



## Climate Change Café for foodies

Climate change adaptation is something we all will have to think about over the next few years. The Agricultural Climate Resilience Project is helping to facilitate this dialogue amongst food producers at a Climate Change Café in Wonthaggi this month.

The Climate Change Café will focus on farm water management and will feature guest speaker, Rob Fenton, by video link. Rob is based at the National Environment Centre (NEC), a specialist campus of the Riverina Institute of TAFE, Albury where he is the head teacher of a diploma offered by the TAFE.

Agricultural Climate Resilience Officer, Jill Vella, said the NEC was a unique educational facility set on a 182 hectare organic farm which Rob had designed specifically as an educational resource.

“The NEC provides programs in environmental science and sustainable agriculture and uses leading edge environmental management techniques and activities to provide high quality training to Advanced Diploma level in a number of areas,” she explained.

“Rob is an expert in waste and water management, natural resource management, agriculture, bushland regeneration, outdoor recreation, permaculture, GIS and organic farming. The topic of water management in a drier climate with more extreme rainfall events like South Gippsland will provide for some unique strategic planning and it’s a real coup to have Rob on board.”

Benita Kelsall from the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources will also provide some expert advice on the night and a number of other risk management professionals will help facilitate the discussion.

The Climate Change Café will be held at The Coffee Collective in Wonthaggi on 25 November from 6.00 – 9.00pm. Tickets cost \$30, which includes dinner and bookings can be made by contacting Council on 5662 9200.

For more information go to The Agricultural Climate Resilience Project page on Facebook.

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