



## APRIL 2026

Hello everyone,

It's all too easy to be preoccupied with negative thoughts on our global trio of extraction, exploitation and elite wealth accumulation. It is much harder to imagine something way better than unrestrained markets and perpetual economic growth.

At Biodynamic Agriculture Australia we focus more on the smaller, incremental things we can do to improve gardening and farming. And to bring light and lightness to this great project that is biodynamics.

Here is one such light bulb idea, from Rohanne Young, of The Delectable Garden. To enable weed peppers to have greater impact, consider spraying out horn silica (501) prior to the pepper. In this way you would be making the weed more receptive to the cancelling effect of the pepper. Spray out the horn silica on the morning preceding Full Moon, and the pepper, if possible, within six hours after the Full Moon.

Hoping the weather where you are has become steadier and cooler, and that floodwaters have subsided.

Best wishes,

John and Kaz

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## Key biodynamic spray dates

**APRIL 2026**

### **Moon opposition Saturn**

Note that this strongly vitalising influence is “in orb” for up to 12 hours either side of the opposition time. It is believed that spraying out biodynamic soil preparations (late afternoon) and atmospheric preparations (early morning) back-to-back reinforces the balance between the Moon’s calcium influence and Saturn’s silica influence, giving pasture and crops greater resilience to weather extremes, diseases and pests.]

April 1<sup>st</sup>, 11.25pm and 29<sup>th</sup>, 12.06pm

### **Moon descending periods**

[This is the recommended/usual soil spraying time, when the Moon’s influence is working below the soil surface.]

April 9<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>

### **Moon ascending periods**

April 22<sup>nd</sup> – May 5<sup>th</sup>

### **Sequential spraying dates to encourage rain**

[To encourage rain, consider buying a *Rain Plus Kit*. A series of four soil and atmospheric sprays are put out over three successive days when the Moon is in a water sign and preferably near Full Moon.]

April 5<sup>th</sup> – 8th

Please allow seven days for postage.

## **Read more**



## The 2026 Antipodean Astro Calendar

Discover the best times to plant and spray out preparations with the Brian Keats Antipodean Astro Calendar containing beneficial information and beautiful illustrations.

***\$45 including postage and handling. Go to our webpage to learn more.***



## Atmospheric and soil preparation applications for autumn/winter

**It's time to plan your biodynamic atmospheric and soil preparation applications for autumn/winter.** Remember drought or rain – still put out your preparations. The full benefit of biodynamics requires the application of an atmospheric spray, Biodynamic Horn Silica 501, following your soil spray.

See dates above for spraying out.

Back-to-back means spray out your soil spray the afternoon before the given date/time, and your atmospheric spray the morning after.

***Note: alternative spraying times, based on ascending and descending Moon are listed above and on our website for the whole year.***

**Click on the below link to read what biodynamic soil preparations you should use.**

<https://biodynamics.net.au/autumn-and-winter-preparation-app...>



## Letter 1 to the Editor

We are a small (only 1 1/2 hectares) Landcare site in the Hunter Valley of NSW. There was a small area of trees planted about 20 years ago and the rest was a grassy slope leading down to a Lagoon that used to be a sewage pond! The slope was being maintained as mowed parkland by Council (Maitland City Council). In 2022 our Council supported the start of our Bolwarra Landcare site and since then we have planted and are maintaining about 2000 new plants in 2 different communities - Lower Hunter Dry Rainforest and Lower Hunter Spotted Gum Ironbark.

As part of our maintenance of these new plantings we try to apply *Liquid Soil Activator* at least twice a year along with our other strategies of watering, hand weeding, and application of *Seasol*.

All this love and care has led to wonderful growth and joy with our growing forest. See above and below pictures showing the growth that has occurred in different parts of our Site. Very happy for you to share our story.

And of course like any Landcare site we are always keen for volunteers. People can find out more by following our Bolwarra Landcare Facebook page or emailing us at

bolwarralandcare@gmail.com.

Kind regards, Miranda Moore, Site Coordinator - part of Maitland Landcare Inc.





## Letter 2 to the Editor

I visited Biodynamic Agriculture Australia in Bellingen November last year and had a wonderful chat.

