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Roma: Peter Andrews to speak to locals about farming in drought

Roma locals will have the opportunity to hear directly from controversial farmer and subject of ABC's *Australian Story*, Peter Andrews, when he addresses local Landcarers on 11 September.

Peter Andrews, racehorse breeder and farmer, has recently become widely known in rural communities for his remarkable success in converting degraded, salt-ravaged properties into fertile, drought-resistant pastures.

Peter will address members of the public about his Natural Sequence Farming method, said to be achieving amazing environmental and production benefits very cheaply, simply and quickly.

Peter's method for reducing drought severity and boosting farm productivity will provide insights for local land managers as he will share his experiences working with nature, instead of against it.

Speaking about his radical farming practices with ABC, Peter said, "many people seem to believe that it [Natural Sequence Farming] is the ray of hope that they were all looking for. I hope that it proves to be correct."

Labelled for years as a madman, Peter said he was just learning from and following the natural course of the Australian landscape. "All I was doing was telling them exactly what's there," he told ABC.

Now, with the support of scientists, ecologists, and former Deputy Prime Minister John Anderson, Peter's experiences will be expected to bring that "ray of hope" to land managers in the Roma district.

"Peter is a very sought after speaker and I encourage members of the local community to take advantage of this opportunity to find out about his ideas," Maranoa-Balonne Catchment Team Coordinator, Jamie Gorry said.

Peter will be speaking in Roma at the Landcare and Catchment Management Groups' annual dinner, to be held at the Roma Bungil Cultural Centre on 11 September. For catering purposes, please contact Angela at the Landcare and Catchment Centre on 4622 8446 or AngelaB@qmdc.org.au. Cost of the dinner will be \$25 per person.

Peter's autobiography, *Back from the Brink*, will be released by ABC bookstores in October this year.

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