

Soil Acidification and High Rainfall Zone Agriculture Workshops



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Southern Farming Systems is running a series of workshops on the risk soil acidification to their production and how to best manage this risk. The workshops are open to members and non members in the Streatham and Hamilton Branch regions

The project is supported by Glenelg Hopkins CMA, through funding from the Australian Government's Caring for our Country, Sustainable Farm Practices initiative. The Australian Government has identified soil acidity as the priority threat to sustainable farm productivity and soil health in the Glenelg Hopkins catchment.

Beaufort Workshop – 16th March 2010

Beaufort Community Development Centre, Lawrence Street, Beaufort

9.30am **Registration for 9.45 start**
12 noon **Close & light lunch**

Mininera Workshop – 17th March 2010

SMW Rovers Football Club, Mininera (VicRoads Map 74 H3)

12.00 midday **Registration and light lunch for 12.15 start**
2.45pm **Close & Afternoon tea**
3.00pm **Registration for Streatham Branch Members Results Day & AGM**
 Results presentations followed by AGM & BBQ tea.

Workshop Presenters:

Soil Acidity 101 – Why worry about soil acidity?

Tim Johnston Soil Health Officer, Grains – South West Vic, DPI

Lime Responses and application rates

Dr Kevin Reed RPS Hamilton: **Lime Use for Perennial Pasture in southern Victoria**

Scott Cameron Westlake Fertilisers **Liming and Cropping**

Peter McCluskey VLPA: **Sources of Lime & Gypsum.**

Nutrient availability and soil pH

Beaufort - Jeremy Anderson Agrichem

Mininera - Lee Menhenett Technical agronomist, IncitecPivot

Practical session and Q&A

An opportunity exists to have your soils tested at the conclusion of the workshop. Bring in approx 200g of soil from 0-10cm depth, then we will use some pH test kits to provide a quick indication of soil pH.

Please RSVP if possible to assist with numbers for catering using the slip below

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I / we will attend the Soil Workshop at Beaufort on March 16 **OR** Mininera on March 17 (please circle one venue)

Name(s)Member / Non-member (please circle)

I / we will attend the Streatham Branch Members Results Presentation at Mininera on March 17 Yes / No (please circle)

TownPhone

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