



BIODYNAMIC AGRICULTURE
AUSTRALIA LTD

ANNUAL REPORT

2024/2025



WHERE WE ARE NOW

Throughout the last five years Biodynamic Agriculture Australia has performed well through the difficult times due to the support of loyal members, diligent staff and a solid board of directors. With this continued support, our financial position has stabilised and is growing consistently.

As always the biodynamic spotlight is clearly on soil health with its focus on biology. Biodynamic farmers and gardeners know this in their souls. They are practising sustainable soil management. They lead the way for conventional and organic agriculture.

Through the work of Peter Kearney, our Treasurer, we have become a member of the Biodynamic Federation Demeter International. Potentially this may enable Australian producers to gain international Demeter certification.

We have two new directors joining the board this year. We welcome Cherie Hutchinson, Farm Manager for Jurlique and Rohanne Young whose business, “The Delectable Garden”, makes and markets biodynamic peppers and homeopathic preparations. Cherie featured in our podcast series “Biodynamic Farmers and Gardeners in Australia”. They have both already provided valuable input and will bring substantial knowledge and expertise to our board.

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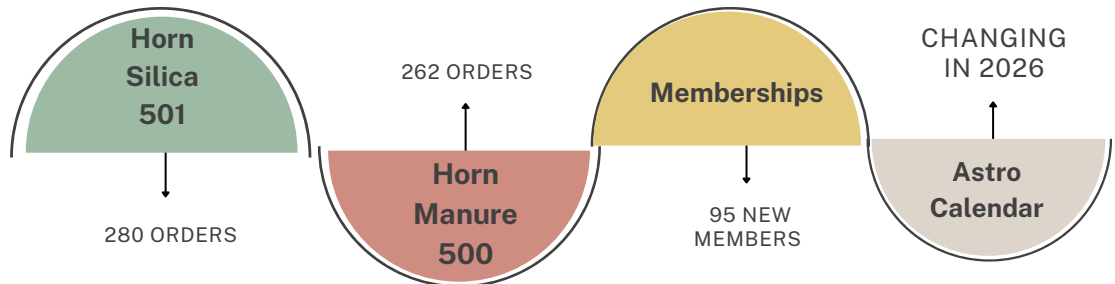
In closing I would like to acknowledge our members, volunteers, (including board members) and the staff who all work to keep our organisation viable and progressive.

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Outcomes....



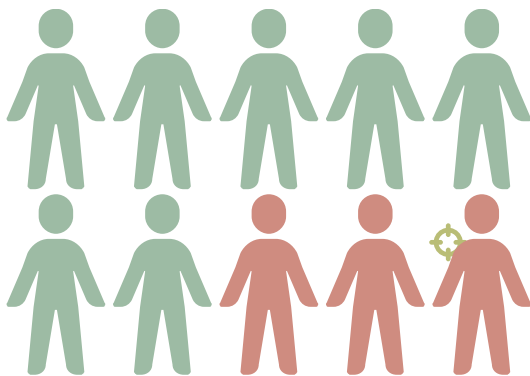
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TOPSELLERS

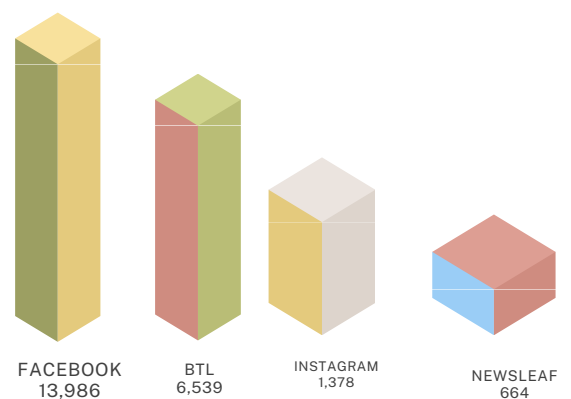


MEMBERSHIP

678 in total
95 new members -
54 garden members and 41 farm
members



MEDIA FOLLOWER STATISTICS



MEDIA GROWTH

Over the last year engagement for our main
media channels have grown significantly



