

PROGRAMME

Biodynamic Conference and AGM 2008

FRIDAY 30 MAY

6.30	Some participants arrive	Racecourse accommodation block
	Light meal for those booking it	
	Evening free	
	SATURDAY 31 MAY	
7.30 - 8.25	Breakfast – for those booking it	Racecourse accommodation block
8.30 -9.00	Registrations	Racecourse conference room
9.00- 9.15	Welcome	Racecourse conference room
9.15- 10.15	Speaker: Hamish Mackay Farmers are the solution	Racecourse conference room
10.15 - 10.45	Morning Tea	Racecourse conference room
10.45 - 11.45	Speaker: David Wright Belief and freedom in biodynamics	Racecourse conference room
12.00 - 1.00	Lunch	Racecourse accommodation block
1.00 - 2.00	Speaker: Dieter Proebst Marketing biodynamic produce	Racecourse conference room
2.15 - 3.00	Travel	To Wharerata
3.00- 4.45	Farm visit	Wharerata
4.45 - 5.00	Travel	To racecourse
5.30 - 7.00	Dinner	Racecourse accommodation block
7.00 onwards	Forum	Racecourse conference room

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The speakers

Hamish Mackay is the CEO of Biodynamic Agriculture Australia, an association of which he was the founding chairman in 1988.

He grew up on a farm and has also been a biodynamic baker. For a while he was Treasurer of the UK Biodynamic Agricultural Association, and is currently a member of the Board of the Organic Federation of Australia.

On Saturday Hamish will discuss some of the problems facing society today, such as carbon emissions, soil and water degradation, nutrition and others issues and how through a biodynamic approach farmers can solve many of these problems for us. On Sunday Hamish will give us insights into what is happening on the biodynamic-organic scene in the West Island.

David Wright is the Secretary of the Bio Dynamic Farming and Gardening Association in NZ. This year he attended Agricultural Week at the Goetheanum, Switzerland, along with 900 other people. His talk arises from reflections and questions this conference generated for him, particularly how practical biodynamics relates to some of the deeper issues of biodynamic philosophy.

Dieter Proebst runs a Demeter certified orchard and processing kitchen in Motueka. Dieter will discuss his experiences in developing his product line, fitting it to the constraints of his production and using the Demeter certification and biodynamic quality as marketing tools.

The farms

Wharerata is the BioGro certified mixed farm just east of Lake Wairarapa of Ian and Heather Atkinson. Sheep, deer, cattle and grain cropping are to be found on its 250ha, and it has a reputation for fine stockmanship. Farm products are available in local organic shops processed by Dan's Organics.

Vynfields is a boutique BioGro certified organic/biodynamic vineyard, located 3 minutes from the Martinborough Village Square. It is owned and run by Kaye McAulay (previously CEO of BioGro) and John Bell. At Vynfields we will visit the vineyard and then stop by the homestead for wine-tasting (A snack will be available courtesy Kaye and John, but we purchase our own wine)

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C: Transport

At previous conferences we have found that there have been enough cars for all to get to field events by car pooling. If you can arrange with someone you know to car pool, please do that. Otherwise we will arrange car pooling if there are sufficient cars. If there is a shortage of cars we would hire a vehicle, and recover the cost from passengers

<input type="checkbox"/>	I don't have transport arranged and will need transport on the field trips
<input type="checkbox"/>	Car pooling – I have a car available and will be able to take people to and from the field trips

D: Total costs

A	TOTAL REGISTRATION	\$	
B	TOTAL ACCOMMODATION	\$	
D	FINAL TOTAL	\$	

<input type="checkbox"/>	I've arranged other accommodation - my/our contact details (address and phone) while in the Wairarapa are:
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Payment details

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	I enclose full amount of \$..... ('D' above) OR
<input type="checkbox"/>	Charge \$..... ('D' above) to my membership account, number
<input type="checkbox"/>	I would like to receive a tax invoice/ receipt for my payment
	Cheques payable to Bio Dynamic Farming and Gardening Association
	Send to: Bio Dynamic Farming and Gardening Association, PO Box 39045, Wellington (ph 0-4-589 5366)
	Note: payment deadline 21 May 2008. Late fee: 20%

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SUNDAY 1 JUNE

7.30 - 8.00	Breakfast		Racecourse accommodation block
8.30 - 9.30	Speaker: Hamish Mackay Across the ditch		Racecourse conference room
9.30 - 10.15	Travel		To Stonehenge Aotearoa
(9.30 - 12.30)	BD Consultancy Society AGM		Racecourse, to be advised
10.15 - 12.00	Tour/presentation		At Stonehenge Aotearoa
12.00 - 12.30	Travel		To racecourse accommodation block
12.30 - 1.30	Lunch		Racecourse accommodation block
1.30 - 3.30	AGM		Racecourse conference room
3.30 - 4.00	Travel		To Vynfields, Martinborough
4.00 - 5.00	Farm visit		
5.00 - 6.00	Wine tasting		At Vynfields
6.00 - 6.30	Travel		To racecourse
7.00	Dinner and farewell		Racecourse accommodation block

MONDAY 2 JUNE

7.30	Breakfast	-for those booking it	Racecourse accommodation block
	Depart		

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Please write clearly using block letters. List your name as you would like it to appear on your name tag.

Personal Details

Name(s): _____

 Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____
 Email: _____

PLEASE or cross out

(All meals will be vegetarian)

- Special food requirement: _____
- I wish to attend AGM only (no charge)
- I require transport from Featherston Station
 Arrival time and date _____
- I can pick up _____ people from Featherston Station

When you sent us this form, we will send back a replacement copy of the programme that is on the other side.

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A: Registration Fees

	No of people	Cost per person	Total cost
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Whole conference* OR	\$120	\$
<input type="checkbox"/>	Saturday (without dinner)**	\$40	\$
<input type="checkbox"/>	Saturday with dinner**	\$65	\$
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sunday without dinner#	\$60	\$
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sunday with dinner#	\$80	\$
<p>All the above exclude costs of accommodation travel and wine-tasting. * Whole conference registration excludes: Friday meal, Saturday breakfast and Monday breakfast. It includes Sunday breakfast and entrance to Stonehenge Aotearoa ** Saturday only excludes breakfast # Sunday only excludes breakfast but includes entrance to Stonehenge Aotearoa.</p>			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Plus: Friday evening meal	\$12	\$
<input type="checkbox"/>	Plus: Saturday breakfast	\$7	\$
<input type="checkbox"/>	Plus: Sunday breakfast (additional if not attending whole conference)	\$7	\$
	TOTAL (A)		\$

B: Accommodation Fees (Please read p 8 first)

	No of people	Cost/person	Total cost
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
<input type="checkbox"/>	All three nights, own bedding OR	\$45	\$
<input type="checkbox"/>	All three nights, bedding supplied OR	\$90	\$
<input type="checkbox"/>	Friday night, own bedding	\$15	\$
<input type="checkbox"/>	Friday night, bedding supplied	\$30	\$
<input type="checkbox"/>	Saturday night, own bedding	\$15	\$
<input type="checkbox"/>	Saturday night, bedding supplied	\$30	\$
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sunday night, own bedding	\$15	\$
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sunday night, bedding supplied	\$30	\$
	TOTAL (B)		\$