



“Essentially, all life depends upon the soil ... There can be no life without soil and no soil without life; they have evolved together.” ~ *Charles E. Kellogg , 1938*

Healthy soils are essential to maintain the quality of our food, the purity of our water, and the cleanliness of the air we breathe. Our health and that of our children, and the health of generations to come, depends on the way we manage our soil.

Healthy Soils Australia

Our PURPOSE is

To create an activist network that shares common values and provides a platform to reconnect the vital role of soil health with food integrity and human health.

Our MISSION is

To raise awareness of the benefits of healthy soils, and assist land managers to adopt innovative management options to increase living carbon in their soils, to

- increase soil productivity and capital value
- increase nutrition in our food and better health for people and animals
- restore plant and ‘pest’ balance, water retention, and environmental balance
- decrease chemical input into soils, and
- facilitate natural carbon sequestration from the air to the soil.

We DO THIS by

- providing free access to a wide range of reliable and relevant research, practical information, and discussion on soil remediation solutions on our website, at conferences and at regional workshops
- promoting the recognition of the capital value of sequestered soil carbon and a fair price for land managers who sequester it, and
- presenting soil related issues to government, business and the community.

Healthy Soils

Healthy soil is alive with trillions of minute organisms which recycle and free up nutrients to drive plant growth. More plant mass means greater productivity with lower production costs. More nutrient availability and balance means better quality food. More living organisms mean better soil structure and plant growth, and slower water movement through the soil, which increases soil water retention and reduces erosion.

Modern farming practices release carbon from soil by decreasing soil microbial life through the overuse of expensive pesticides, herbicides and fertilisers which destroy the balance between microbes and plants. Although fertiliser initially stimulates growth, it burns off soil carbon into the air, decreases microbiology and ultimately inhibits plant growth. As well as the burning of fossil fuels, current farming practices cause a carbon imbalance in the air.

Balance can be restored by land management techniques which use plants and grazing animals to build carbon in the soil, sequestering it from the air through photosynthesis. Plant growth can also be greatly facilitated by boosting the army of soil microbes which make nutrients bio-available to plants.

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

Credit Card number _____ Card Type _____ Expiry _____

Cardholder's name _____ Cardholder's signature _____ Payment Amount _____

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.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP FEES

Individual \$50.00

-use of Healthy Soils Australia logo
to acknowledge membership

- reciprocal website links

NFP Organisation \$100.00

-use of Healthy Soils Australia logo
to acknowledge membership

- reciprocal website links

Business Organisation \$1,000.00

-use of Healthy Soils Australia logo to
acknowledge membership

- reciprocal website links

- cost of use of HSA logo on

marketable product at the discretion
of the HSA board

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Please note your name on your bank transfer for clarity

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