

OCTOBER 2024

Hello everyone,

Here we are in the midst of a glorious spring - season of flowers and renewal - at least in the Southern Hemisphere!

The lift to one's spirits in working with the land and plants is just so special at this time, especially in a troubled world.

Here at the office we are about to taste the first honey of the season from John's hives.

May you live in satisfaction of cosmic awareness as the sun ascends towards summer.

Best wishes,

Kaz and John



Tree pruning workshop at Bellingham's Northbank Community Garden

John Hodgkinson

About 25 local folk and garden committee members turned up to the half-day pruning workshop on Fathers Day. The community garden is a verdant springtime treat at present, heightened by the sublime aroma of citrus blossom. Joe and I the facilitators shared the two and a half hours of theory and practice.

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Bee news from Bellingen

John Hodgkinson

This spring is proving to be one of the best bee seasons in the Bellinger Valley for many years. Not since 1984 when a truckload of my beehives encountered a flood of Pattersons Curse nectar near Cowra NSW, have I witnessed a similar bonanza – but this time it is happening for my sedentary colonies here at the Biodynamic Agriculture Australia office.

Some good late winter rainfall just at the right times ensured that the trees and shrubs of the town would flower extraordinarily in the spring. And they sure are!

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How do I begin in biodynamics?

1. Go to the Biodynamic Agriculture Australia website and purchase a copy of the Biodynamic Handbook from our online store. Better still, purchase a membership (farm or garden) and get the handbook as part of the joining package.
2. While you are on the website, purchase Biodynamic Soil Activator. The rate of application is 75g per hectare, or 15g per 1000 square metres (one quarter acre).
3. Alternatively you might prefer to use Biodynamic Liquid Soil Activator (if you don't have time to stir), applied at the rate of one litre to three hectares, or 33ml per 1000 square metres, diluted 1 to 100.
4. Our Soil Activator is a highly potent soil spray containing the full range of biodynamic preparations, which kick start the life-enhancing processes in your soil food web. It will greatly vitalise your garden or farm.
5. Instructions on how to stir and apply Soil Activator are contained in the handbook, but will also be included with your purchase.
6. To further boost plant growth, we recommend Biodynamic Combined Fish & Seaweed Concentrate. Diluted 1 to 10, up to 1 in 40 or more, this can be applied to both soil and foliage, and because it has been brewed using the biodynamic compost preparations, it is rather like spreading compost over your garden or farm.
7. An easy and highly effective way of healing, protecting and nourishing your shrubs and fruit trees is by applying Biodynamic Tree Paste to trunks, stems, branches and even twigs if possible. Like Soil Activator, Biodynamic Tree Paste contains all the biodynamic preparations.

Picture above is the delicious salads we are fortunate to pick and eat from our biodynamic garden at our office.

