

The 18th New England North West Landcare Adventure Farming Smarter Communities

Program Day 1
Thursday 4th May 2017



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Venue	Dining Hall, Robb College, University of New England, Meredith Rd Armidale
9.00	Registrations , tea & coffee available
9.30	Welcome with David Henderson, Chair of host organisation, Southern New England Landcare Ltd
10.00	Local Landcare on Show highlighting key projects occurring in our region with our Network Coordinators
10.30	The State of Landcare in NSW with Sonia Williams (Landcare NSW) and Chris McCulloch (Local Land Services NSW)
11.00	Regenerative Farming with Colin Seis, Farmer, Gulgong NSW
11.40	The Science Behind the Farmer with Dr Maarten Stapper, BioLogic AgFood
12.15	Buses to UNE's SmartFarm with lunch on arrival
1.00	Window into the SmartFarm with Dr Derek Schneider
1.30	Concurrent Sessions rotating every 30 minutes with a 30 minute afternoon tea break mid-way. Participants should choose only 4 topics.
	1. Healthy Soils with Dr Lisa Lobry de Bruyn (UNE) and Richard Daugherty, Grazier, Balala
	2. Ground Layer Biodiversity in Different Grazing Systems with Rachel Lawrence, Researcher, UNE
	3. Regenerative Farming in Focus with Colin Seis, Farmer, Gulgong
	4. BioLogic AgFood Explained with Dr Maarten Stapper, BioLogic AgFood
	5. Firestick Farming at Wattleridge with Michelle McKemey, Researcher and Prof. Nick Reid, UNE
	6. Weed Technologies and their Application on Farms with Josh Biddle, New England Weeds Authority
	7. Fodder Solutions Mobile Sprouted Feeding System with Derek Smith, Working With Nature
4.30	Board buses to UNE and town centre
6 for 6.30	NENW Regional Landcare Awards Dinner , Robb College Dining Hall, UNE. Buses will depart at Armidale Visitor Information Centre at 6 pm and return later in the evening.

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- 8.15 am** **Meet at Armidale Visitor Information Centre**
- 8.30 Buses depart
- 9.00 **Streets of Uralla - an introduction**
- 9.15** Adventurers circulate in groups to visit Uralla businesses finding pathways for local produce:
- The Alternate Root Café** – talks with local producers
 - New England Brewery** – shining a light on Zero-Net Energy
 - Uralla Woolroom** – local producers and makers
 - New England Foodie Trail** – taking the consumers to the producers
- 11.15** **How can we Farm Smarter Communities?** Facilitated session with local Art of Participatory Leadership practitioners including event evaluation
- 12.15** **Lunch catered by local venues**
- 1.30 Buses return to **People’s Park Biodiversity Site**, Douglas St Armidale
- 2.00 **Closing remarks**
- 2.15 **Urban Landcare Showcase** - a biodiversity walkabout along Armidale’s Dumaresq Creeklands with urban landcare groups
- 3.00** **Buses depart** from Armidale Visitor Information Centre

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