

HOME GROWN - From Backyard to Business

Friday 11 November 2022

Effective weed control

With [Jason Lynch](#)
Venue TBC

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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Free

Information on integrated weed management and methods to suppress and eradicate various common weeds. Including selection, safe and effective use of herbicides as well as various cultural controls.

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Land Capability Assessment and Draft Food Security Strategy

Presenters: [Jason Lynch](#), [Cristelle Maurin](#)
Venue: Supper Room, next to Rawson Hall

5:30 PM - 8:30 PM

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A summary of the Land Capability Assessment for Norfolk Island, drafted by agronomist Jason Lynch of Pinion Advisory, and delivery of the draft Food Security Strategy, developed by Cristelle Maurin.

Saturday 12 November 2022

Potato Production

Presenter: [Jason Lynch](#)
Venue: PJ's Farm, Captain Quintal Drive

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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Information on potato agronomy, including ground preparation, seed management, set spacing, crop nutrition and crop protection. Also opportunities for selecting new varieties and what they can offer.

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Integrated Pest Management ID and general principles

Presenter: [Anthony Rice](#)
Venue: Bishops Court, Headstone Rd (Greenwood Property)

12:30 PM - 3:30 PM

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A recap of Integrated Pest Management principles, delivered by expert Anthony Rice of Granite Belt IPM Consulting. Includes good bug/bad bug identification. Please bring a handlense if you own one.

Sunday 13 November 2022

Citizen Science launch and Integrated Pest Management factsheets

Presenters: [Anthony Rice](#) and Geoff Edwards

Venue: Supper room, next to Rawson Hall

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

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Launching of a community citizen science program on guava moth and avocado spotting bug. It includes perspectives on the benefits of citizen science, referencing mainland programs.

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Greenhouse Growing

Presenter: [Jason Lynch](#)

Venue: TBC

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

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The key principles when growing vegetable crops in greenhouse production facilities, hygiene, ventilation, basic crop nutrition, crop protection and the selection of suitable plants/varieties to grow.

Monday 14 November 2022

Hilli Goat Farm - Farm business and tour

Presenter: Emily Ryves

Venue: [Hilli Goat Farm](#), Anson Bay Rd

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

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A tour of the Hilli Goat Farm, showing how their farm works and experiences in developing a unique agricultural business on Norfolk Island. Recommended for those interested in starting their own.

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Tuesday 15 November 2022

Bigg Fresh Farm Produce - Farm and business tour

Presenter: Matt and Susie Bigg

Venue: Bigg Fresh Farm, Stockyard Rd

3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

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Free

A tour of the Bigg Fresh Farm operations, with insight into running a primary produce on Norfolk Island, and the variety of their operations across the island. A must for serious growers!

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Nutrition in Farming

Presenter: Graeme Sait

Venue: Supper room, next to Rawson Hill

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

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Free

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Wednesday 16 November 2022

Norfolk Island Permaculture

Presenter: Dereck Greenwood

Venue: Various properties TBC

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

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A tour of multiple properties across the island that have adopted permaculture land use practices and design. Guided by an experienced grower on Norfolk Island and permaculture practitioner.

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Farming Together - Patchwork Urban Farm, and Food and Farming Alliance

Presenters: Karina Vennonen, Food and Farming Alliance

Venue: Supper room, next to Rawson Hall

Karina Vennonen from Patchwork Urban Farms will present her small business, a form of Community Supported Agriculture occupying suburban backyards and nature strips.

Norfolk Island's newly-formed Food and Farming Alliance will present on their organisation's objectives, aimed at supporting more locally-grown produce. Other presenters to be announced.

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

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Thursday 17 November 2022

Women in Agriculture - Questions & Answers

Guests: Rebekah Gupte, Cassie Christian, Emily Ryves, plus others TBC

Host: Kerry Grace, Regional Development Australia

Venue: Supper room, next to Rawson Hall

6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

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A Q&A with local women farmers, talking about how they got involved in farming, challenges for growing on-island and the fulfilment they get from growing produce and making local products.

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Friday 18 November 2022

Nutrition in Farming - Practical 1

Presenter: [Graeme Sait](#)

Venue: Geoff Edward's property, Selwyn Pine Rd

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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Nutrition in Farming - Practical 2

Presenter: [Graeme Sait](#)

Venue: TBC

1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

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Biosecurity requirements for importation

Presenters: PJ Wilson, Geoff Edwards, Commonwealth Biosecurity

Venue: Supper room, next to Rawson Hall

Presenters include PJ Wilson, who has practical experience in importing new plant products, and Geoff Edwards on behalf of the Food and Farming Alliance.

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

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A practical session on the permit processes required with Commonwealth Biosecurity to import new plant and animal varieties.

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Saturday 19 November 2022

Digging Deeper - Exploiting the full depth of your soil

Presenter: [Declan McDonald](#)

Venue: TBC

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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In this session we will investigate a typical soil profile on the Island and discuss management practices that increase resilience of any crop or pasture.

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Visual soil assessment - How good is my soil and how can I improve it?

Presenter: [Declan McDonald](#)

Venue: TBC

Note: Participants are invited to bring along **samples of soil** from their own properties. Soil samples should be a single square of soil, one spade deep by one spade wide. It should be brought to the session as intact as possible (for example, an intact rectangle of soil).

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

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In this session, we will explore visual soil assessment to provide tools to better understand soil condition.

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