Biodynamic Compost Enhancer Kit

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



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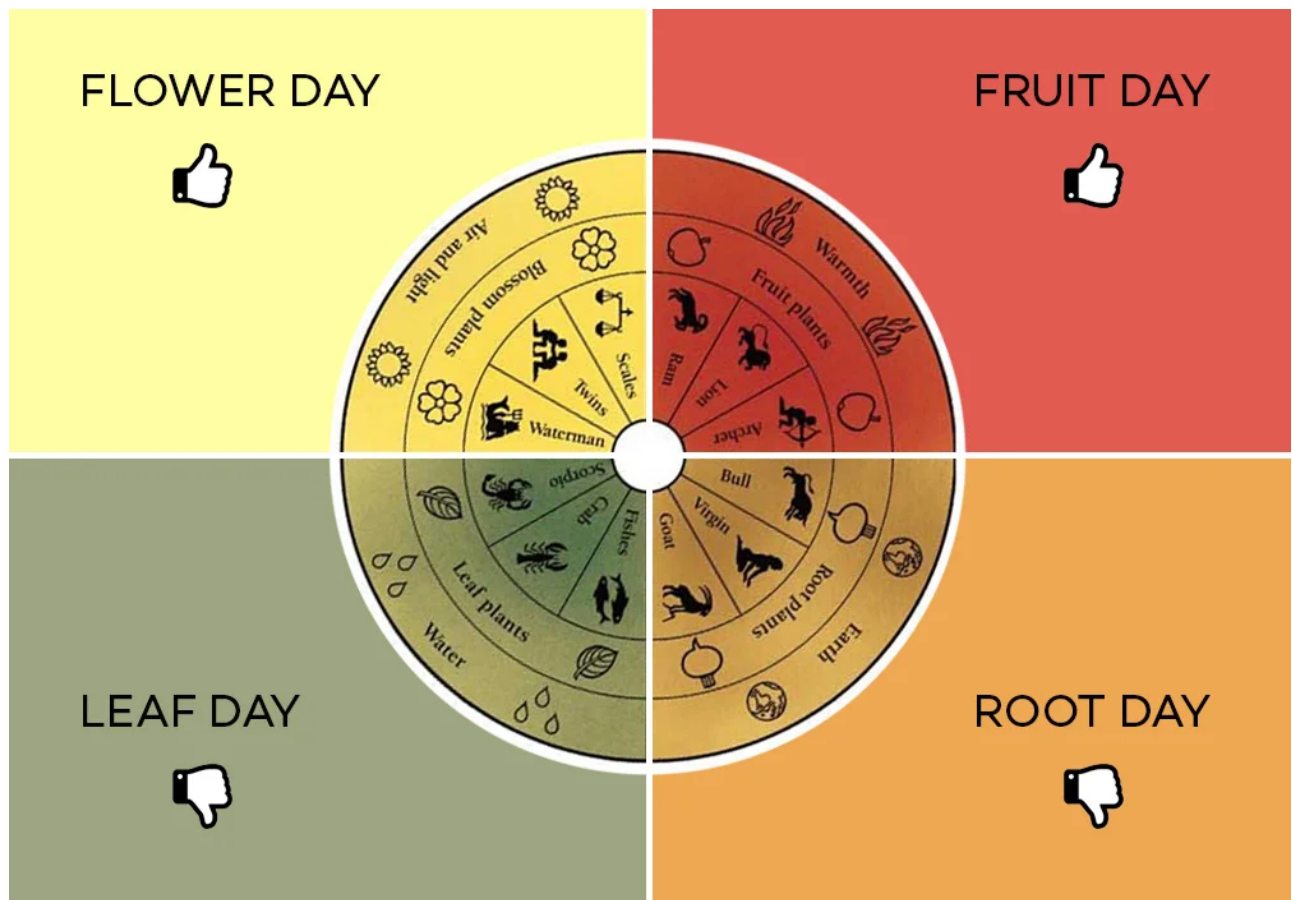


Thanks to Shane Joyce for his dedication and enthusiasm

Shane recently visited the Wondai Healthy Futures day flying the biodynamic and many other flags! Thanks Shane for your support and commitment. To read more about the wonderful work Shane is doing click on the below links:

<https://www.youtube.com/@ShaneKumbartcho>

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Key biodynamic dates – October 2024

Soil sprays: [Horn Manure (500), Soil Activator, Manure Concentrate]

Moon descending: Oct 10th – 21st

Atmospheric and foliar sprays: [Horn Silica (501), Vine and Tree Tonic]

Moon ascending: Oct 22nd – Nov 5th

Moon opposite Saturn: Oct 1st, 00.37am, and 28th, 3.55am

Full Moon: Oct 17th, 9.26pm

Sequential spraying dates to encourage rain: Oct 15th – 17th

Biodynamic Soil Activator

- a wonderful way to boost your garden, market garden, vineyard, orchard or farm
- particularly effective at remediating severely degraded or out-of-balance soil
- can be sprayed out monthly, but at least twice a year at active growing times, especially during drought


Also available as *Liquid Soil Activator*, which is pre-potentised requiring no stirring, only dilution.



