



## Norfolk Island Hosts Internationally Acclaimed Four Day Seminar

If you are involved in any form of agriculture enterprise, if you would like to discover more about your potential to achieve optimum health and longevity or if you are seeking the latest strategies to improve your home garden, then consider the upcoming Certificate in Sustainable Agriculture course scheduled for **September 23<sup>rd</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> 2009** on Norfolk Island.

If you are an Australian primary producer, then the full cost of the course and a substantial percentage of accommodation and travel expenses will be reimbursed via the Australian Government **FarmReady scheme**. This is a rare opportunity for growers to combine a unique educational experience with a visit to this very special, slice of Pacific paradise.

The four day NTS Certificate in Sustainable Agriculture Course has been critically acclaimed on four continents. Writer/educator, **Graeme Sait** and leading biological agronomist, Steve Capeness will fascinate and enthrall seminar patrons with the latest research into soil and plant health. Discover the intriguing relationship between minerals and soil micro-organisms and acquire a host of new information in relation to feeding plants and protecting them from disease and insects.

This information-packed course also includes several in-depth presentations on human health management and it culminates in a wellness workshop where seminar patrons are tested for minerals, heavy metals, antioxidants and a variety of other health markers. You will leave this course with a specific, personalised game plan to improve your health issues and increase your happiness and longevity.

Norfolk Island's rich volcanic soil and semi tropical climate make it a haven for the sustainable production of nutrient-dense food and it is also a gardener's delight. Participants will learn how to use newly-developed biological techniques to get the most out of their farms or gardens.

The company behind the seminar is Nutri-Tech Solutions (NTS) ([www.nutri-tech.com.au](http://www.nutri-tech.com.au)), a Queensland-based organisation who are widely considered as world leaders in biological agriculture. NTS have been supported by the Norfolk Island Government to provide organic and "Nutrition Farming" advice to the island's farmers, orchardists and gardeners over the past 18 months. However, this is the first time that the Island Government has opted to support this course for international consumption.

Coordinator Robin Adams said the four day seminar and associated one day farm tour was set up to give farmers and gardeners alike, the opportunity to learn NTS techniques in a fertile paradise. NTS has developed a prescription blend fertiliser for the island called Norfolk Gold™ and there have been some amazing results achieved using this potent biological fertiliser.

"Just by getting our soil balances right and addressing deficiencies with the right organically-friendly response we are seeing remarkable results on our farms and in our gardens," she said. "Even the golf course is looking greener and healthier."

Ms Adams, who traces her family tree back to the Bounty Mutineers and runs a two acre garden on the island ([www.camelotgardens.norfolk.net.nf](http://www.camelotgardens.norfolk.net.nf)), said tour participants stood to qualify for an NTS Certificate in Sustainable Agriculture by completing the four-day seminar.

"They will also see our farms and gardens at their best in the spring. Plants already seem to grow before the eyes in our rich volcanic soil, but we are starting to achieve growth and bulk like never before.

"I've had to prop up my mandarin trees this year, and we are seeing amazing colours and re-discovering flavours that we thought were gone forever."

The Norfolk Island Travel Centre is offering a special package for Australians wanting to take part in the seminar. Costs are from **\$1049** per person ex Brisbane and **\$1132pp** ex Sydney and include return airfares, taxes (Norfolk Island departure fee extra), seven nights twin share accommodation, seven night car hire (insurance, petrol extra), meet and greet at Norfolk Island Airport and giveaways including a discount shopping card. Seminar fee of **\$599pp** is extra and includes an Edible Gardens tour.

More information from Robin Adams at [www.sustainablenorfolk.com](http://www.sustainablenorfolk.com). Bookings and information from The Travel Centre on freecall 1800 1400 66 or email [melissa@travelcentre.nf](mailto:melissa@travelcentre.nf). See [www.norfolkisland.com.au](http://www.norfolkisland.com.au) for information on Norfolk Island.

*Photos show a typical Norfolk Island panorama and seminar leader Graeme Sait in a flourishing NTS veggie patch.*



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