



From the Ground Up - Understanding Soils

Understanding the soil is a fundamental part of managing any farm. Do you want to know more about your soil to improve productivity and fertilise efficiently?

The Small Farms Network in partnership with South East Local Land Services and the ACT Regional Landcare Facilitator is presenting a two day event designed to help you understand your soils better.

Day 1 Healthy landscapes and healthy soils

- Soil and land capability, reading your landscape
- Simple tools for assessing healthy soils (field/paddock activity)
- Soil sampling - how to take samples that will be useful.

Day 2 All about soil and the results

- Your soil tests, what do the numbers mean?
- Making decisions, what to consider and what options are available.

Your presenter: Jo Powells

Jo Powells is a Senior Agricultural Advisor for the South East Local Land Services based in Cooma. She has post graduate qualifications in sustainable agriculture and land rehabilitation. Jo has held several roles with the NSW DPI and was responsible for a research trial into soil fertility, native pasture production, biodiversity and production.

Her current role is as a pastures agronomist working with landholders on sustainability and land management issues. Jo is passionate about the land, pastures and sustainable land management.

**Saturday 2 September
and Saturday 21 October**

Course fee

South East Local Land Services are offering participants the opportunity to buy one soil test and get one FREE.

The two field days cost \$121 (plus booking fee) and includes the cost of one soil sample, lunch and morning tea for up to two people/farm. An additional soil sample can be purchased at the time of registering for \$ 121 (plus booking fee) (up to two free soil tests/farm).

Catering for both days is provided by the ACT Regional Landcare Facilitator.

The usual cost for this course and soil testing would be over \$300 but it is being subsidised by South East Local Land Services, ACT Government and the Australian Government.

Our workshops usually fill quickly so it helps to book early. Please help us spread the word to other small farmers that you think might be interested.

Bookings and information

Booking are taken on line only at Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/from-the-ground-up-understanding-soils-tickets-36533909908>

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