

BIOLOGICAL FARMING & HEALTHY SOILS workshop

PRESENTED BY *Dr Maarten Stapper*
Farming Systems Agronomist, formerly CSIRO Plant Industry

WHERE: Nana Glen Hall, Grafton Street Nana Glen
approximately 30 minutes north west of Coffs Harbour

WHEN: Tuesday 3rd March
from 9:15am to 4:00pm

COST: FREE, with **morning tea** and **lunch provided** at the hall

Maarten Stapper will talk about:

- ◆ The importance of living things in soils and how soil organisms increase soil carbon, soil productivity and improve the environmental outcomes of farming
- ◆ Reasons for soil degradation and its remediation, eg soil erosion.
- ◆ Achievable steps to improve your soil biology.
- ◆ The role of humus in creating soil balance and efficient water use.
- ◆ The role of soil biology in nutrient storage, availability and uptake.
- ◆ How to create internal plant resistance to insects and diseases.
- ◆ How you can make your plants more drought tolerant & improve food and feed quality.
- ◆ How healthy soil can improve livestock health.
- ◆ More effective weed control, with or without herbicides.
- ◆ How to stop using insecticides and fungicides without losing yield.
- ◆ How to stop reliance on (expensive) synthetic chemicals and fertilisers.
- ◆ How healthy farming systems reduce risks and lead you to peace of mind.
- ◆ How to start?

PLUS a farm visit to a local organic beef & wine producer's property after lunch

Places are limited – for bookings contact
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