

Celebrity Soil & Farm Health Event

Friday 5th April 2019

10:00am for 10:30 start @ *Club Bombala*

1:00pm - 3:00pm *Field visit with Nicole*

Morning Session



Nicole Masters, *International Soil Scientist*

Dr Nicole Masters is a renowned Soil Scientist and high-value educator. Nicole will set the pace for the day and ensure that you leave with a clear idea of how you can enhance your farm activities, and make our rural communities healthy and robust.

\$15

Lunch provided



Please RSVP by Monday 1st April

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Afternoon



Field Visits with Nicole

Charlie and Anne Maslin—Gunningrah 20km NW of Bombala
Gunningrah has undergone progressive changes, which have allowed the Maslin family to refine their mix of stock according to land capability. Charlie has a track record in exploring simple ways to manage water, nurture soils, and ensure farm viability into the future. What is happening with the soil at Gunningrah?



Angus Hobson—Bukalong 20km NW of Bombala
Bukalong is an historic farm with a history of sheep and cattle grazing. Angus Hobson is a sixth-generation farmer. Angus is revising opportunities to enhance his land and will graciously host the second site with Nicole Masters.



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THE PRESENTERS

Dr Nicole Masters

We are pleased to host Nicole through the *TopSoils Project*. Nicole has a sound knowledge of Soil Science and Plant Physiology through a BSc in Ecology and ongoing research. Her engaging communication skills make her a leading teacher in soil health and high-value agriculture. Nicole has qualifications in Adult Education and postgraduate studies in Ag extension and organisational learning. Nicole is also studying at the University of Auckland to complete a Masterate in Ag Extension.



As Director of Integrity Soils Ltd, Nicole also founded TigerCast Worms in 2002, and was a finalist in the Rural Business Woman of the Year awards New Zealand's 2012. In her personal time, Nicole is an avid horsewoman, musterer, diver and explorer; splitting her time between North America, Australia and New Zealand.

Charlie and Anne Maslin, Gunningrah.



Image: FarmOnline.com

Charlie and Anne Maslin have embarked on a journey to improve their farm profitability and sustainability. This has involved deliberate monitoring of their farm activities, adjustment to stock management, and thoughtful use of soil and water resources. The Maslin's are long-term members of *Mt Piper Landcare* and Charlie is a Director of *Soils for Life*.

At the "Gunningrah" site, Nicole Masters will discuss soil forming factors and demonstrate ways to support the predominantly basalt soils.

Angus Hobson, Bukalong



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Angus Hobson is a sixth-generation farmer. After extensive involvement with MLA, and industry consultancy, Angus has returned to Bukalong in order to immerse himself in the farming venture. Bukalong is largely occupied by improved pastures with remnants of native pastures on lighter country.

Nicole Masters will discuss the soil nutrition and structural differences of this site, and illustrate ways to increase organic matter as a foundation for soil capacity.



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