Over the past few years we have been establishing an organic and biodynamic truffle orchard in Millicent, South Australia. When ordering a product I happened to look at the address of Biodynamics Australia saw Bellingen and looked a bit more into its location. Just from this we visited for five days last year on a family road trip and the regions beauty has left an impression that is simmering very closely to the surface.

It was fortuitous that the time we had in Bellingen I was able to drop into Biodynamic Agriculture Aust and have a most wonderful chat. I have never felt such a welcome and willingness to share knowledge. This interaction further emphasized that this is the right path for us to follow, to be in service of life and knowledge.

At this stage we are applying 500 and 501. Being truffles, we actually want to keep the soil quite simple and lacking fertility (something that is quite the challenge as it is the opposite of other food production). To avoid multiple orders and postage, do you have any recommendations as to how we could store a year's supply of each. We are only working over about 20 acres so don't need much, but want to be able to look after these preparations as best as possible and have them available for when we need them.

Once again, thank you for the welcome and knowledge, Julian Oscar Rebellato, South Australia.

**A: Thanks for your lovely email.** The 501 gets stored in a glass jar on the windowsill and will keep for years. The 500, assuming you want to put it out twice a year – Spring and Autumn, gets stored in a cool, dark, place, away from electrical currents in a ceramic pot. Check to see that it doesn't dry out, spray with water and massage, if you notice that happening. So yes, you can purchase in advance, to be shipped in one order, and safely be stored for use throughout the year.

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## Compost - Black gold

John Hodgkinson

A compost pile is a site of transformation of dead material into living micro-organisms. Basically, we are assembling a range of components which have the capacity to support the breakdown of cellulose, the growth and reproduction of bacteria and the development of fungi, as well as generating a wide range of plant-available nutrients. Biodynamic compost enhancers are added to finesse and maximise the natural processes of decomposition and synergistic up-building in the process.

*Read more...*

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# **Biodynamic Compost Enhancer Kit**

**For use in  
compost heaps and  
bins, liquid manures  
and worm farms.**



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## Talking about feeding Aussies in need

**The Mini Farm Project** - Talking about feeding Aussies in need on Gardening Australia - YouTube

***[Click here to view video](#)***

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# Biodynamic Seaweed Concentrate

**Biodynamic Seaweed Concentrate contains plant nutrients, trace elements, alginic acids and other bioactive compounds. It promotes healthy roots, encourages beneficial soil micro-organisms, stimulates flowering and fruiting and helps plants cope with stresses like heat, drought, frost, pest and disease attack.**

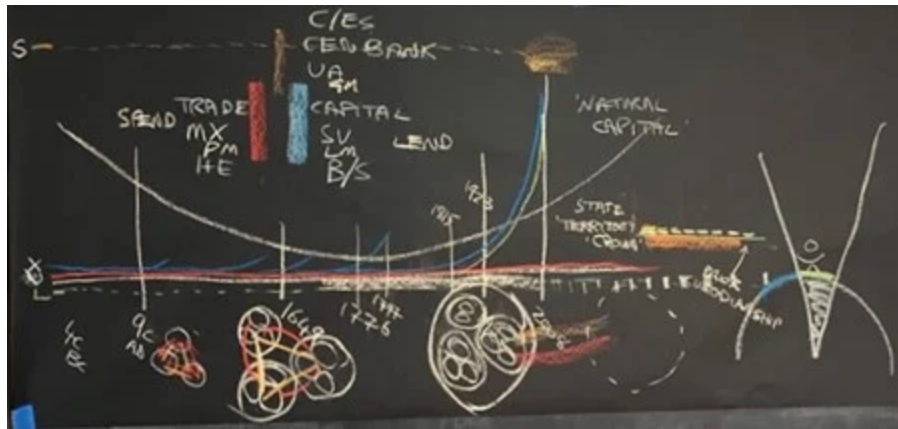


**Biodynamic Agriculture Australia enhances all these qualities by adding the biodynamic compost preparations, 502-507.**

**Rich in growth hormones, supports bacterial and fungal activity, counters insect attacks, lifts potassium and brix.**



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## Rethinking land and money

This one-day workshop will explore and develop the theme of long-term stewardship models of land like leases, trusts, and use-rights that reflect real work and real care.

