

## Annual Soil Symposium and Freckle Farm field day to go ahead

MACKAY // TUESDAY 24th November 2020

### SOIL SYMPOSIUM

WHEN: from 9am, Thursday November 26, 2020

WHERE: Windmill Motel, 5 Highway Plaza, Mackay

### FIELD DAY

WHEN: from 9am, Friday November 27, 2020

WHERE: Freckle Farm, 247 Olletts Road, Eton

**MEDIA/REPORTERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND** – see contact details below.

Healthy soil is paramount to a productive, prosperous and healthy future in agriculture. Find out more about the tools many farmers are adopting to get the most from the ground up.

Reef Catchments' Regional Agricultural Landcare Facilitator Juliane Kasiske said: "It is understood that Healthy Soils are characterised by three critical components and their interactive relationship to one and another – Soil biology, chemistry, and physics. This year's Healthy Soil Symposium is going to refresh attendees understanding of the microbial world underneath our feed before we delve deeper into the importance of balancing soil minerals and its flow on effects. Local farm management examples will be shared and the vastness of soil loss will be put into perspective on the day."

According to keynote speaker Graeme Sait, we are losing seven to 12 tons of precious topsoil per year, and recent research suggests that if we continue those losses, at that rate, in just 60 years there will be no topsoil remaining. This is hugely serious, and we urgently need to recognise that the thin veil of topsoil that feeds us, is a commodity vastly more precious than gold, silver, and platinum combined.

#### Speakers:

Graeme Sait - Nutri-Tech Solutions

Graeme will present on the soil food web, the importance of humates, and nutrient balancing

Chris Dench - Reef Catchments

Chris will talk about what local soil conservation projects have done to reduce sediment loss

Paul Rogers - Land manager

Paul will share examples on how to implement sustainable farming practices in cane and grazing

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