

Regenerative Agriculture in Practice Program (RAPP) 2026



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RAPP 2026 will build awareness, provide advice, & encourage adoption of ecologically based approaches to agriculture in the shire. These approaches aim to achieve profitable production whilst regenerating & enhancing ecosystem services including:

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

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



The Program In Summary:



What's in the program?

- 1 x Whole Farm Planning Course
- 1 x 'Soil Health for Grazing Enterprises – What is it and how do we get there?' Workshop
- 1 x 'Regenerative Grazing' Workshop
- 1 x 'DIY Farm Fertility' Workshop
- 1 x 'Trees & Shrubs in Grazing Systems: Benefits, Challenges and Practical Solutions' Workshop
- 4 x on farm peer group sessions
- 1 x one on one Regenerative Grazing coaching session / enterprise
- 1 x one on one Soil & Pasture Health coaching session / enterprise
- 1 x Total Nutrients Soil Test / enterprise
- 1 x \$500 voucher towards on farm biodiverse pastures trial (pasture seeds) OR mobile fencing to trial adaptive grazing / enterprise
- 1 x annual membership to Talkin' After Hours (LCDC Online Community)

Who can apply? RAPP 2026 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

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

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

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.



Kevin Elmy

Kevin is a third-generation farmer who started researching better ways to farm in 1999. In 2000, he and his family started using soil health principles on their farm, and in 2009, they started using cover crops. By building healthy soil, they have been able to reduce synthetic inputs to the land dramatically while maintaining yields.

Based on his personal experience and much research, Kevin has written 2 books, Cover Cropping in Western Canada, and Not Just Dirt: Revitalizing Soils With Regenerative Agriculture Principles. Kevin also works as a Regenerative Agriculture Coach in Canada and around the world including spending time in the South West of WA and familiarising himself with our context.

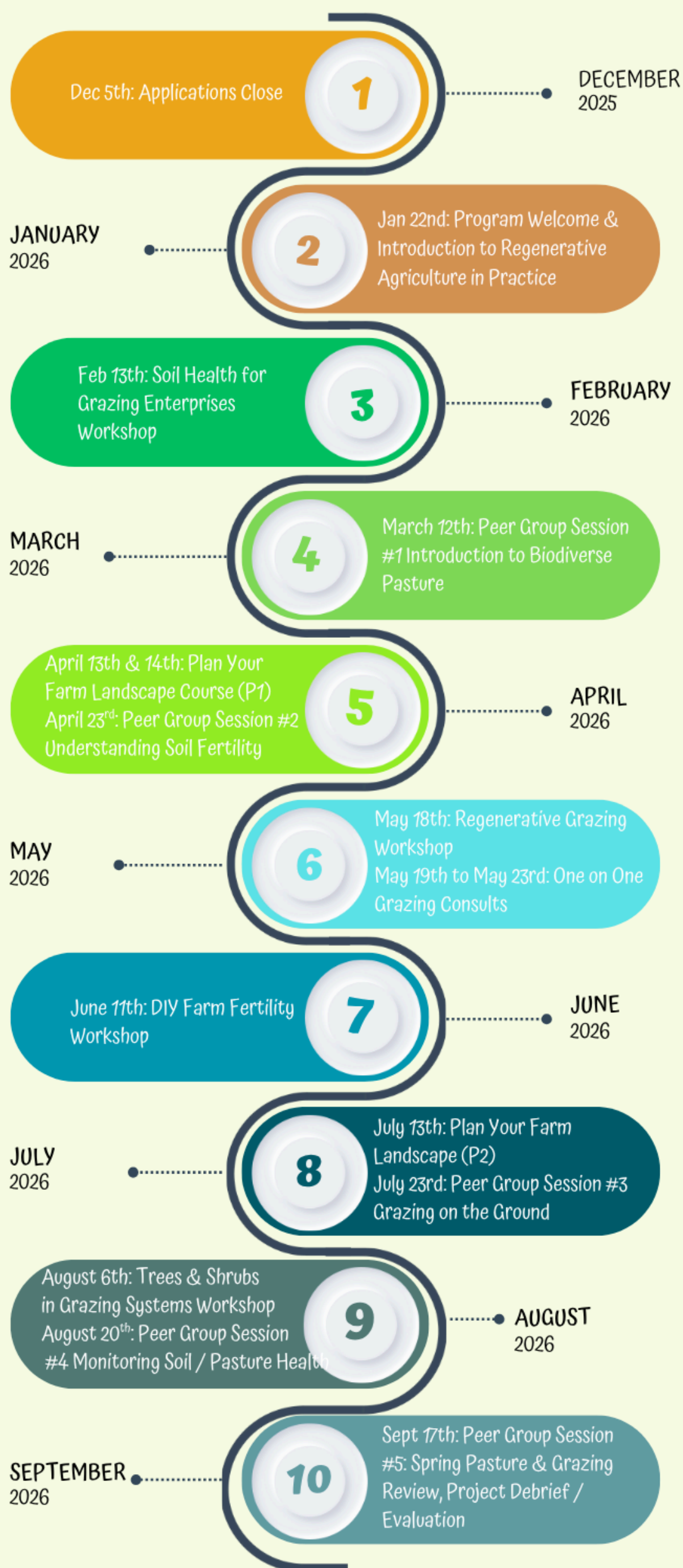


Rowan Reid

Rowan is the Managing Director of the Australian Agroforestry Foundation and founder of one of Australia's largest and most successful Landcare groups, the Otway Agroforestry Network. More importantly, Rowan is a farmer and tree grower in his own right with over 30 years' experience on his own family farm in the Otway Ranges of southern Victoria. More than 10,000 visitors have toured his Bambra Agroforestry Farm, which is set up as a 42-hectare outdoor classroom for farmers, scientists, students and tree lovers, and a living laboratory for his own learning.

Rowan is also a founder of the highly successful agroforestry education program 'Master Tree Growers' and an author of the book Heartwood - the art & science of growing trees for conservation & profit. Most recently Rowan has started his own podcast called [Heartwood Podcast](#).

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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: \$700 + GST (actual value of participation is \$6860 + GST/enterprise). The participation fee entitles your Farm Enterprise to:

- Two places/enterprise in all program workshops & peer group sessions
- 1 x 2 hour Regenerative Grazing coaching session / enterprise
- 1 x 1.5 hour Soil & Pasture Health coaching session / enterprise
- 1 x \$500 voucher towards on farm biodiverse pastures trial (pasture seeds) OR mobile fencing for trial adaptive grazing / enterprise
- Membership to Talkin' After Hours



Lower Blackwood Catchment
Land Conservation District Committee

To apply go to:

<https://lowerblackwood.com.au/regenerative-agriculture-in-practice-project-rapp-2026/>

Applications close: Friday, December 5th 2025

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