We will explore the concept of encumbrance—usually a legal term indicating a limitation on ownership—as a positive force. By encumbering land through long-term leases, non-profit structures, or conservation easements, landholders can prevent speculative use and protect regenerative practices from being undone by inheritance battles or market pressures.

Using land as collateral leads to systemic inflation because one is borrowing against something that has no intrinsic economic value and does not itself produce value, it is the users of the land who create value through how they use it. The challenge is: How do we remove or devalue speculative value before external shocks force a correction?

These are all topics of some urgency....

The workshop will be hosted by Hamish Mackay and Martin Royds. As it happens, a retired English economist, Christopher Houghton Budd, will be holidaying with us and he is willing to share his experiences also. We have attached some Q&A material from previous conversations.

Here is a link to a recent online event in the US:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SH7HZuCOFM>

When: Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2026. 9am – 5pm

Where: Tombarra, 579 Northangera Road, Budawang NSW 2622

Cost: \$385 pp includes refreshments and a delicious lunch \$500 couples

Enquiries: Hamish Mackay 0412 862 823 Martin Royds 0484 132 167

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## Work wanted

I live in Winchelsea Victoria and looking for a house on a farm for maintenance and/or permanent work around this area. Years ago I completed a biodynamic farming apprenticeship in the UK and managed a farm in South Africa, spending years landscaping.

I am hard working, reliable and at a tree change point, still passionate about biodynamics.

If you know anyone in the Winchelsea Victoria region looking for a hardworker please let me know.

I have two daughters and a dog that would visit and stay from time to time.

Thank you. Richard Lockie. 0444513017

# Biodynamic Paste

Now is the time to order your Tree Paste for all your winter pruning...

A nourishing, healing concentrate, made for use on trees, shrubs, vines and roses.

