

# Soils and Soil Test Interpretation

Webinar series with soil scientist and educator

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Your property's soil is arguably your primary asset and you may well be allocating a good portion of your annual budget towards liming and/or some form of fertiliser. So, it makes sense to understand how your soil works (its biology, structure and minerals) and how best to manage it productively and sustainably.

This series of three webinars will cover soil health and soil testing basics through to the key components of your soil tests. Whether you are just starting out or have been taking soil tests for a while, one or all of these webinars will have something for you.

There is time scheduled between Sessions 1 and 2 to allow you to collect and send off soil samples and receive your results in preparation for Sessions 2 and 3.

### SESSION 1:

Monday, 7 September 2020,  
10-12 pm

#### The Basics

- Components of soil
- Soil horizons
- Why soil test?
- How to take a soil sample
- Where to send it

### SESSION 2:

Monday, 12 October 2020,  
10-12 pm

#### Soil Characteristics and Macronutrients

- Cation exchange capacity
- Soil pH and aluminium
- Organic matter
- Phosphorus, Nitrogen,  
Potassium, Sulphur

### SESSION 3:

Thursday, 15 October 2020,  
10-12 pm

#### Trace elements and ratios

- Calcium magnesium ratio
- Salinity
- Sodidity
- Common soil types of the  
Goulburn Broken Catchment

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During the webinars we will be referring to the booklet [Understanding your soil test step-by-step](#). You can request a free hard copy at registration.

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