



Biodynamics2024 - February 2010

Biodynamics in Australia and 2024

Biodynamics is becoming recognised in Australia as a practical approach to farming and gardening. Biodynamic farmers are achieving viability, quality production and contributing to the manifestation of Agri-Culture. This is the third time I have been involved in changing Australian agriculture and my experience is that it takes 20 -30 years. My objective is that biodynamics be the farming method of choice in Australia by 2024.

My passion for biodynamics, initially sparked by the possibility of building humus into soils and developing a certain drought tolerance across Australia, expanded through the recognition that farmers can regain control of their farm economy and restore self-and community respect for the quality food and fibre they produce. In time, as I came to study more of Rudolf Steiner's work, I realised that biodynamics is about nutrition, principally human nutrition but including the wider global environmental health and well-being. In more recent times I have also come to recognise how biodynamics can contribute to the re-imagining of our economic life and Biodynamics2024 will be a manifestation of this potential.

Cow Horns

As I am sure you are aware, one important characteristic of biodynamics is the capacity of farmers to produce their own soil fertility requirements using cow horns. Cow horns have become a rare commodity in Australia; this presents a challenge.

To meet this challenge Biodynamics2024 has sourced a supply of horns, and, to fund their purchase, has issued 5,000 x \$100 redeemable preference shares to raise the necessary funds. I invite you to take up these shares and assist in making biodynamics available to more Australian farmers and gardeners. The shares will pay an annual dividend at 0.5% above the 12 month term deposit at the Bendigo Bank on 1st June each year. The horns will be used to make biodynamic horn preparations which will be available for sale. Horns can also be purchased to ensure widespread access to all.

Your support in securing a good supply of horns will be greatly appreciated by many farmers, gardeners and consumers across the country seeking out biodynamics. For more details and an application form visit:

<http://biodynamics2024.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2009/04/Horn-shares1.pdf>

Climate upheaval

"Farmers are the Solution" remains my mantra while science is yet to provide a clear position for governments to base community decisions on. However the economic case for biodynamics to reduce carbon dioxide in the atmosphere is clear. For further information please take time to view <http://bio-agriculture.org/> and see the benefits for farmers and the world community. In the politics of the climate debate we should not lose sight of the importance of nutrition and sufficient clean water to our future and the positive contribution to both through biodynamics.

Biodynamics2024

After being involved in the not-for-profit sector for over thirty years I have established Biodynamics2024 Pty Ltd as a vehicle to continue the promotion and support for the ongoing adoption and development of biodynamics in Australia. This is a company with shares and I calculate we can pay a reasonable dividend that will cost significantly less than the cost of running a board of a not-for-profit organisation. See:

<http://biodynamics2024.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2009/04/Biodynamics2024-company-Feb-2010.pdf>

Preparations

There is a growing network of biodynamic practitioners who are supporting biodynamic education by making and supplying the preparations to Biodynamics2024, thus funding this import-

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ant work. It has been my observation over many years that government funding eventually undermines the real work intended unless it is used strictly as seed money and not operating necessity. I have always maintained our objective as biodynamic farmers and gardeners is to demonstrate a farming method that can carry its own education and development work without continuous appeal to government. I am not opposed to receiving government funds but our activity will be less than its potential if we become permanently reliant on such subsidy. If you would like to participate by making preparations in addition to your own needs and support education and research please contact me. I can now supply the soil preparations and by autumn will have atmospheric preparations also. I anticipate a full supply of compost preparation will be ready by spring. You can purchase the preparations via the website <http://biodynamics2024.com.au/products-page/preparations/> Books and workshops can also be accessed via the website.

A course in biodynamics and the WWOOFer network

I am planning to run a course on biodynamics which will be more comprehensive than the initial, practical introductory workshops. A vital part of such a course is practical work and I am inviting anyone who has WWOOFers and is enthusiastic to be part of this activity to contact me. If you don't have WWOOFers but can offer biodynamic work and accommodation for two to six weeks I would like to hear from you. The broad concept is a rhythm of theory -practical -theory -practical beginning with a week long introductory course. A second intensive would review experiences and learning and then provide some more input before a second round of practical. The rounds of intensification can continue according to the needs of the participants.

Organic Federation of Australia

Biodynamics2024 is a member of this organic peak body which links us into national and international activities involving government and political processes as well as generic promotion of the organic and biodynamic potential for farmers and consumers. If you are not already a subscriber to the OFA's free monthly *Organic Update* e-zine I recommend you do so. Biodynamics2024 will use this a vehicle for making our work known. The *Organic Update* can be accessed via <http://ofa.org.au/pages/OFA-Organic-Update.html>

Biodynamics an individual path - a new manifestation of Agri-Culture

The adoption of Biodynamics is a very individual choice; each farmer and gardener will develop their own connection to it. With growing participation the culture that such practice creates will become visible in the world, not as a dogma, but manifest as free initiative of individuals. The consumer eating this biodynamic food will also be strengthened in their development and work, widening the cultural manifestation. My intention is to support such individual initiative and Agri-Culture. I invite your participation in Biodynamics2024 by purchasing horn shares rather than through a membership fee.

Office

I take the opportunity to introduce Mark Fisher who is my office anchor ensuring matters are attended to and processed on a daily basis when I am away. Mark can be contacted at office@biodynamics2024.com.au

Please also forward this letter to friends and acquaintances who are interested in food quality and the environment and encourage their participation in horn shares. I welcome anyone wanting more information to contact me direct. I also welcome preparation orders.

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