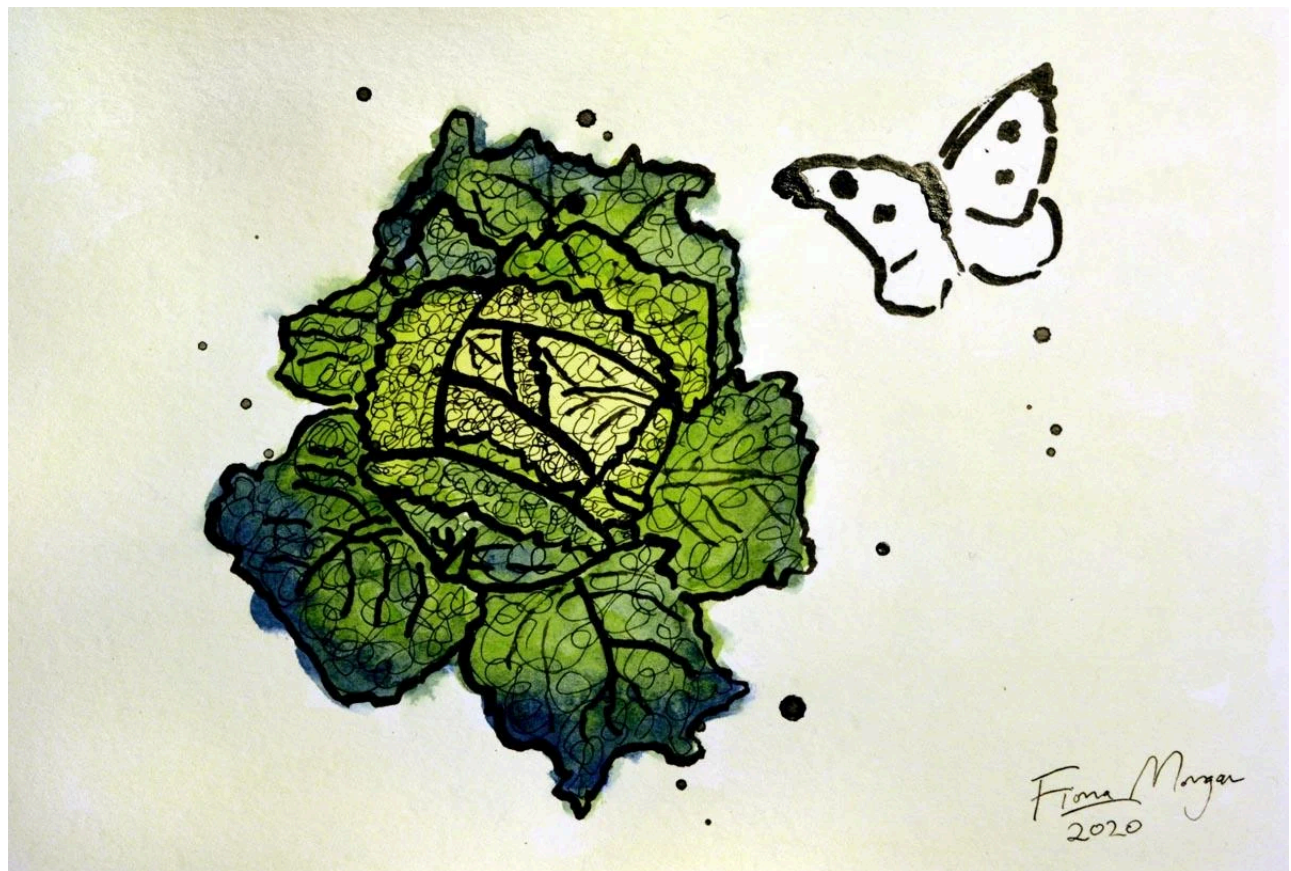


dilutes to double the volume and more

- ▶ discourages the growth of fungal disease, lichen and scale
- ▶ deters harmful insects, including borers, from damaging the trunk or sheltering amongst crevices in bark
- ▶ reduces transplant shock
- ▶ promotes wound healing
- ▶ use as a dip for bare rooted plants to stimulate root growth and enable speedy establishment



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## Brassicas and cabbage moth

Fiona Morgan, Bello Food Gardening, 2 Jun 2020 and updated 9 Mar 2026.

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The cooler months are the better time to grow brassicas, although they do grow all year round, for a few reasons. Hang on, what are brassicas? Think cabbage, broccoli, cauliflower, brussel sprouts, kale, collards, rocket, mustard greens (tatsoi, mizuna, others), bok choy & similar, turnip, kohlrabi, swede, radish, cress. Not an exhaustive list but you get the idea!

**[Read more...](#)**

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## Biodynamics goes one step further

Help us spread the good word and action by copying and saving the below poster and sharing with your networks. As you know, once you start using biodynamic preparations

on your land and gardens, you quickly see the positive results which allows your plants to grow to their full potential.



# Go one step further

**Access support to achieve:**

- chemical free biodynamic organic systems
- land rehabilitation
- regenerative agriculture
- soil stability for erosion control
- habitat for biodiversity

**Work in synergy with nature:**

- reduce input costs
- achieve ethical environmental management
- enhance soil biology, increase water holding capacity, quality of food and resistance to disease and insect pests



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***The below is some timely guidance from the late Eileen Caddy from the Findhorn Foundation***



## ***Are you in your rightful place?***

These are crucial times and each soul is needed in its rightful place.

It is like a vast jigsaw puzzle being put together; there is a right place for every tiny piece.

Are you in your rightful place? Only you will know.

Do you feel you blend in perfectly with the whole and that you do not create any jarring or discordant note?

Peace, harmony and tranquility must be within you to stabilise you and bring you into alignment with what is about to take place.

Therefore it is necessary to be still and find that peace within so that nothing and no one can disturb it.

Be like an anchor, strong and steady, so that no storm without can affect you or shift you from your rightful place.

Hold fast and know that all is very, very well.

Let not your heart be troubled, but put your whole trust,

faith and security in Spirit.

~ guidance received by Eileen Caddy

*(One of the co-founders of the Findhorn Community, Eileen Caddy, received guidance from the 'still, small voice within' and shared it with the community for more than 40 years until she passed away in 2006. We continue this tradition as her guidance is as relevant today as it was when she received it.)*

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