIL MICROBIOLOGY TESTS

3.45 -4.15 QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

4.15 – 4.30 WHERE TO FROM HERE /CLOSING REMARKS

4.30 – 5.30 DRINKS AND NIBBLES