

EVENT PROGRAM

Saturday 8th August 2015YABBY FARMING
FIELD DAY

sponsored by the NSW Aquaculture Association Inc., "Yabby Dabba Doo" Yabby Farm, and Aquatic Engineering Australia Pty Limited

VENUE

"Yabby Dabba Doo"

Yabby Farm

123 Swan Bay Road

Swan Bay NSW

- 9.00 Registration and Trap placement.** *(For those there early we will be setting traps in the ponds - we will pull them in later that day to show you what they catch, how the various traps work and which are the most efficient, etc.)*
- 9:30 Start - Welcome and Introductions - Jamie Williams, Director Yabby Dabba Doo, Yabby Farm.**
- 9.45 Commercial yabby pond, design and construction. Rob McCormack, Secretary NSWAA, Director RBM Aquaculture & Australian Aquatic Biological P/L.** *(Bring your gum boots and umbrella, join us to walk around the commercial aquaculture ponds, see how they are constructed and what you need to do to construct a perfect commercial yabby pond)*
- 10.15 Artificial shelters - Options/designs. Rob McCormack.** *For commercial production you need to add shelter to the ponds. Yabbies use the floor of the pond only allowing a limited number of yabbies in the pond. If you add shelter you can double, triple or more increase the production from that pond. See the types of shelters used and how they are set for easy removal from the ponds and used for juvenile harvesting etc.*
- 10.35 Fencing Ponds - Rob McCormack.** *Commercial yabby ponds need external perimeter fencing to ensure yabbies don't wander from the ponds and to keep predators like turtles and eels from getting into the ponds. See the fencing and discuss the options and requirements.*
- 10.45 Bird Netting - Paul Van der Werf, President NSW AA, Director Eathan Group.** *One of the major predators of yabbies are birds. Specifically cormorants or shags can devastate commercial ponds. The easiest remedy is to net the ponds. See netted pond, see the netting erected, how it's affixed and discuss alternatives.*
- 11.00 Morning tea/Coffee, Tea or Orange Juice with biscuits.**
- 11.30 Harvesting Yabbies - Rob McCormack.** *We will harvest the yabbies from the traps we set first thing that morning. We will be harvesting from \$5 box traps, assorted operahouse yabby traps and even the \$250 super traps. See how it's done and what you can catch.*

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- 12.00 Yabby Holding and Purging Systems - Design and Construction - Paul Van der Werf.** *See a commercial purging system in operation, see how it's constructed and how you can build yours at home. Discuss the pros and cons with Paul, one of Australia's leading experts on recirculating aquaculture systems.*
- 12.30 Ultra Filtration Mobile Unit - Chris Young, Aquatic Engineering Australia.** *See the unit in operating with demonstration of sediment removal. See how this demonstration unit can turn turbid dam water into clear, clean water.*
- 12.45 Government requirements in getting started - Graeme Bowley, Aquaculture Policy Officer, Fisheries NSW.** *Discuss with Graeme the government requirements in getting started. Find out all you need to know and make contact with the man you will need to apply to.*
- 1.10 Yabby Marketing - Sizes - Grades - Markets - Rob McCormack & Paul Van der Werf.** *See the different size yabbies and discuss the markets for each. Learn where you can sell them and what you can expect in return for your produce.*
- 1.35 Question Time.** *Open forum question time, make sure you get all the answers to all your questions. It's a great opportunity with some of Australia's leading industry experts there to answer all your questions. (Industry consultants can charge \$100-200/hr for consultancy, you have them there at no extra charge so make good use of them).*
- 2.00 Official Finish**
- 2.01 Drinks and a sausage sizzle or similar.** *Everyone welcome to stay on for further chat and networking with fellow aquaculturalist.*



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