## Farming for Sustainable Soils Seminar and Information Day - Serpentine

Building soil carbon makes sense for a number of reasons, including reducing atmospheric CO2, improving the water holding capacity of soils and improving productivity.

Dr Christine Jones: is well known for her work on soils and pasture management and is a world leader in the field of soil carbon. She has definite and positive views on the ability of farmers to build their soil carbon levels through improved management practices.

Colin Seis: is well known as a pioneer of pasturecropping, a zero tilling technique of sowing annual cereal crops into living perennial pastures. Building soil carbon through pasture cropping and other improved and innovative management practices can increase your farm profits, and improve the health and long term sustainability of your soil.

## **Program:**

- 9:00 Welcome and Registration
- 9.30 Soil carbon with Christine Jones
- 10.30 Questions and discussion
- 10:45 Morning Tea
- 11.15 Pasture Cropping with Colin Seis
- 12.15 Questions and discussion
- 12:30 Lunch and discussion
- 1.30 Close

After the seminar project site inspections will be conducted with Farming for Sustainable Soils participants from 1.30pm - 4.00pm

You must RSVP to attend - please book early to avoid disappointment, as places are limited

## Friday 6 August 2010

Serpentine Hall, Serpentine 9.00am - 1.30pm

**Keynote speakers:** Dr Christine Jones and Colin Seis



## Topics include:

- \* Building soil carbon for all the right reasons
- \* Soil biology
- \* The importance of groundcover and biodiversity
- \* Farming practices that influence soil carbon dynamics
- \* Low inputs for better profits
- \* Increasing the long term sustainability of your farm
- \* Rejuvenating pastures and the economics of re-sowing
- \* Better utilising rainfall to increase profits
- \* Efficient use of fertilizers
- \* Benefits of perennial pastures and native grasses
- \* Pasture Cropping and grazing management
- \* Machinery for Pasture Cropping

**O** Registration: \$15.00 **O** RSVP: by 3 August 2010 For further information or to register contact Penny Wall, Farming for Sustainable Soils Facilitator: **Phone:** 03 5436 1262 **Mobile:** 0488 361261

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