



SEASON FOR SOIL WITH DR MAARTEN STAPPER

Dr Maarten Stapper is a farming systems agronomist with 40 years' experience on four continents and a former senior scientist with CSIRO who was awarded a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Agricultural Science and Technology. Employing a holistic approach, he is an expert across a wide spectrum of agricultural areas in research, development and extension. He has found regenerative farming the most sustainable for producers, consumers and landscapes. Such farming improves soils with low external input and flexible management based on planning and observation. Maarten's focus as a private consultant is on regenerative farming systems that help farmers improve the profitability of their operations by harnessing the power of natural processes with practices creating healthy soils and improving quality of produce.



Tuesday - Regenerative Agriculture at AHS & NEGS

Maarten will focus on management for healthy soils as the foundation of regenerative farming and the science that underpins it; explaining how healthy soils grow nutrient-dense food plants that are resistant to diseases and pests.



Wednesday - School Ag Farm Tours

Maarten will spend the day visiting three High School Agriculture Farms - talking with the teachers and students about the principles of regenerative agriculture and how to apply these to their school-based agricultural enterprises.



Wednesday Evening - Science in the Pub

A fun get-together at the Wicklow Hotel. Maarten will join a panel of scientists in sharing their fascination for their favourite subjects - 'Soils and Ethnobotany'. Plenty of audience participation with beverages and food available.



Thursday - Tag along Farm Tours

Join Maarten in a tour of local farms that have a focus on building soils that support soil biodiversity, improve water infiltration and increase drought resistance. Tag along in your own vehicle and join in the walk/talks with some forward thinking folk!



Media Opportunities

- ABC Country Hour Interview (TBC)
- In Situ Science Podcast Interview with Dr James O'Hanlon (UNE)