

Mission Statement

In keeping with the ethical principles of biodynamic and/or organic agriculture, BOAB encourages the pursuit and development of ecologically aware farming practices to a level of compliance with Australian biodynamic and/or organic certification standards.

BOAB encourages these standards to be of a practical approach for certification and with the expectations of the biodynamic and/or organic community.

The purpose of this approach is to promote conservation and rehabilitation of the soil, bio-diversity, air, and water that is compatible with the Australian landscape and environment utilising minimum impact farming systems.

BOAB aims to encourage and promote individuals to develop these farming methods on their own terms and initiatives, utilising the networking opportunities of the group without causing limitation through rigid group dogma.

Aims and Objectives

1. To establish and develop a membership for everybody interested in/or being supportive of biodynamic and/or organic farming, with voting rights retained by certified biodynamic/organic growers.
2. To foster and encourage the development of regional groups.
3. To represent growers' needs and concerns effectively to relevant bodies.
4. To provide a discussion forum and networking for everybody who is interested in the organic movement.
5. To encourage excellence in biodynamic and/or organic production, business and resource management.
6. To provide pathways to create and maintain a prosperous and sustainable biodynamic/organic agricultural sector in SA.
7. To create representation and links between biodynamic and/or organic producers, government, educators, research bodies, industry organisations, certification bodies and community, in order to enhance knowledge, understanding, friendship, vision, and leadership.
8. To advise or refer to relevant ministers on issues raised

Activities

Continuing demand in all areas of the organic industry requires us to be informed, to adapt to new systems and to conform to ever changing requirements.

BOAB offers:

- ⇒ **Field days** (4 per year) for networking and source of **information** in a relaxed environment on biodynamic and/or organic farms or enterprises.
- ⇒ Enjoy the company of other biodynamic/organic supporters, to **exchange your experience**.
- ⇒ **Discuss progress and practices** in your interest area, to **gain the confidence** in biodynamic/organic farming and systems which are simply **the best**: for the ecology, for the economy, for the health of our families and for the future.



aspects of the basic, ethical issues on which the organic movement is based.

Negotiation, learning and networking are the pathway to developing the acceptance, practices and confidence of biodynamic and/or organic farming, particularly in established farming communities. BOAB creates a forum with your voice through your BOAB-membership and participation in the field days, information meetings and discussion rounds to achieve policy negotiations, a better understanding for each others situations and issues and to be able to exchange thoughts and ideas. The aim is also to reach an understanding between consumers, growers, processors and retailers.

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Biodynamic and Organic Agricultural Bureau



About BOAB

Today's requirements upon biodynamic and/or organic food and fibre producers are more and more demanding. There is an increasing need for growers, producers, consumers, certification bodies and government departments to get an understanding for each other's requirements and issues. Consequently the idea to form a biodynamic/organic farmer's group has been growing steadily amongst many SA organic farmers. Although we are united through certification to the organic standard there are few possibilities to get together to network. A group of dedicated biodynamic and/or organic farmers called a meeting at B.-d. Farm Paris Creek in October 2005, where over 60 organically oriented farmers and supporters gathered to lay the foundation. The idea is to create a forum, where everybody is heard, regardless of the background. The common basis is "biodynamics and/or organics", this unites us with a representative voice.

BOAB (Biodynamic and Organic Agricultural Bureau), has been established under the umbrella of the SA Agricultural Bureau, and has developed significant milestones since it's inception.

Being acknowledged by the certification bodies continuously gives the committee ground to work on a range of topics, such as Australian Standards, auditing and documentation. Working with other state based groups as well as accepting the invitation to work with the Organic Federation of Australia (OFA) gives the committee the opportunity to gather state wide information and to put the farmers voice on the table of federal ministers and other relevant bodies to achieve grower consultation in the industry.

We have a long way to go – let's walk it together!

To achieve our goals, we need your support – today!

If you want to benefit from the informative mail outs, discuss your ideas and issues at workshops and field days, want to enjoy the networking and the good company and if you are a supporter of organics, then join us and **become a Member of BOAB, Leading Organics in SA!**

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Leading Organics in SA

The Committee

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Membership Form

Name _____

Street / PO Box _____

City _____

Postcode / State _____

Phone / Fax _____

Mobile _____

E-mail address _____

D.O.B. / male / female _____

Membership status (please tick)

Supportive Member Certified Member In Conversion Member In Pre-certification Member

Certification Body _____

Farm Enterprises / Interests (if applicable)

<input type="checkbox"/> Cereal	<input type="checkbox"/> Market Garden	<input type="checkbox"/> Orchard
<input type="checkbox"/> Pasture	<input type="checkbox"/> Seed Production	<input type="checkbox"/> Vineyard
<input type="checkbox"/> Horses	<input type="checkbox"/> Hay / Fodder	<input type="checkbox"/> Dairy Cattle
<input type="checkbox"/> Poultry	<input type="checkbox"/> Bee Keeping	<input type="checkbox"/> Sheep-wool
<input type="checkbox"/> Goats	<input type="checkbox"/> Grain Legume	<input type="checkbox"/> Sheep-meat
<input type="checkbox"/> Pigs	<input type="checkbox"/> Beef Cattle	<input type="checkbox"/> Tourism
<input type="checkbox"/> Forestry	<input type="checkbox"/> Other, please state.....	

Farm Size (ha)

<1 <99 <500 <1000 <2000 >2000

Position:

Owner Manager Share Farm Hand

Full Time Part Time Casual

Membership Fee: **\$ 45** (incl. GST \$ 4.09)
Members of other AG Bureau Branches: **\$17.50** (incl. GST \$1.59)

Please return this form and a cheque to the Branch Treasurer:
Mel Edwards, 1 Yultiwirra Rd. Delamere SA, 5204. Make cheque payable to BOAB, please.

For any queries regarding membership fees please call Mel on 8598 0208.

Signature: _____ Date: _____