

Application Form

I/We the undersigned apply for associate membership of Healthy Soils Australia

Name _____ Position _____ Company _____

Postal Address _____ State _____ Post Code _____

Telephone _____ Fax _____ Mobile _____

Email _____ Web _____

What is your area of activity? _____

Payment method Cheque Credit Card Please make cheques payable to Healthy Soils Australia and mail to the address below

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Healthy Soils Australia

Farmers know the problems but...

How do you get the time?

How do you get the money?

How do you get the skill?

By pooling all of our resources.

Healthy Soils Australia will help us all find
the answers by working as one.

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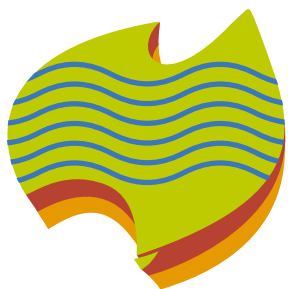
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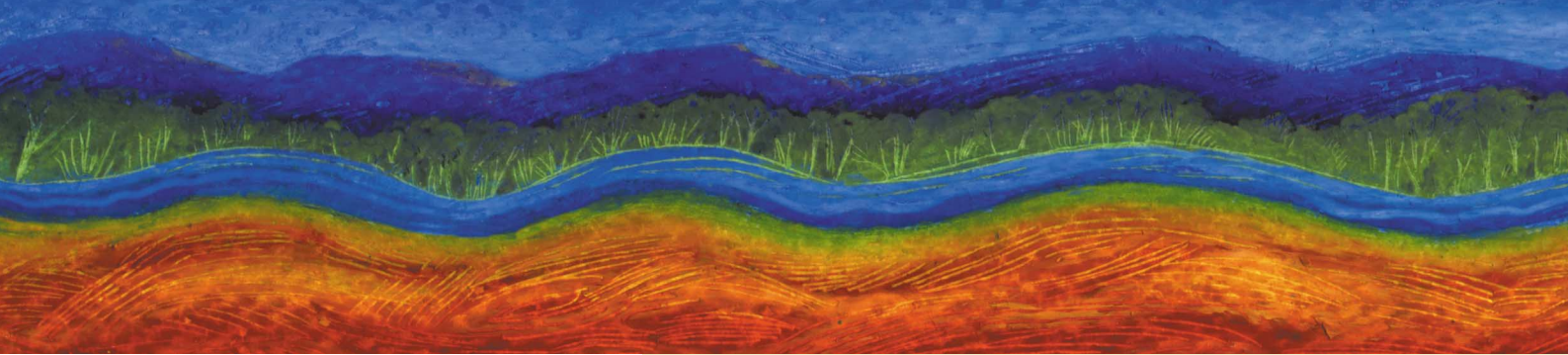
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healthy soils
AUSTRALIA

healthy soils = healthy communities



What is Healthy Soils Australia?

Healthy Soils Australia has been established as a national initiative to foster the improved health, productivity and sustainability of Australia's agricultural soils by assisting landholders to access and implement innovative soil management and remediation solutions.

Healthy Soils Australia's Vision

Our health and wellbeing depend on the health of our soils.

A healthy soil is essential to maintain the quality of our food, the purity of our water, and the cleanliness of the air we breathe.

Farmers know it. Some city people know it, but many do not.

The Challenges

Soil is alive with trillions of minute organisms that recycle nutrients and help plants grow. Soil is the engine room of life. The sun provides the energy, the plants convert and store it and the soil organisms drive the whole system.

Australia's soils are in trouble. They are increasingly being poisoned with salt and chemicals. Many areas are compacted and eroded. Our soils are tired and overworked.

Healthy Soils Australia fosters the restoration of degraded soils, their sustainable management and promotes a culture of care for country.

Our health and that of our children depends on the way we manage soil.

Healthy Soils Australia develops innovative approaches to soil and land management and through these enhances the health of people and their communities.

Who We Are

We are an Australia-wide network of farmers, scientists, businesses, and community groups who form partnerships with other land managers to improve soil quality.

Activities are innovative and solution oriented. They include:

Mosaic Land Management

- Spatial analysis: innovative technologies to map land and soil properties
- Bio-assay: new diagnostic tools to measure the soil requirements
- Soil conditioning: application of specific treatments to increase soil health

Water Management

- Water saving through enhanced soil structure
- Chain of ponds restoration: purifying water on site
- Natural sequence farming
- Salinity management
- Autonomous water systems: local small scale water management

Biomass Futures

- Restoration shelterwoods
- Carbon credits
- Eco-system credits
- Biodiversity management

R&D Innovation

Healthy Soils Australia has established an R&D fund to work with landholders and industry partners to develop eco-solutions for addressing soil health. Current projects include:

- City to Soil: an innovative project to trial the return of household organic wastes to farms
- Bio-conversion which involves recovering vital resources from waste streams using microbial separation.
- Water balance maintenance for salinity management.