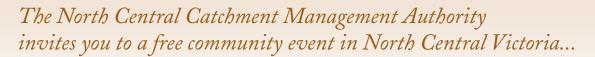
# North Central Regional Soils Forum

An initiative of the North Central Catchment Management Authority's '*Farming for Sustainable Soils*' project



#### **The North Central Regional Soils Forum**

- Date: Wednesday 31 March 2010
- Time:
   8.30am 5.00pm

Location: The Bendigo Club, 22 Park Street, Bendigo, Victoria 3550

# This Regional Forum brings together key landholders, scientists and policy makers to discuss how we secure the productive and environmental values of our soils in North Central Victoria.

Keynote speakers will present a national perspective and point the way forward. We will consider climate change, contemporary farming systems, and economic circumstances that place pressure on the land. We will look at opportunities for improved plant cover, improved soil carbon sequestration, and the potential to improve soil resilience in an altered climate.

Landholder groups will provide us with a down-to-earth practitioner-based perspective of the challenges and opportunities for soil conservation in today's world, and at the end of the day we will draw all of our thoughts together in a light-hearted hypothetical.

The Forum is delivered under the North Central Catchment Management Authority's 'Farming for Sustainable Soils' project, and is an initiative supported by the Commonwealth Government's 'Caring for our Country' program.

#### This innovative forum is free of charge and places are strictly limited.

Please RSVP your confirmed attendance to info@nccma.vic.gov.au or telephone 03 5448 7124 before Friday 19 March 2010.



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### Agenda Items

Time		Item	Presenter
8.30am	1.	Registration	
9.00am	2.	Introduction and Logistics	Jonathan Ridnell (ABC) – Conference Facilitator
9.10am	3.	Welcome to Country	Uncle Brien Nelson, Jaara Jaara Elder
9.15am	4.	Official Welcome and Opening of Forum	
		North Central Catchment Management Authority's commitment to community-based	
		conservation of the soils within the region.	
9.30am	5.	Managing Australian Soils	Andrew Campbell
	5.1.	Soil conservation in Australia - Where have we come from and where are we going?	
	5.2.	Investing in soil landscapes - Inter-generational equity and simple models of public/private benefit	2613
	5.3.	What happens if we do nothing? What are the risks? What is the future productive capacity	
		of our soils given persistence of the current climate?	
	5.4.	What are the unknowns and what do we need to learn?	
10.15am	6.	Morning Tea and Networking	
10.30am	7.	Healthy Productive Soils and Carbon	Dr. Christine Jones
		Building and sustaining healthy soils in challenging circumstances	
	7.1.	The contribution carbon makes to soil health	
	7.2.	Healthy soils fuelled by microbes and organic carbon	
	7.3.	Re-building soils in times of climate change	
	7.4.	What is possible given economic and climatic constraints	
	7.5.	Does soil carbon have a role in the ETS?	
	7.6.	Examples	
11.15am	8.	Discussion Regarding Keynote Speakers / Topics	Jonathan Ridnell
	8.1.	Questions and Clarification	
40.00	8.2.	The 'take home' messages from both speakers	
12.00am	9.	Lunch and Networking	Dhil Dursen (introduction and summer )
1.00pm	10.	Farming for Sustainable Soils – An Interactive Discussion	Phil Dyson (introduction and summary)
		Catchment communities working to achieve regional soil conservation – different strokes for different folks – featuring speakers from six community groups	plus nominated speakers from each community group to lead forum discussion/presentations
	10 1	Introduction	group to lead forum discussion/presentations
		Northern Plains	
		Mallee/Plains interface	
	10.4.	Upper Avoca	
	10.5.	Lower Avon/Richardson	
	10.6.	Northern United Forestry Group	
	10.7.		
	10.8.	Summary	
3.00pm	11.	Afternoon Tea & Networking	
3.15pm	12.	Hypothetical – 2020 Vision	Jonathan Ridnell
		Explore soil protection issues in north central Victoria by positioning ourselves in the future (2020)	
		and using hindsight to consider our performance and to explore where we might have gone	
4.15pm	13.	Forum Summary	
4.30pm	14.	Close and Thank You	Jonathan Ridnell
		Venue room will be available until 5pm for further discussion and networking	

Food and refreshments will be provided and we look forward to your attendance.