



# Media Release

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## **'Farmers Talking to Farmers' Aims to Improve Soil and Crop Health**

Two leading farmers from Tasmania's north west are helping their north-eastern counterparts to improve their soils and yields.

Michael Nichols and Darren Long will speak about their experiences with innovative farming techniques at a 'Farmers talking to Farmers' event in Scottsdale later this month.

The event is being organised by NRM North, through funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Program.

NRM North's Land Program Manager, Adrian James, said the evening was a great opportunity for north-eastern producers to hear from other farmers outside their district with different experiences.

"Michael Nichols farms at Sisters Creek, holds the Australian records for canola and wheat yields and has used drones, soil mapping and variable rate fertiliser to develop greater yield uniformity," Mr James said.

"Darren Long from Sheffield, is well known in the north west as an innovative farmer who has used cover crops over many years to dramatically improve soil health while producing potatoes in a tight rotation."

Mr Long said it was a great event enabling farmers to learn from each other.

"We all share the same experiences and all have mud on our boots so I expect to learn from other farmers as well."

The event will be held on Wednesday, June 20, starting at 4pm at Trevor Hall's farm, 15 Williams Rd, Scottsdale. It will then move to the Scottsdale Football Club for a BBQ and evening presentations starting at 6pm.

To RSVP, contact NRM North's Regional Landcare Facilitator, Peter Heading, on [pheading@nrmnorth.org.au](mailto:pheading@nrmnorth.org.au), or 0400 737 253 / 6333 7777.

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