

Ovens Landcare Network

Soil health a key to reducing greenhouse impacts

North East Landcare members will tackle big issues relating to soil health at a seminar being held at Whorouly Community Centre on 23 March.

Speakers will cover issues related to water, soil and carbon and explore how climate change, alternative energy and even soil biology fit into the equation.

Based on the success of last year's event, organisers expect strong interest in the Annual Soil Health seminar.

The event is funded by the Australian Government's National Landcare Program, and supported by the Department of Primary Industries and North East Catchment Management Authority.

Wayne Donohue, community chairperson of the Ovens Soil Health committee, said the agenda was designed to stimulate interest in practical ways of building our soil resource.

- Soil aeration guru, Allan Yeoman will examine the potential for agriculture to mitigate greenhouse effects;
- Permaculture co-founder, David Holmgren will outline how farmers can contribute to ameliorating fossil fuel dependence and climate change; and
- Local landholders will share the results of "Lime and Bugs" trials held at twelve NE sites, stretching from Lucyvale to Moyhu

To register, contact the Ovens Landcare Network on 03 57279266.