

BD Mini Conference and AGM 2009

Venue

The venue is Aongatete Lodge, Wright Rd, Katikati. From Tauranga take SH 2, pass the two junctions with Aongatete Rd, turn left into Wright Rd, go to the end - approx 8km (At junction with Upland Rd, Wright Rd goes to the left). From Katikati, Wright Rd is next right past Lockington Rd.

Budget accommodation

Budget accommodation (shared rooms) is available at lodge. You must bring your own sleeping bag and pillow. If you are stay Friday night the cost is aggregated with the cost of the meal. If you are staying on Saturday the overnight cost is included in the cost of "Saturday from 9am onwards". (The lodge charges us per person per day or part day)

The speakers and panellists *(continued)*

James Milton never changed to biodynamics – he always thought that way. After 26 years of biodynamic production he is the longest established biodynamic winegrower in the southern hemisphere, and one of the first ten in the world. He mentors in all wine regions in NZ as well as in Australia and parts of the US. James says "There is a freedom in mentoring which enables education – you sow seeds, but someone else takes responsibility for their germination"

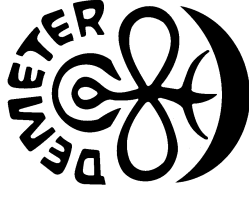
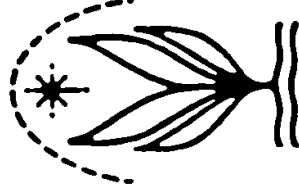
Glen Atkinson is well known in the biodynamic movement. In New Zealand he has several times been a member of the council of the Bio Dynamic Farming and Gardening Association and has created his own business, BD Max Ltd, out of his studies of Rudolf Steiner's Agriculture Course. He is also known further afield through workshops he has given at the Goetheanum, Switzerland, at Emerson College in the UK, through his regular contributions to the international biodynamic email discussion group, BDNOW!, and through the growing internationalisation of his business. Glen is well placed to give us an insight into recent happenings in the biodynamic movement, and that will be the topic for his after dinner address.

Conference sponsors

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Bio Dynamic Farming and Gardening
Association in New Zealand

2009 AGM & Mini Conference



NEW ZEALAND
CERTIFICATION TRADEMARK

Saturday 16th May
Aongatete Lodge
(Kaimai Outdoor Centre)
Wright Rd, Katikati

Programme

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FRIDAY 15 MAY

At Chaos Springs, Waitawheta, near Waihi

On Farm Fieldday (separate programme)

All following events are
at Aongatete Lodge, Wright Rd, near Katikati

6.00	Light meal (for those booking it)
	Evening free
	SATURDAY 16 MAY
8am	Breakfast (for those booking it)
8.45am	Registrations
9.00	Welcome & announcements
9.15- 9.35	Introduction to the topic of mentoring – Andy Black
9.35 - 10.35	Mentoring discussion with a panel: Andy Black, Erin Simpson, Andrew Seager, Ewen Willis, Dieter Proebst, James Millton
10.35 - 11.00	The Rural Mentor Programme and its relevance to organic farmers – Annie Perkins
11.00 - 11.30	Morning tea
11.30 - 12.30	Bio Dynamic Farming and Gardening Association AGM
12.30 - 1.30	Lunch
1.30 - 3.00	Association AGM continues
3.30 - 5.00	Biodynamic Consultancy Society AGM
5.00 - 6.30	Other meetings e.g. Education Research and Development
6.30 - 7.30	Dinner
7.30 onwards	Developments in biodynamics around the world – Glen Atkinson
	SUNDAY 17 MAY
8am	Breakfast (for those booking it)
Followed by	Clean up and departure

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The speakers and panellists

Andy Black began in biodynamics as an apprentice at Tablehurst Farm, Emerson College UK. On route to New Zealand he worked on a biodynamic farm in South Africa. In New Zealand he has been biodynamic farmer at Hohepa Farm, Clive and at Weleda Gardens, Havelock North. Andy's educational work has included instructing apprentices, tutoring at Taruna College, Demeter inspecting, home-gardener support and most recently mentoring through the Rural Mentor Programme. Andy will address particularly the question "How is mentoring different from teaching or training?" and how he has experienced this difference.

Dieter Proebst has a Demeter certified (orcharding/ processing) enterprise in Motueka. Originally trained in forestry, in 1988 Dieter founded the Tasman Environmental Education Trust through which he and others have delivered hundreds of seminars on biodynamics, permaculture and other ecological topics. He also does a wide range of consulting on land management generally. His other educational work includes Demeter inspections, organic smart start and biodynamic advisory work, tutoring at Taruna as well as lots of informal biodynamic support.

Ewen Willis has a biodynamic mixed fruits orchard near Opotiki, Demeter certified for about 20 years. He was been the 'grateful recipient' of advice at during the 70s and 80s and later has been sharing biodynamic information at fielddays and during informal visits. He is an active biodynamic consultant (BD Consultancy Society) and is co-author of a resource guide on organic avocado production.

Andrew Seager grows Demeter certified biodynamic vegetables in Hawke's Bay and is a member of the Association's council. As a member of the Biodynamic Consultancy Society he is active in assisting growers with conversion of their enterprise to biodynamic methods. Andrew has a long association with biodynamics, and has seen it in many different contexts. He has worked on biodynamic farms in New Zealand, South Africa, Germany and The United Kingdom. Andrew has also mentored pupils setting up organic gardens in schools.

Annie Perkins grew up on a family farm in the United States and later trained and worked in education and research for agricultural and sustainable land use. Her life and work have taken her from the US to Scotland, Australia and New Zealand. Annie sees two themes running through her career "Supporting sustainable farming and land management and ...effective participatory process. My particular interest is in supporting farmers learning directly from farmers and linking in science effectively." At Organics Aotearoa NZ, she is one of the regional coordinators of the Organic Advisory Programme, and has been instrumental in joining the OAP to the Rural Mentor Programme.

Erin Simpson spent several years travelling after completing his kiwifruit apprenticeship. On returning to NZ he had a variety of management experiences before taking up his present enterprise, Te Koha Organics, where some biodynamic pip fruit production methods were already in use. Recent diversification into vegetables has introduced him to formal mentoring through OANZ.

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