



## Delegate Feedback

Firstly many thanks to our delegates, speakers, exhibitors and sponsors without whom there would not have been a conference or expo.

### Booking Figures:-

In person: 82

Online: 12

### Attendance Figures:

In person: 78

Online: 12 (not all who booked attended but there is no easy way of knowing)

Feedback sheets: 33

Delegates to the conference were asked to rate the conference as follows:-

<b>The day met my expectations</b>	YES	NO	PARTIALLY	DON'T KNOW
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100% of delegate who provided feedback rated the conference as a **YES**.

Delegates were asked to rate Speakers, Venue and Food out of 5. The results are below:

Speakers: 4.55

Venue: 4.61

Food: 4.14

Delegates were asked why they attended the conference and the answers were in order of votes:-

- Grow Knowledge
- Network
- Meet like-minded people

Delegates were asked why what they saw as the biggest challenge to their adoption of regenerative farming and the answers were in order of votes:-

- Economics
  - Additional fencing

- Laying on reticulated water to newly subdivided paddocks that did not have a dam
- Reduced income during transition
- Impact of climate
- Government Support
- Negative farmer mindset that holds up change
- Adequate education for farmers who want to change
- Maintaining momentum
- Conversion of farm supplies and associated traditional agronomists to transition from chemicals

Delegates were asked whether they were interested in our (planned) conference follow-up program:-

Interested:- **20**

Number interested in joining Community Voice For Hume's Landcare Regenerative Grazing and Farming Group:- **18**

### **Summary**

There seems to be significant interest in Sustainable Farms and Regenerative Agriculture, in talking action and in joining a group that can support farmers in their endeavours.

Feedback about the barriers to going down the path of regenerative agriculture indicated that most were considering the implementation of rotational grazing.

## Exhibition and Photos



### Summary

I think that it is fair to say that the Expo was a success in respect of the scope of exhibitors and its emphasis on the organisations that were part of the exhibitions, considering how they could work together so as to be able to more effectively support farmers transition to Sustainable Farms and Regenerative Agriculture. I think that there is still some way to go but just getting so many of the relevant organisations together is a useful first step. Post conference follow-up and the post conference support program, should help bring the key players together.

### Toxic Risk to Farm Land From Veolia's Planned Waste Incinerator at Tarago

Given the existential risk to farmers livelihoods within the scope of the Tarago Incinerator plume, which is some 30km, through the emission of dioxins and the burial of highly toxic waste on-site and on top of a water table, it was important to have representatives from the CATTI Group (Communities Against The Tarago Incinerator) at the expo. One way we can all help to stop this project, is by making a submission opposing the incinerator, when the Environmental Impact Statement is issued. To register to be informed when submissions can be made, please go to [www.NoTaragoIncinerator.com](http://www.NoTaragoIncinerator.com), ditto if you want to find out other ways in which you could help.

### The Quick and the Dead

Some of the exhibitors came the day before to erect their banners and to be ready to repel unwanted advances from adjacent stall holders. Best Farming Systems and NutriSoil both sponsors, were one such and came on Thursday night to better stake their claim. They were preceded by Local Land Services and ANU Sustainable Farms and fortunately no fights broke out!

### Best Farming Systems (Sponsor) – The Early Bird Catches The Worm



Jess from Best Farming Systems in conversation with a delegate about how worms deserve a life as well.

Picture Nicola Fraser

**Nutrisoil (Sponsor)**



Shelley Scuollar and Damien Mudge of Nutrisoil talking to a really dodgy person who looks suspiciously like Craig Hunt – enough said!!!

**The Goulburn Mulwaree Community Table (ACF, The Goulburn Group, Goulburn Field Naturalists and more)**



The picture shows one of the delegates talking to Roger, who with his partner Elizabeth, was a key member of the organising committee. They also head up the local branch of the ACF and more!! Not sure what Roger was trying to sell??

**NSW Farmers Table**



Good to see Margaret, Robyn and David (I think), signing up some

unsuspecting delegates to the cause. Good to see NSW Farmers at the expo as the leading farmer representatives in NSW.

**Farmers For Climate Action**



Charlie Prell, the Founder and Chairperson of Farmers for Climate Action talking to a delegate. We were delighted that Charlie Prell could attend the conference and he was there to help out on the FCA stand.

## Afternoon Tea Break



In this picture we have some hungry delegates anxious to counter the risk of starving to death with dinner-time still some way-off! I think one of the starving is Wendy Husband (with the scarf), and Mike Stekete, of the organising committee, is behind Wendy, talking to Tony Hill of Land To Market. Apologies for the others in the photo that I do not recognise.

**That's it folks and see you at the next conference and expo, field day and, hopefully, dinner!**