

# 2017 HEALTHY SOILS SYMPOSIUM

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**30th November**  
HARRUP PARK, JULIET ST, MACKAY

LEARN MORE | Build and proactively utilise the benefits of healthy soil in your farming production system.



## EVENT PROGRAM

### EVENT DETAILS

#### HEALTHY SOILS SYMPOSIUM

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**Date:** Thursday, 30th November

**Time:** 8.30am registration – 5.00pm

**Cost:** FREE Morning Tea, Lunch and Afternoon Tea provided

**RSVP:** Monday 20th November  
[reception@reefcatchments.com](mailto:reception@reefcatchments.com)

THE ANNUAL **HEALTHY SOILS SYMPOSIUM** IS A DAY FOCUSED ON RECOGNITION OF SOIL AS A LIVING MEDIUM. OUR EXPERT PRESENTERS WILL DISCUSS HOW TO MAINTAIN AND ENHANCE MICROBIAL ACTIVITY IN YOUR SOILS TO ENSURE PRODUCTIVE YIELDS ON A LONG TERM BASIS. WITH A MIX OF NATIONAL EXPERTISE AND LOCAL EXPERIENCE THIS IS A FREE WORKSHOP YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS.

*This event is supported by Reef Catchments, through funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Programme.*

#### REGISTRATION

**Juliane Kasiske** | Regional Landcare Facilitator  
Opening welcome

**Veronica Ahwang** | Yuwiburra Elder  
Welcome to Country

**Dr Neil Wilson** | Sydney University | Microbiologist  
Soils and the importance of microbiology

**Dr Terry McCosker** | Resource Consulting Services  
Overarching Sustainable Agriculture Examples

#### MORNING TEA

**Simon Mattsson** | Nuffield Scholar & Cane Farmer  
Plant Diversity in Cane Farming

**Mandy Tennent** | Eungella Beef & Cloudbreak Lowlines  
Lime Application Trial in Grazing

#### LUNCH

**Dr Terry McCosker** | Resource Consulting Services  
Soil Assessment Chart

**Dave Hunter** | Banana Farmer & Pioneer Catchment Landcare  
Nutrient Pathways in a natural system

**Jaime Jurgens** | VeeJay's Kalfresh  
Comparison trial of conventional vs biodynamic farming in Horticulture

#### AFTERNOON TEA

**Dr Terry McCosker** | Resource Consulting Services  
Agriculture and Climate