

# Soil Stamina

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Bus Tour



### Sustainable, productive and profitable soils

Soils are the backbone to sustainable agriculture. Soils with good structure, organic matter and nutrients available to the plants provide the best pasture & greater profits.

*Have you had a good look at your soils lately?*

The purpose of this day is to hear and see from soil scientists and farmers who are passionate about soil health; understand what makes a soil healthy; and consider on farm options for grazing systems.

<b>When</b>	<b>Wednesday 17th June</b>
<b>Where</b>	<b>Warrayure Hall</b> , Glenelg Highway, between Dunkeld and Hamilton.  A bus will run from the Eucalyptus Discovery Centre in Coleraine. <i>Bus leaves at 8:15am SHARP.</i> Will also pick up at Coles Car park, Hamilton, at 8:35am. Please notify Ian or Gill if you wish to catch the bus.
<b>What</b>	Hear from Dr Maarten Stapper and then visit the Nagorcka's at Waltanna Farms
<b>Time</b>	<b>9.00am sharp to 12.30pm</b> (morning tea & lunch included)
<b>Cost</b>	<b>NO COST</b> - but booking is essential! Numbers are limited
<b>RSVP Essential</b>	<b>Please RSVP by Monday 15 June to:</b> Gill or Ian Fry, Phone: 5573 4539 Mobile: 0429 700911 Email: <a href="mailto:ian.fry@networksw.com.au">ian.fry@networksw.com.au</a>

### Dr Maarten Stapper

Dr Maarten Stapper has an Agricultural Engineering Degree from the Netherlands, in farming systems and catchment management in semi-arid tropics. He did his PhD with the University of New England, Armidale, on wheat production systems.



The main focus of Maarten's work is helping farmers improve the profitability of their operations by harnessing the power of natural soil processes, improving their use of inputs and understanding those practices that negatively impact on soil health. A healthy soil produces better crops & pastures, requiring less fertilisers and agro-chemicals for similar productivity, and resulting in healthier feed for animals and healthier food for humans.

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### Waltanna Farms

Waltanna Farms is a family owned and run business by James and June, Michael and Bronnie Nagorcka. This 605ha property has been using organic techniques since 1998. They use a variety of methods including composted manures and minerals, green manure crops, part stubble retention and incorporation, crop rotation, no artificial fertilisers, various cultivation methods and minimise the impact of stock on soil compaction. Hear their stories on what they have tried and what has worked well.



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