FACEBOOK
39.9%



INSTAGRAM
100%



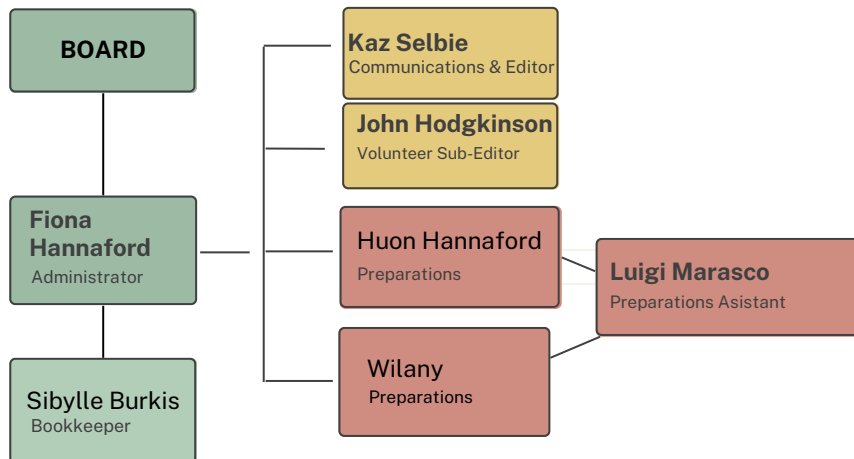
BtL
70%

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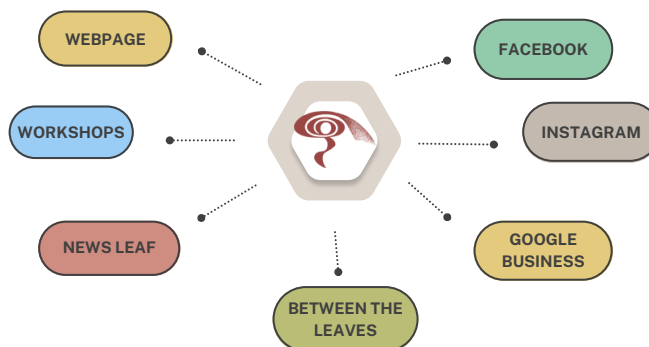
STAFF

The organisation's structure determines how activities such as task allocation, coordination, and supervision are directed toward achieving organisational goals.



PROMOTIONAL CHANNELS

How we share our information:-



Biodynamic Food and Flower Garden Elixir



A powerful fertility enhancer containing a wide range of soil food web stimulants, minerals and subtle energies. The elixir is designed for small scale use, mainly in garden settings.

Available in 100ml bottles. Dilution: 1:100



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The Elixir was created to meet the demand for a biodynamic product specifically for growing in containers and vegetable patches.

The Comfrey and Nettle Liquid Manure products meet a hole in the market using these vital stimulants with the addition of our biodynamic preparations. Specific information on these products can be found in our shopping cart.

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Comfrey Liquid Manure and Nettle Liquid Manure



Two extremely important plant tonics and preventives for the garden, orchard, vineyard, market garden and farm.

Their potency is bolstered by addition of the biodynamic compost preparations 502-507 and the use of "structured water".

These products come in two sizes for small gardens and modest horticulture settings only.

For larger situations it is best to make your own – refer to our Biodynamic Handbook for directions.



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WORKSHOPS AND EVENTS

We are supporters of workshops and talks across Australia

We promote and supply information about Biodynamic Agriculture on a regular basis - below are a few examples:-

QUEENSLAND:

My Food Garden – Peter Kearney, Draper

Shane Joyce – Central Queensland

NSW:

Rudolf Steiner College, Sandra Frain's Workshops, Sydney

Biodynamics Sydney – Diane Watkin

Charlie Arnott

Bellingen:

Northbank Community Garden – Pruning Workshop

Hamish Mackay, Dorrigo, NSW - Biodynamics 2024

Levenvale Farm, Bellingen, NSW

The Patch Organics, Bellingen, NSW



New Directors

Two new directors are joining the board this year. They are Cherie Hutchinson, Jurlique Farm Manager, and Rohanne Young, who makes and markets weed, insect and animal peppers plus homeopathic biodynamic preparations.

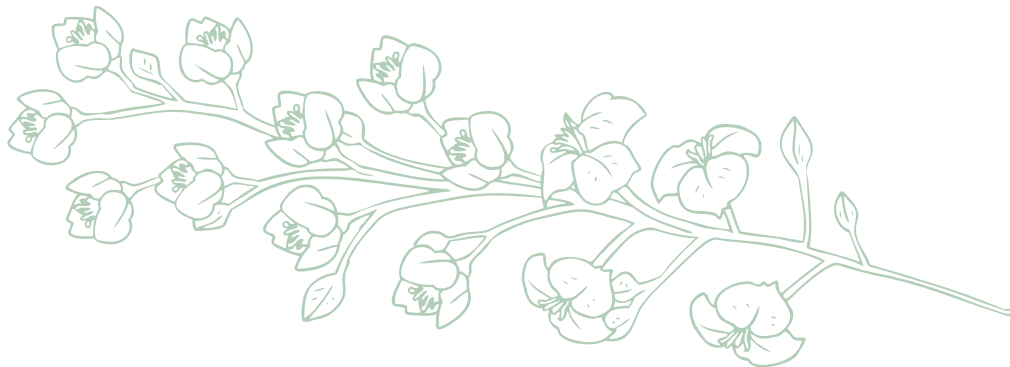
Cherie featured as one of the six members who participated in our Agriculture Course centenary podcast series Biodynamic Farmers and Gardeners in Australia, last year. Her additional text is contained in News Leaf issue 135, Autumn 2024.

Rohanne is a scientifically qualified gardening consultant who recently moved from Brisbane to a small acreage on the NSW Mid North Coast near Coffs Harbour. Two important features of her biodynamic peppers are that she successes by hand - not radionically- and adheres closely to appropriate lunar, planetary and sidereal rhythms.



