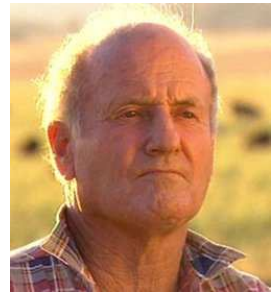


Presentation title: *Natural Sequence Farming (NSF) – Beyond “Australian Story” with Peter Andrews.*

Date & Location: *9:30am, Wednesday 5th July, Baldina Station (12kms East of Burra) until ~ 12:30pm.*

Presenter: *Peter Andrews.*



Background: *Peter Andrews has had extraordinary success in converting degraded, salt-ravaged properties into fertile, drought-resistant pastures. His methods are so at odds with conventional scientific wisdom, that for 30 years he’s been dismissed and ridiculed as a madman.*

Born in 1940 on his parent's sheep property on the Wilcannia Road just out of Broken Hill, Peter has lived his whole life affected by the droughts and floods in the Australian country.

Peter has undertaken 65 years of observation and 50 years of experimentation on farms with modern ideas melded from the past. Peter's views on working with water, soil, nutrients, salinity, biodiversity, vegetation and livestock have been regarded as highly radical. As he says himself, he was often misunderstood and frequently dismissed as a raving nut case.

Despite many trials and setbacks Peter has taken on the dual challenges of:

- landscape decline, and
- marginalisation of farming as a business.

He has identified a unique natural sequence of landscape repair processes. These processes enabled our land to be self-sustaining over hundreds of thousands of years of climatic extremes. Peter's breakthrough has been to cost-effectively mimic these processes to restore natural resilience and improve farmers' legacy to their children.

Much of Peter's time developing this integrated approach has been marked by extremely hard work and invisibility within mainstream Australia. This invisibility disappeared dramatically in July 2005 when the ABC's "Australian Story" aired a story on Peter and his concepts which has had an amazing effect. In a national poll, it was easily voted the most popular "Story" ever, and repeated the story in February 2006. Since then Governments, Farmers, Scientists, National Resource Management (NRM) Boards, The general public, and, of course Landcare groups seem to have developed an insatiable appetite for Peter's practical approaches.

As we speak, a range of trial and demonstration sites are being established across Australia. People are coming forward from the rural community, urban areas and business to apply his principals. Governments of all persuasions, NRM Boards (Catchment Management Authorities) and Landcare Groups are key players in this movement.

David Barker from Baldina Station has organised Peter Andrews to come and speak on a pilot project of NSF at Baldina Station, East of Burra. If you are interested in attending, please contact David Barker - 0407 922 513 or dbarker@rita.com.au

Peter will touch on some of the stimulating ideas and the developments that have occurred since the ground-breaking "Australian Story – Of Droughts and Flooding Rains", and apply them to the local South Australian conditions at Baldina Station, Burra.

Map to Baldina Station, Burra:

