

The Weed's Network Field Day 29 November 2014

At

Fix Engineering 211 Wheelers Hill Rd, Musk, Victoria

The field day will involve a presentation by Charles Merfield of the BHU Farming Centre, followed by a demonstration of farming implements designed to improve soils and manage weeds mechanically at reduced costs by Mike Fix of Fix Engineering.

Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea included courtesy of Victorian Gorse Taskforce.

Program

10:30am Morning tea on arrival

Part 1 – Presentation



11:00 – 12:00 “Creating agricultural systems to minimise weeds”
Charles “Merf” Merfield – BHU Future Farming Centre

Charles undertook his M.Sc. and PhD on agroecology, biological control and vegetable seed production (Lincoln University). His research and experience in organic farming has provided him with valuable insight into non-chemical weed management. He established the BHU Future Farming Centre, which is dedicated to the science and extension of permanent and whole-system agricultures and horticultures with a focus on providing practical outcomes for farmers and growers.

12:00 – 1:00 Lunch

Part 2 – Demonstrations



1:00 - 3:00 “Demonstration of Fix Engineering’s farming implements”
Mike Fix – Fix Engineering

Mike Fix has been in farming for over 30 years and has been manufacturing and importing farm implements for the past 15 years. At Fix Engineering he has worked to reduce the need for farmers to use chemicals and herbicides, to improve soil management and to promote good farming practices with conventional growing. Fix Engineering’s patented implements are used in Europe as well as Australia and New Zealand.

3:00 – 3:30pm Afternoon Tea and wrap up discussion

