# What participants can expect

On completion of the short course you will understand:

- ✓ Multi-species mix (both cool and warm season) to address your resource concern or animal performance.
- ✓ Suitability of your seed drill.
- ✓ How to manage stubble/litter levels.

- ✓ Fertiliser and herbicide requirements.
- ✓ Time of planting can you plant dry?
- ✓ In-crop requirements.
- ✓ Grazing impact on soil health and animal performance.
- ✓ Selecting the level of regeneration to reach your goals.
- ✓ The impacts of cover crops on: soil moisture levels, crop yields, providing 'a green bridge' for rust inoculum, plant-available nitrogen, seeding window, pests and diseases.



Practical short course for farmers keen to trial multispecies cover & forage cropping to boost soil health.







This short course in multi-species cover cropping is designed for managers of all farming operations.

Multi-species cover and forage cropping can help farmers build a soil resource base that supports production and profit in times of increased climate variation.

They also benefit integrated pest management strategies by providing habitat for predatory insects and bees.

The course will cover a range of topics including:

- Designing your own covercropping demonstration trial
- ✓ Achieving good crop yields
- Measuring changes in nutrient cycling, water infiltration and stability of your soil
- Managing key soil health processes to improve soil condition and increase farm resilience
- ✓ Increasing profitability while lowering risk

#### **Course fees**

The course fees are \$169.17 inc GST per person.

- Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea
- ✓ Course notes
- ✓ Online webinar support.

Please note, the course does not include accommodation and travel expenses to attend the course. Furthermore, participants will be required to cover the cost of their own cover cropping trial.

# How to register

The course is open to all. Payments through Eventbrite Please click link below. www.eventbrite.com.au/o/stipanative-grasses-association-inc-17106015742

Please contact Graeme for further details

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### **Times**

9.30am-3.30pm

#### Venue

"Yabtree West", 701 Yabtree Rd, Mundarlo 2729

#### **Directions**

From the Hume Highway coming south from Gundagai turn right onto Deltroit Rd 1 km after the Snowy Mountains Highway turn off. Follow Deltroit Rd to a T intersection which is Mundarlo Rd. Turn right onto Mundarlo rd. then shortly after turn left onto Yabtree Rd. Follow all signs to Yabtree West then signage to 'Vineyard'.

## **Course presenters**

Colin Seis farms a 2,000 acre mixed-farm on the central slopes of NSW and pioneered the regenerative agriculture practice of pasture cropping. The property runs around 4000 merino sheep, a Merino Stud, and grows around 500 acres of crops annually using the 'multi species pasture cropping' technique. Colin also runs a farm consultancy business advising landholders and speaks at many workshops around Australia and internationally. In 2014 Colin won the Bob Hawke Landcare Award.

**Graeme Hand** farms beef cattle near Hamilton in Victoria and is the CEO of Stipa Native Grasses Association. He also runs his own consultancy business and has delivered workshops across Australia & internationally to cropping and grazing farmers on farm financial health checks, planned grazing and forage & cover cropping.

\*Renowned US soil expert and rancher Gabe Brown will be providing design input on the multi-species cover crops.

# Course program

	Date	Time	Topics
Session	Tuesday 17	9.30 am –	Designing your winter cover cropping trial - selection of multi-species seed-mix for your farm, your machinery and your resource concerns.
One	April 2018	3.30 pm	



