

soil extension staff: how can they help you?

Extension methods:

- **Field days** – visit local sites and gain local information on best management practices for a range of soil issues. Get information on up to date equipment and the latest research results. See practical soil pit demonstrations.
- **Information sessions** - Local Landcare groups can organise guest speakers on suggested topics eg. Soil management, erosion, rehabilitation, improving soil health....
- **Whole Farm Planning Courses** – ‘An active, land-orientated form of management’ with three main objectives:
 - to increase productivity
 - to preserve the land and natural systems and
 - to increase the ease and sustainable management of your land



Getting information:

- Contact Department of Primary Industry (DPI) staff direct for advice or to organise an on farm visit (contact details below).
- Contact your local Landcare Group Coordinator. They can often offer advice on local issues or can organise Extension Staff to contact or visit you.
- There is an extensive range of ‘Soil Property’ notes and ‘Soil Smart’ notes available free to the public. These information sheets cover a range of topics including:
 - ✓ Soil pH
 - ✓ Soil structure
 - ✓ Slaking and porosity
 - ✓ Soil Acidity
 - ✓ How to interpret soil chemical tests
 - ✓ Compaction
 - ✓ Erosion

Whole Farm Planning Courses:

- Often run through local Landcare Groups
 - Aimed at ‘those who want to actively work to leave behind a property that has been improved by their management’
- Cover relevant topics including:

- ✓ Soil & land classes
- ✓ Infrastructure layout
- ✓ Project budgeting
- ✓ Pest plant and animal control
- ✓ Uses of farm trees
- ✓ Farm legal advice



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Field Days:

- Keep up with the latest information in equipment and best management practices.
- Provides feedback from other farmers on their own experiences
- Field days often have experts on various fields present to give advice – for free!