

# TopSoils – 2 day forum

## What's your dirt worth?

Tue 27th to Wed 28th March  
*Dinner* - Tue 27th March

**Where:** Riviera Christian Centre  
103 Bairnsdale-Dargo Rd, Bairnsdale

Landcare in East Gippsland are bringing a number of specialists to Bairnsdale to discuss the interaction between soil, productivity, & health.

**Day 1:** 8am - 5.00pm

**Dinner:** 6pm - 10.00pm

**Day 2:** 8.30am - 4.30pm

refer to program on back

Please book on-line at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/what-is-your-soil-worth-tickets-42772206822?aff=es2>

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### COST

One day only = \$30  
Both days (no dinner) = \$50  
Both days & dinner = \$90  
Dinner only = \$45



Topsoils is an initiative of the East Gippsland CMA and is a collaboration between delivery partners, Southern Farming Systems, Agriculture Victoria, East Gippsland Landcare Network, Far East Victoria Landcare, Snowy River Interstate Landcare Committee, and Greening Australia.

# Program

## Tuesday 27th March

Day 1	Topic	Speaker
8:00am	Registrations - coffee & chat	
9:00am	Why healthy soils are critical (for everything!) & how our actions compromise soil health.	Nicole Masters
(a)10:15am & (b) 2:00pm	TopSoils - results from East Gippsland soil tests & demonstration sites	Southern Farming Systems — Janice Dowe
		Agriculture Victoria —Caroline Love
(a) 11:15am & (b) 3:00pm	What makes a healthy soil? The role of soil microbes in supporting optimal physical & chemical properties in soil, and in supporting plant health.	Nicole Masters
12:45pm	LUNCH	
(a) 1:45pm & (b)10:00am	'Walk & Talk' - local farm visit	
5:00pm	Finish	

# Day 1 will be divided into Group (a) & Group (b)

## Wednesday 28th March

Day 2	Topic	Speaker
8:30am	Registrations - coffee & chat	
9:00am	You are what you eat! - The direct link between soil health and human health	Carole Hungerford
10:30am	Change - choosing a path	Cam Nicholson
11:30am	'From past to now' - Shifting mindset from animals to the land	Charlie Maslin
12:30pm	LUNCH	
1:30pm	'Making profitable decisions' - Soil health, stocking rates and how they can drive farm profitability	John Francis
2:30pm	Q & A Panel	
4:30pm	Finish	

## Tuesday 27th March

Dinner	Topic	Speaker
6:30pm	ARRIVE	
	'Why I changed my farming practices'. The emergence of a regenerative agriculture in Australia and its positive implications.	Charles Massy
10:00pm	FINISH	