

# NORTHERN TERRITORY SOIL SYMPOSIUM

## Building land manager capacity and knowledge in soil health and conservation

### KATHERINE - TUESDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER

Godinymayin Yijard Rivers Arts & Culture Centre

REGISTER  
HERE 

#### Simon Mattsson

Regen Ag Educator/  
Consultant SOIL LAND  
FOOD



Simon has been farming both in cane and cattle for as long as he can remember from the NT through to northern QLD. After being awarded a Nuffield scholarship in 2014, Simon's focus pivoted towards soil biology and soil health management for increased productivity and better environmental outcomes. Simon is a motivated advocate for regenerative agriculture practices and currently works as a regen farming educator and consultant for Soil Land Food.

#### Dr Wendy Williams

Research Fellow, School of Agriculture and Food Sciences University of Queensland (UQ)



Dr Wendy Williams is a high achieving and motivated researcher and consultant that has gained a broad range of professional experience in soil conservation and rangeland ecology throughout Australia. Her field experience has taken her to observe and research variable soils and plant-soil interactions from deserts, semi-arid, and savannah lands. Dr Williams has international training across a range of disciplines in soil carbon sequestration and nitrogen cycling. Her current research in the Victoria River region of the NT aims to harness natural beneficial processes provided by soil microbial communities, previously overlooked and partially destroyed by grazing practices.

#### Peter Wadewitz

Managing Director of Peats Group



Peter has been commercially processing compost for over 45 years. Over the years he has been involved with many organisations such as Waste Management Australia, Compost Australia, Compost for Soils and the AORA group. He won South Australia's Environmentalist of the year award in 2006 and more recently was honored with an Order of Australia medal for his contributions to the Organics Recycling Industry. Peter's commitment to the growth and prosperity of the organics recycling industry has led to appointments to the Barton Group's Export Task Force and the Prime Minister's Science, Engineering and Innovation Council.

Peter's current projects involve a biodiesel plant and an anaerobic digester. His vision is to operate a sustainable facility that generates its own electricity and Bio-Fuel.

#### Volker 'Bluey' Stoldt

Manager Organic Ag



Organic Ag is focused on producing high quality organic produce, grown sustainably and sold locally. Bluey has been farming in tropical horticulture for more than 30 years, starting in Kununurra growing melons with conventional methods. Through overcoming disease incursions, poor soils, and other challenges, Bluey has changed the way he farms to become more sustainable and regenerative. Bluey's focus is on increasing soil biology and organic content and he has become quite the local master of compost using a range of methods and materials for farm input.

#### Jon Burgess

Soil Consultant



As director of Soil Mapping and Monitoring, Jon has worked extensively in a range of landscapes including the Solomon Islands, the Northern Territory, inland Queensland and coastal southeast Queensland. Jon's career spans across 30 years, providing professional soil consultancy services to all levels of government, industry, and community. Jon's specialist knowledge and experience includes soil classification, sampling & analysis, landscape mapping, land suitability evaluations, condition monitoring services and land management advice across agriculture and industry clients. Jon's substantial experience stems from the many days spent in the field, sampling our local agricultural soils from around the NT.

#### Jeremy Trembath

Harding Trembath Stock (HTS)



Jeremy has long been part of family farm operations in overseas locations in both Zimbabwe and New Zealand. He now operates his own cattle and cropping operation north of Katherine. In the past 2 years, Jeremy has observed changes in the way his soil responds to management techniques including no till, and has embraced regen ag techniques in his operation and believes that he grows soils, not plants! He is also holds a firm belief that healthy soils make healthy food.

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