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Soil carbon, part of the solution to global warming

Dr. Christine Jones, from Carbon For Life will be sharing the potential of the soil to store carbon at the Discovering Landcare Forum later this month in Roma.

“The capacity for appropriately managed soils to store atmospheric carbon is enormous,” Dr. Jones said.

“The world’s soils hold around three times as much carbon as the atmosphere and over four times as much carbon as vegetation. Soil represents the largest carbon sink over which we have control,” she said.

Event organiser, Pam Fisher, from the Queensland Murray-Darling Committee, said “we are very excited to have a speaker with such depth of knowledge and experience coming to Roma.”

“Christine has been working in this field for many years and it will be great to explore her ideas and the potential they have for landholders in this district.”

Christine Jones will speak alongside Shane Joyce, from Biodynamic Agriculture Australia, at a dinner at the White Bull Tavern in Roma on 28 August.

The two day Discovering Landcare Forum will also include sessions for schools, and the general public, on such topics as climate change, the Daughterless Carp program, DNA sampling, GPS, and a look at the lunar eclipse with the Cosmos Centre.

To find out more about the third annual Discovering Landcare Forum, or to register to attend the speakers event, contact Pam Fisher on 07 4622 2993.

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Images

Below: images from the 2006 Discovering Landcare Forum, held in Toowoomba. The event was extremely popular with students, attracting over 350 kids and teachers from around southern Queensland. The 2007 event, making its first appearance in a regional centre at Roma, will also be open to adults and community members.



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