



# The Derwent Catchment Project

Increasing Productivity. Restoring Landscapes

## Small farms workshop for the Derwent Valley

Make the most out of your property by developing skills in effective planning and learn about the key elements of successful farming over the course of a weekend workshop.

**Venue:** "Deyrah", 47 Old Glenfern Road, New Norfolk

**Date and time:** 10 am to 4 pm – Saturday 18th August & 25th August 2018 (2 consecutive Saturdays)

**Cost:** \$130 per person or \$180 for a couple

### Saturday 18th August

On the first day, we will work on your individual properties and their existing resources –

**Property planning:** during this exercise, we will discuss and overlay various attributes relevant to land management including the capability of your soils, existing infrastructure, access to water and your current management of each area. We will also undertake a brain-storming exercise of where to go next for your farm – delivered by Josie Kelman & Eve Lazarus.

**Information sessions:** we will provide extra information on land capability and will also consider different animals and their impact on the land, your effective grazing area and the positives and negatives of different kinds of agricultural enterprises. There will be a presentation on land stewardship, and landholder legal responsibilities - delivered by Josie Kelman & Eve Lazarus.

**Practical planning:** we will also have a Q&A session with a commercial farmer on practical planning and how this might apply to you – TBA.

### Saturday 25th August

The second day will focus on more detailed information to help you with decision making. In particular -

**Soils:** the importance of the energy cycle, critical nutrient information to support production delivered by Luke Taylor, soil scientist - AgAssist. This will also include a farm walk and kick the dirt exercise.

**Animal Health:** the basic considerations of animal health and managing a herd for health and wellbeing delivered by Dr. Libby Cooper.

**Pastures:** how to grow and manage pasture for small farm success delivered by Peter Ball - Tasmanian Institute of Agriculture. This includes a pasture walk and talk.

**Weed management:** how to best address weed issues for effective outcomes – Josie Kelman.

Then we will revisit your plans - do you have any amendments considering this new knowledge?

**To book a place please email [projects@derwentcatchment.org](mailto:projects@derwentcatchment.org) or call/text Eve on 0429 170 048 with your details...**