

South Island

Biodynamic Pasture Farming & Vineyard Field Days

Monday 2nd August at Warrick Thomson's sheep and beef farm
125 Te Houka Rd Balclutha

Wednesday 4th August at Northburn Vineyard
"The Shed" 45 Northburn Stn Rd off SH 8 Cromwell

Friday 6th August at Brian and Jackie Clearwater's Dairy farm and
yoghurt factory. 793 Peel Forest Rd 15k north of Geraldine

Programme

10 am Morning Session (11am Balclutha)

- Why Biodynamic farming works; a scientific approach by Lis Alington
- How to make Biodynamic farming work on your farm; a practical presentation and discussion led by Jack Wanklyn
- Demeter certification issues with David Wright (Northburn day only)

Noon Lunch (please bring your own)

1pm-3pm Afternoon Session

- Farm walk; looking at soil fertility and farm management
- Practical demonstrations; how to make and mix biodynamic preparations and composts, and when to apply for maximum effect

Jack Wanklyn began farming with biodynamics on a Gisborne hill country sheep and beef farm in 1982. He is now managing New Era Agriculture and assisting farmers in using biodynamic farming methods.

Lis Alington B.Agr.Sci(Hons), Dip.BD Agr.(UK), is an independent researcher in the field of biodynamics. She is the editor of Earth Matters, Journal for Agricultural Renewal.

David Wright is secretary of the Biodynamic Farming and Gardening Association and the Demeter Inspectorate.(Northburn day only)

Field days for commercial growers wanting to increase market profile, increase farm profitability. And expand options for sustainability. Also for people already familiar with biodynamic methods as well as home gardeners, lifestyle block owners and anyone interested in improved land use and food production.

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