



Learn to Adapt to Climate Change on the Northern Victoria Farm Tour

The Southern Gippsland Agricultural Climate Resilience Project will be visiting northern Victoria to learn how to cope with warmer and drier climates expected from climate change.

The trip will take interested farmers to Rob Fenton's Natural Environment Centre (NEC) farm in Thurgoona and Tom's Paddock at Yea.

The project aims to provide Southern Gippsland farmers with the experience of how to adapt to warmer climates that are expected as a result of climate change.

Council's Agricultural Resilience Officer Jill Vella said farmers can visit other farmers in warmer conditions, such as northern Victoria, to learn how the cope with these expected conditions.

"Diversification has been suggested as the main way we can adapt to climate change and both of our key farm visits are with food producers that practice integrated farm management.

"We expect that interested farmers from Southern Gippsland will learn new ways to diversify their farms to ensure that they are in a steady position as the climate changes," said Ms Vella.

The farm tour will be conducted over two days on the 12 and 13 July 2016. For more information please contact Jill on 0408 208 350.

Any individuals wishing to take part in the tour can call Council on 5662 9200 to book and pay.

Bookings are essential by 13 June 2016 at a cost of \$100 per person twin share. A single supplement is available at \$40.

The Southern Gippsland Agricultural Climate Resilience Project is a joint initiative of South Gippsland Shire Council, Bass Coast Shire Council, Bass Coast Land Network and the Victorian Government.

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