



BIO-DYNAMICS CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION EVENTS IN TASMANIA MAY 2024

HARMONY OF LAND, PEOPLE, COMMUNITY: KEYNOTE SPEAKER UELI HURTER FROM THE GOETHEANUM IN DORNACH, SWITZERLAND

EXCITEMENT IS BUILDING AS WE APPROACH THE EVENTS SCHEDULED IN TASMANIA TO CELEBRATE THE 100 YEARS ANNIVERSARY OF RUDOLF STEINER'S AGRICULTURE LECTURES, WHICH IN TIME BECAME KNOWN AS THE BIRTH OF BIO-DYNAMIC AGRICULTURE. THESE EVENTS ARE PART OF A SUITE OF EVENTS ACROSS AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND DESIGNED TO CELEBRATE THE BIODYNAMIC CENTENARY. THE CELEBRATIONS IN TASMANIA AIM TO DEVELOP AUTHENTIC DIALOGUE BETWEEN "HEALING" AND "REGENERATION" ACROSS LAND, PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY, SUCH THAT NEW HARMONIES MAY EMERGE AND GUIDE FURTHER BIODYNAMIC DEVELOPMENTS INTO THE FUTURE.

THE INFORMATION BELOW SHOWS THE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES AND PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS PLANNED FOR 8-10 MAY IN SOUTHERN TASMANIA, SOME OF WHICH FEATURE THE GLOBAL HEAD OF BIO-DYNAMIC AGRICULTURE AT THE GOETHEANUM, UELI HURTER.

ABOUT UELI HURTER

Ueli has been the co-head of the Agriculture Section at the Goetheanum since 2010 and currently sits on the executive board of the International Biodynamic Association. A native of Switzerland, he completed agricultural apprenticeships in Switzerland, Germany and France. He has formerly served as President of the Swiss Demeter association and as Swiss spokesman to Demeter International.

There will be a mix of smaller group activities (e.g., BD compost making and a presentation/discussion on BD bee keeping with students, parents and interested people at the Tarramah Steiner School), facilitated discussions on a range of BD related topics (e.g., lunar and planetary cycles) and growing edges for Biodynamics (e.g., dialogue between Indigenous and Biodynamic approaches to caring for land), and more focused discussions (e.g., Anthroposophy and community; exploring the herbs used for in BD preparations making; etc). Each of these activities represent different facets of the role Biodynamics can/does play in responding to major challenges all of us face, such as climate change, food security and quality, cost of living, and building regenerative communities. These challenges will be the focus of two public presentations by Ueli Hurter on Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

Bio-Dynamics Tasmania plans to capture the key elements emerging from the dialogues across these events and add these to other needs expressed within the Bio-Dynamics Tasmania community, and harness the desire and energy to drive the related strategic development plan forward. In other words, the centennial events will not be an end in themselves, but rather an initiation into the next development phase for biodynamics in Tasmania.

REGISTRATION:

All events attendance/participation require registration so that venues can be adequately prepared. There will be a small registration fee to cover the venue costs for the public presentations. All other events are free of charge. Bookings can be made via:

BIO-DYNAMICS TASMANIA WEBSITE: WWW.BIODYNAMICSTAS.COM

AND

ANTHROPOSOPHICAL SOCIETY IN AUSTRALIA WEBSITE: WWW.ANTHROPOSOPHYAU.ORG.AU/EVENTS/

Websites events pages will be updated with registration information, as well as any changes that may occur.



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DETAILS FOR THE EVENT:

WEDNESDAY 8TH MAY

1:00pm Acknowledgement to Country/Smoking Ceremony – Magical Farm Tasmania (*Allens Rivulet)

1:15-2:15 Welcome Lunch – Magical Farm Tasmania

2:15 – 4:00 pm Caring for Country Roundtable and storytelling (various brief presentations and discussions: deep listening, astronomy, spiritual underpinnings of BD, experimental native plant preps, etc)

Other activities include: a Steiner spiral garden meditation and a dialogue weaving activity – Magical Farm Tasmania

4:00-5:00pm Afternoon Tea and CPP stir, spray and Biodynamics yarning

PUBLIC PRESENTATION 1

7:00-9:00 Ueli Hurter public presentation 1 – BD responses to the climate crisis and social and planetary healing (Venue TBA)

Sub-topics may include:

- The effects of separating humans from nature, and strategies to turn this around
- Contrasting conventional, organic, and biodynamic farming method and outcomes
- Healing and regenerative aspects of BD principles and practices
- Enlivenment and enhancement of living systems
- BD working with soil, soul and social forces
- Moving from conflictual to harmonious dynamics in farming/gardening and social contexts

THURSDAY 9TH MAY

10:00-11:30am Greg Whitten's Bronzewing Botanicals Herb Farm (*Allens Rivulet) (various topics related to medicinal and preps herbs, caring for preps, qualities and functions of sheaths)

12:00-1:00 pm Lunch – Raphael Centre (*Margate)

1:00-2:30 pm Future directions for Anthroposophy and community. – Raphael Centre

3:00-4:30 pm BD conversations while building a BD compost heap – Tarremah Steiner School (27 Nautilus drive, Huntingfield 7055) (future directions of BD in schools, BD education and traineeships, etc)

4:45-5:30 pm BD Bee Keeping (with finger food – Tarremah Steiner School)

PUBLIC PRESENTATION 2

7:00-9:00 Ueli Hurter public presentation 2 – Economic models, challenges and opportunities of building regenerative BD food secure communities (Venue TBA)

Sub-topics may include:

- Cost of living issues demand creative solution focused strategies and practices
- Experience, skills, training, tools, products, energy as capital
- Alternative farming/gardening models to land ownership and succession planning
- Transitioning from individualism to community sustainability to regenerative farming and social connection and security
- The dynamic interface of BD, permaculture and regenerative agriculture
- Making nutrient dense food affordable
- Making BD farming affordable

FRIDAY 10TH MAY

9:00-11:00am Ueli's reflection, discussion and launch of the BDTas development plan – Tarremah Steiner School (*Huntingfield)

**Note - specific event location addresses are supplied during the registration process*

