

Healthy Soils, Productive Pastures project

FIELD DAYS & DEMONSTRATIONS



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'Dishing Out The Dirt' Soil Demonstration Field day -Richmond April 2021

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'Dishing Out The Dirt' Soil Demonstration Field day, Dooralong, April 2021

A small group of local landholders joined the team from SESL at a private property in the Dooralong Valley, in the Central Coast. This group learned about the theory behind the local soil formation, followed by a practical demonstration on how to take a soil test at differing spots on the property. It was interesting for the participants to see the differences in soil type from the river flat paddock and the slope. The demonstration gave the attendees an opportunity to be able to do a soil test at home, based on the skills they learned as part of this field day. The last part of the session looked at a sample soil test taken from the property a few weeks earlier and learning the basics on how to read the results.



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'Dishing Out The Dirt'- Soil Demonstration Field Day- Camden March 2021

The first of three soil demonstration field days went ahead at Camden Town Farm on 15 March 2021. A total of 16 participants joined us for an interactive and informative day from soil testing experts SESL. The event began with a look at soil health and soil testing and theory, followed by a practical soil demonstration in field such as soil sampling, aggregate stability test, pH test etc. Finally, a brief overview of the results of the site's soil tests (pre-organised for this event) was discussed with the group.



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Field Days - Pasture sowing field day 2019

A pasture sowing field day attracted around 75 people on 11 September 2019, as part of an ongoing pasture field trial at the Greater Sydney Local Land Services Demonstration Farm. Participants who attended included graziers, private landholders and individuals from industry and education. Agronomists from Ace Ohlsson and PGG Wrightson Seeds supported the event and provided advice and guidance on best practice pasture production. Topics covered included the importance of planning and preparation, sowing methods using machinery as well as the design of the pasture trial. Future field days will be conducted to showcase the results of the pasture trial involving different pasture blends with different treatments.