

# Agrodiversity

Practical advice from farmers who have diversified — a forum

## Diversify your farm output, and develop agriresilience!

- Add an enterprise - beef cattle + free range eggs
- Add an extra income stream - beef cattle + sell meat at a farmers market, or on farm shop
- Add some genetic variation - black cattle + some rare breed genes (think of the flavor!)

The possibilities are endless!

**Keynote speaker—Tom Abbottsmith Youl a diverse, regenerative farmer from Tom's Paddock in Glenburn.** Tom is an inspirational speaker—after hearing him you will have lots of ideas to apply to your own enterprise.

**Malcolm Cock** from Farm Dynamics will run a half hour session before lunch discussing farm business planning. Malcolm has had a long career in beef, sheep & goat farming who nowadays helps others develop their agribusinesses through his consulting company.

**Lunch** will also feature a tour of the Leongatha Community Garden.

**The afternoon program** will feature local farmers who have diversified their farm produce. They will answer questions forum style from interested potential diversifiers.

- **Amelia Bright** from Amber Creek Farm and Sawmill who produce pasture raised pork, which is sold locally
- **Nadine Verboon** from Wattlebank Park Farm a dairy farmer who diversified into beef, pork and smallgoods
- **Ilan Goldman** from Mirboo Pastured Poultry, who range rears and markets Sommerlads' Poultry breed of chicken
- **Meg Parkinson** from Annies Free Range Eggs. Meg is also heavily involved in Victorian Farmers Federation and egg industry
- **Bronwyn Brandon** from Prom Country Cheese, who milks sheep and makes and markets sheep's milk cheeses

**These farmers will discuss their enterprises and the rewards for food producers who make their own opportunities.**

**Friday March 18, 2016, 10 am-3 pm**

**Lunch catered by Yooralla from their Community Garden plot**

**CCG Gippsland, Howard St, Leongatha 3953**

Free event; please RSVP for catering purposes

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