



ACT NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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Field Day

Pialligo Apples -

Winner of the 2009 ACT Landcare Primary Producer Award

Saturday, 8 May 2010

9.30am-12.30pm followed by a light lunch

10 Beltana Rd, Pialligo, ACT

Hosted by Jonathan Banks, Pialligo Apples in association with the ACT Rural Landholder's Association, the ACT Natural Resource Management Council and the Molonglo Catchment Group

SPEAKERS:

Jonathan Banks

Jonathan has been producing organic apples from his Pialligo Apples orchard since 1994, without the use of conventional pesticides, herbicides or synthetic fertilisers. Jonathan will host a tour of his orchard and provide background on his operation, how he made the transition to an organic system and the trials and tribulations of organic farming.

David Dumaresq

Convenor of Graduate Coursework for the Fenner School for the Environment and Society, ANU David has been researching the sustainability of alternative farming systems, in particular organic farming. He will speak about organic farming, the value of sustainable agricultural practices and the move to local food.

David Pearson

David Pearson is responsible for the Advertising and Marketing Communications discipline and the Sustainable Food Futures Research Cluster at the University of Canberra and is an Adjunct Fellow at the ANU Fenner School of Environment and Society. David's research interests are in societal marketing and sustainable consumption with a particular focus on food. David will speak on the opportunities and challenges of local organic food production with a focus on the horticulture sector.

There is limited space so please RSVP by Wednesday 5th May, to Anna van Dugteren, ACT NRM Council, ph: 6205 2914 or email: anna.vandugteren@act.gov.au. There is no cost for the day and morning tea and lunch are provided.