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WORKSHOPS

Biodynamic workshop - Maleny Queensland



The Changing Habits Farm
Reesville, Sunshine Coast Hinterland, SE Qld
16 & 17 October 2024

Discover How Biodynamics Can Enhance Your Farm Productivity, Fertility and Function

CHANGING HABITS FARM
CHARLIE ARNOTT
REGENERATIVE

Workshop Highlights:

- **Deepen Your Knowledge:** Expand on what we covered last time with new insights and advanced techniques.
- **Hands-On Learning:** Engage in practical sessions that bring biodynamic principles to life right in the field.
- **Networking Opportunities:** Connect with fellow enthusiasts who share your passion for sustainable agriculture.

Event Details:

- **Date:** October 16 & 17
- **Location:** Changing Habits Farm, Maleny

Time: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM daily

Click the below to book:

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My Food Garden workshop with Peter Kearney - Brisbane, Queensland



Seed saving in the vegetable garden - October 19 Brisbane - Saturday afternoon workshop from 1-4 pm at the biodynamic garden of Peter Kearney in Draper Brisbane. Learn the key steps of seed saving with hands on activities and educational content. All participants receive comprehensive training material, a delicious afternoon tea and a selection of biodynamically raised seeds from Peter's garden localised to Brisbane climate. ***Register here.***

Biodynamic gardening workshop - November 9 -10 Brisbane. Introduction to biodynamic gardening by Peter Kearney Held at the farm where Peter lives, located in Draper Brisbane. Local homestay accommodation available. Through content, conversation, hands-on activities and biodynamic food, learn how effective biodynamic methods can be at creating high plant vitality, whilst giving you the opportunity to appreciate the deeper spirit of nature. ***Register here.***

Vegetable garden soil improvement with green manure cropping - December 7 Brisbane - Saturday afternoon workshop from 1-4 pm at the biodynamic garden of Peter Kearney in Draper Brisbane. Learn the fundamentals of soil management and the critical role of the green manure process in your yearly rhythm of vegetable garden soil management. Hands on activities and educational content with comprehensive training material and delicious afternoon tea provided. ***Register here.***

For more information contact: peter@myfoodgarden.com.au or 04011 56532

Cosmos - Earth - Human

Biodynamic Centenary Workshops Sydney, NSW



Deepen your knowledge and hands-on skills – for gardeners and consumers Book early for this popular course.

12 Oct Gladesville 10-pm - Preparation making 2

Transforming degraded dirt into premium fertility on a farm, park, verge, backyard – as little as 1-2 sqm.

19 Oct Warrah Farm, Dural 10.30-3.30pm - Preparation making 3

Deep ecology, Earth/planetary rhythms and breathing, Re-imagining the Earth

23 Nov Sydney 10.30-4pm - Nutrition, food and wine

Milk from de-horned cows, allergies, soil testing by hand, scientific tests, harvesting and seed-saving

30 Nov Gladesville 10.30-4pm - Eclipses, rainbows, tropical storms

Finding a way through all the new energies, organic/permaculture/biodynamic?

\$350 Biodynamics Sydney members (\$50p.a., \$20 p.a. under 40's)

Preparations samples to take home. Workshop presenters training provided – please enquire.

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WANTED



Ceramic Flowform for Certified Organic beef farm (of 20 years), wanting to incorporate more biodynamic principals.

Must be a 7-piece ceramic Jarna Flowform please - I wish to maximise my BD intent through making this specific choice.

I am happy to travel anywhere along the eastern seaboard states of Australia to acquire this significant item for our farm.

If you have one of these for sale or know of one, please contact Rob Lennon at Gundooee Organics on 0429 750 350.

Picture above is an example only.

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200 Warburton Rd , Crooked Brook, WA

40 acre (16.5 hectare) with 2 houses 5 by 2 and 2 by 1 : passive solar, solar h/w, slow combustion stoves as well as electric.

40 year organic managed horticulture property, A grade soils.

6 zones of reticulation including fenced vegetable garden.

