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RAPP 2025 aims to build awareness, provide advice, & encourage adoption of regenerative agriculture practices with a particular focus on new & inexperienced landholders in the shire.

RAPP 2025 will provide participants with an introduction to the fundamentals of an ecologically based approach to agriculture, that aims to achieve profitable production whilst regenerating & enhancing ecosystem services, including increased/improved:

- soil nutrient cycling & carbon sequestration
- water infiltration & storage
- functional biodiversity
- plant and animal health



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This Lower Blackwood LCDC project is supported through the Shire of Augusta Margaret River Environmental Management Fund

The Program In Summary:



What's in the program?

- 1x Plan Your Farm Landscape Course
- 1x Soil Health – the Basics Workshop
- 1x Understanding Soil Fertility & Plant Nutrition Workshop
- 1x Regenerative Grazing Workshop
- 1x one on one Regenerative Grazing coaching session / enterprise
- 1x one on one Soil & Pasture Health coaching session / enterprise
- 1x Introduction to Biodiverse Pastures Workshop
- 1x Trees on Farms Workshop
- 4 x on farm peer group sessions (covering Grazing, Soil & Pasture Fertility. Monitoring Soil & Pasture Health, & Reviewing your Cover Crop)
- 1x EAL Totals Soil Test / enterprise
- 1x \$500 voucher towards mobile fencing or water / enterprise
- 1x \$500 voucher towards on farm biodiverse pastures trial (pasture seeds) / enterprise
- 1x 1 year subscription to Soil Mentor App / enterprise
- 1x annual membership to Talkin' After Hours (LCDC Online Community)

Who can apply? RAPP 2025 is open to 10 grazing enterprises (2 participants/enterprise) within the Shire of Augusta Margaret River who want to take their first steps into regenerative agriculture and gain a good understanding of the fundamental principles that underpin it.

About our Presenters & Facilitators



Mark Tupman  Productive Ecology

Mark is a consultant and educator in the field of regenerative food production. His business, Productive Ecology, specialises in the establishment, integration and management of more ecological and economical production systems.

Over the last three decades, he has been actively involved in a range of training, research, community and commercial projects throughout Australia and in between times, managed orchards, livestock and market garden enterprises closer to home. Along with the work he does on the ground, Mark is a regular online speaker, advisor and content creator for various organisations, including for the LCDC.



David Hardwick  SOIL LAND FOOD
ECOLOGICAL AGRICULTURE

David is a professional agroecologist working in soil and regenerative agriculture extension and consulting all over Australia for 20 years. His focus is on regenerative and organic farming systems, land management and rural change.

David has worked in the conventional, organic and regenerative sectors and across grazing, horticulture, dairying and cropping systems. For the last 10 years he has been helping farmers and graziers all over Australia build their skills and confidence to manage soils using fun and practical activities as part of his highly successful Digging Deeper Soils Courses and Bootcamps. In 2020 he started teaching soils online!



Dr Judi Earl  AIMS

Judi gained her PhD in pasture ecology when she conducted the first studies describing the benefits to pasture composition from planned grazing. She has extensive experience in how grasslands and pastures respond to grazing and fertility management and is a widely respected speaker on these matters.

Establishing the AIMS consultancy in 1998 and a Holistic Management™ educator since 2002, Judi's main area of interest is working with land managers to enhance the condition and productivity of their land through improved understanding of ecosystem function and more effective utilisation of available resources.



Kristy Stewart 

Kristy is a land steward, community connector and 5th generation farmer born at Yan Yan Gurt West, an award winning sheep and agroforestry farm on Wadawurrung and Gadubanud Country in Victoria.

She holds a B. Agricultural Sciences and works in the education space as a Landcare project officer, is the Industry Development Manager for Sustainable Table and is part of the team co-managing her family farm where she runs educational tours on agriculture, agroforestry and landscape connection.



Charles Otway  Terra Perma Design
permaculture education & design

As a passionate and experienced edible plant garden designer, Charles is a fully qualified trainer and popular public speaker. Growing up in Pemberton on small farm Permaculture rootstock, he has seen, applied and eaten much of the theory and techniques of Permaculture and Regenerative Agriculture. More recently he has moved into farm design and Regenerative Agriculture consultation with a return to family farms in Pemberton in 2018.

TIMELINE



Eligibility Requirements:

- Your farm enterprise is within the Augusta Margaret River Shire boundaries.
- You are grazing or intending to graze livestock on your enterprise.
- You, or at least 1 member of your enterprise, agree to actively participate in all program components.
- You agree to become a member of the LCDC's Talkin' After Hours Online Community
- You agree to be included as a potential case study (a one-page profile on who you are and why you chose to be part of the program, a summary of your production system & current landscape function, your, aims, challenges & desired outcomes). The case study will be housed on the LCDC website & in program publications.

Fees:

The subsidised program participation fee for RAPP 2025 is: \$600 + GST (actual value of participation is \$7000 + GST/enterprise).

The participation fee entitles your Farm Enterprise to:

- Two places/enterprise in all program activities
- 1 x \$500 voucher towards mobile fencing or water / enterprise
- 1 x \$500 voucher towards on farm biodiverse pastures trial (pasture seeds) / enterprise
- 1 x 1 year subscription to Soil Mentor App / enterprise
- Membership to Talkin' After Hours

To apply go to
<https://lowerblackwood.com.au/regenerative-agriculture-in-practice-project-rapp-2025/>
Applications close Friday, November 22nd 2024



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