TIA hosts webinars during National Science Week

The Tasmanian Institute of Agriculture (TIA) invites the community to join researchers for a discussion about agriculture next week as part of National Science Week.

TIA is hosting lunchtime webinars on Tuesday, August 15, and Thursday, August 17, to open up a conversation about the importance of science in enabling sustainable agricultural practices.

TIA Director Professor Holger Meinke said TIA was committed to undertaking world-leading research that contributes to a productive, profitable and sustainable agriculture industry with tangible benefits for Tasmania.

“A lot of the research that we do at TIA is about finding ways to maximise agricultural productivity while also ensuring the industry’s long-term viability through sustainable practices,” Professor Meinke said.

“During National Science Week there is an opportunity to hear from Dr Bill Cotching and Dr Beth Penrose on the topics of soils and pastures – two very important topics in agriculture.

“As agricultural production intensifies around the world, sustainable agricultural practices will become even more vital for the future of our planet.”

On Tuesday, join Dr Bill Cotching from 12-1pm as he talks about the importance of soils and shares challenges, reality, expectations, sensing and perceptions derived from 40 years of working on farms with farmers.

On Thursday, join Dr Beth Penrose from 12-1pm for a discussion about the important role that pastures play in our agricultural industries and what TIA is doing in this area.

This is an opportunity to hear from some of TIA’s engaging and highly-qualified researchers. The webinars are open to anyone interested in a discussion about the future of agriculture and the important role that science plays in our agricultural industries.

TIA is a joint venture between the Tasmanian Government and the University of Tasmania.
Webinar details:

Dr Bill Cotitching - A case study of soils and water
Tuesday, 15 August 2017 from 12-1pm
Register here - https://livestream.com/UniversityofTasmania/events/7573752

Dr Beth Penrose - The science of pasture management
Thursday, 17 August 2017 from 12-1pm
Register here - https://livestream.com/UniversityofTasmania/events/7573761

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