



## Take your Farm and Production to the next level Farm Business Boot Camp **GREEN**: 2012

Vanguard has been working for some 12 years on creating and delivering innovative products and services to our farming clients across NSW. We have partnered with NSW Department of Primary Industries (Tocal College) to create a new program, Farm Business Boot camp **GREEN**. This is a ground-breaking program that will take your business to the next *ecological level*.

### Farm Business Boot Camp **GREEN**:

This program has been built on a foundation of best practice in practical land management: mixing business, production and ecological topics. Practical science, innovative information and learning in action, will build on foundations that many have already developed, but would like to further develop.

#### **Intensive, regular contact:**

This program will be intensive. There is work to do! It will involve a commitment of **6 days** and work at home on assignments relevant to your own farm. Our aim is that when you have worked through our program your land will start to show positive impacts and your overall business will improve from the ground up, making a lasting change to how you see and manage your land.

#### **What will it cover?**

The program will incorporate the principles of Allan Savory's Holistic Management® in a dynamic networking setting. It will bring to you the latest 'next generation' thinking in:

1. Goal formation, decision making and your farms ecological policies – we'll guide you on how to make more effective decisions on good land management, focussing on grazing management and the range of low cost land management tools you have....some you may not have thought of.
2. Understanding your farm's natural ecosystem and biodiversity and the importance of this to soil health. Building soil carbon. You will learn the skills to monitor your land health and identify how you can use grazing management to improve your land.
3. Production Management: Pasture Cropping, Biological farming, Grazing Management and recent land management innovations and technologies that improve farm ecology, production and profit, focussing on grazing management.
4. Mapping out the future of your farm, taking into account innovations in fencing, water and monitoring technology to run a simple low cost operation to create a farm plan for the future. Including an introduction to planned grazing.
5. Design a paddock restoration project that brings together all of your learning to be able to identify paddock based problems, research their causes and plan, budget and implement practical solutions.

We have excellent *farmer speakers* lined up to share their experiences, great easy to read manuals and can offer a range of computer spreadsheets and materials that will help you put your learning into practice. Expect high quality!

**Feedback from our recent course: “An inspiring, informative and refreshing course that gave me the opportunity to meet with like-minded people and an opportunity to share and develop my skills whilst learning”.**

If you complete the assignments to the required level, you can be assessed against the following units of competency:

RTE3714A	Maintain and monitor environmental work practices	1 day farmer speaker
RTE5516A	Develop a whole farm plan	2 days industry speakers
RTE5523A	Develop climatic risk management strategies	1 day industry speakers
RTD4504A	Monitor Biodiversity	1 day on farm, farmer speaker
RTD5503A	Design a natural area restoration project	1 day

*Successful completion of these units will contribute 4 out of a possible 10 units towards a Full Qualification in Diploma of Agriculture.*

### **How will it work?**

The program will have a mix of one day workshops, telephone support, tutorials and coaching. All of this is designed to help you apply the information to your business straight away; overcome challenges, identify the weak links and *create long term lasting benefits*.

### **Our Commitment to You**

We will work with you to make sure you finish the program, remain committed and reap the benefits.

### **Cost: No cost!**

We feel this is exceptionally good value! If we were to offer this to you as an individual it would cost many thousands of dollars. Funding has been provided by NSW Department of Education and Training through the Strategic Skills Program (SSP) - Green Skills.

### **Registration**

Numbers are limited to 20 people so complete the attached **commitment form** and send/fax it back to us ASAP. We expect the program to be over-subscribed!

### **Course start dates and locations**

Wagga June 2012

***Please consider making this commitment to your family, your business and your land.  
We know you will benefit immeasurably from this program.***

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