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Seasonal creek through 10 acres of natural bush

Piece of paradise for sustainable lifestyle

Offers over \$1.59 million

Contact Trish on 0417977085





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- Quarterly *News Leaf* journal full of biodynamic stories and information

- Biodynamic Handbook - everything you need to know
- Sample of Biodynamic Soil Activator with instructions
- Encouragement, motivation, guidance and support

Your membership assists us to create, share and promote everything biodynamic. It supports our not-for-profit organisation in making preparations and products, giving education, sharing information and spreading the good word. We are on this biodynamic journey together and shared experiences are invaluable.

[Click here to view our products range](#)

If you need any help our team are here for you Monday and Tuesday 9am-3pm and Thursday 9am-12.30pm.

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Guidance by Eileen Caddy from the Findhorn Foundation

Nothing is by chance.

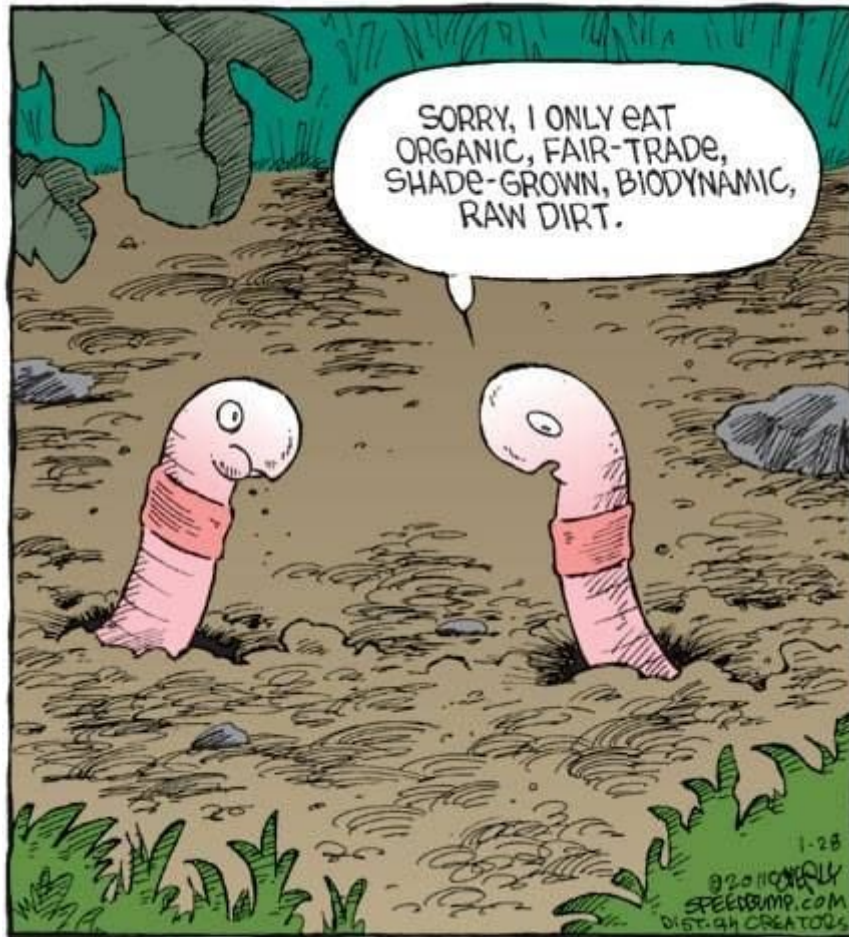
There is a perfect pattern and plan running through the whole of life, and you are part of that wholeness and therefore part of that perfect pattern and plan.

When you see strange things happening in your life and wonder why they should happen to you, take time to see how it all fits in, and you will see a reason for everything.

A flower does not struggle to unfold in the rays of the sun, so why should you struggle to unfold in the rays of My limitless love?

If you do, it is of your own doing, and it is not part of My perfect pattern and plan for you.

Simplicity is My hallmark, so keep life simple. Keep in constant contact with Me, and watch yourself unfold in My love.



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