CHERIE HUTCHINSON

Cherie started as a Production Manager with Jurlique, a leader in natural skincare, then transitioned into the role of Farm Manager. After a decade at the helm, 2024 saw Cherie step into the newly created position of Tourism and Farm Manager. This role spans both local and global tourism opportunities, education, Brand Ambassadorship and stakeholder engagement across sponsorship, partnerships and collaborations. Outside of The Farm, Cherie is a Mum with two young boys and her interests include keeping fit and enjoying meditative walks in nature.





Rohanne Young

How did discovering a patch of wild asparagus lead to a lifelong passion for gardening? Well, Rohanne learnt that the asparagus grew best when it was fertilised, watered and regularly picked.

Rohanne Young has a Bachelor of Sciences in Nutrition and Human Health, as well as post graduate qualifications in Health and Safety, Risk Management, Executive Coaching, Environmental Management and Sustainability.

She worked for several years in the corporate world, which gave her some extraordinary opportunities. From climbing up lighthouse towers in the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park, to descending down into dam walls and being winched up in a cherry picker, sailing on working vessels at sea and flying through an Antarctic storm to visit Maatsuyker Island, the world's most remote lighthouse. She is also a qualified diver.

Now specialising in biodynamics, Rohanne is the founder and Director of The Delectable Garden, a company that creates biodynamic preparations including biodynamic peppers. Biodynamic peppers deter animals and plants that have become pests in urban and farming environments, without resorting to harsh chemicals that not only poison the natural environment, but also harm our planet, our soils and our foods. Having discovered the impact of the biodynamics preparations in growing healthy, full-of-flavour vegetables, Rohanne has recently turned her attention to using homeopathy to potentise the biodynamic soil preparations, making them easier to use.

And it all started with that patch of wild asparagus and an overgrown garden in a national trust house. Rohanne has gone on to create gardens in a diverse range of climates including the tropics, sub-tropics, cold and temperate zones.

Formal studies in nutrition nurtured her love of growing and cooking her own foods. Follow up studies in sustainability and the environment led to a growing awareness of the positive impact of growing our own foods, which led to a deep understanding of the role of soil and the importance of protecting our environment.

She has recently moved to the mid north coast where she resides with her two fur babies, 3 cattle, numerous chickens, ducks and geese and lots of gardens.



Mark Pye

Currently deputy chair of the board at Biodynamic Agriculture Australia.

I have also worked with the team at Biodynamic Agriculture Australia as preparations coordinator.

While attaining a Certificate IV in Organic Farming at Coffs Harbour TAFE in 2001, I was introduced to biodynamic principles as a volunteer.

I utilised my newfound knowledge to operate a certified Biodynamic farm in the Kalang Valley in Bellingen for 21 years. I consistently followed principles of biodynamics, organics and regenerative farming to sustain our property and lifestyle in a strictly certified biodynamic production system.

Moving forward since selling our farm, I remain committed to growing nutrient rich food and sharing my knowledge and experience where I can.

I maintain that sharing knowledge of sustainable practices, environmental protection and biodynamics is the best way to protect our soils and bring our landscapes back to life, ensuring we leave our planet a better place for the next generation.



Departing Board Member: Judi Unger

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The Team - from left to right – Kaz, Back row - Wilany, John and Huon, Front row - Fiona and Luigi



OUR INVALUABLE ELDER JOHN HODGKINSON

John comes in every day we are here and more! His dedication, wisdom and contribution to us as individuals and to biodynamics knows no bounds. Grateful, doesn't even come close, his input is life changing!

Office

Post covid we have maintained our small, dedicated team. Our business hours have been kept to a minimum and we are focussed on providing excellent customer service, ongoing review of overheads and expenses, meeting the challenges imposed upon on us in an everchanging world, whilst maintaining our ethics, integrity and quality of product. We adapt to meet these requirements.

We have successfully secured another three year lease on our existing space, which gives us stability and some time to source a site to put down permanent roots, which would be ideal.



Biodynamic Federation

Biodynamic Agriculture Australia became a member of Biodynamic Federation Demeter International (BFDI) during the year. BFDI is a not for profit organisation and based in Europe. Its primary goal is to add unity and support to the global biodynamic movement. Members of BFDI are now from 50 countries around the world.

Biodynamic Agriculture Australia sought membership to:

- (1) Share knowledge and engage more with global biodynamic farming and gardening experiences, and
- (2) To draw upon international insights in contributing to a more collaborative biodynamic movement in Australia.

We are pleased to announce we have commenced with these initiatives and that Peter Kearney is the BFDI delegate for Biodynamic Agriculture Australia and Australasia.

Treasurer comments

After experiencing two challenging years, the turnaround of Biodynamic Agriculture Australia's profitability in 2024-2025 was very welcome. Better trading conditions, more focused promotion, price adjustments on products and refining of operating costs led to a reasonable yearly profit.

See BAA 2024-2025 Financial Statements for more information.

Thanks to the team for their wonderful work.

