**Are you the South Coast NRM 2020 Soil Health Champion?**

In March 2020 the Talkin’ Soil Health event will take place, returning to York. We are celebrating the achievements of South Coast NRM farmers through farmer presentations and the Soil Health Champion Awards.

**What is a Soil Health Champion?**

A Soil Health Champion is a South Coast NRM region farmer who is an inspiration to those around them. They embody the principals of sustainable agriculture and natural resource management. They have a strong drive to improve the health of their soils. They are the farmers of today who will influence our farmers of tomorrow.

If that is you, or someone you know, please nominate today.

**How to become a Soil Health Champion?**

Applicants need to complete the nomination form; you may nominate yourself or someone else.

Nominees will be shortlisted by South Coast NRM staff and may be asked a few simple questions over the phone regarding what they do, why they do it, what they have achieved or hope to achieve and their future plans.

**What is required of a Soil Health Champion?**

Once selected the Soil Health Champion will be asked to:

• Attend the Talkin’ Soil Health Conference 12-13 March in York 2020, including conference cocktail party where their award will be presented. Attendance tickets, meals, accommodation and travel reimbursement at 68c per kilometre will be funded by South Coast NRM as part of the Award.

**How will the applications be assessed?**

South Coast NRM will establish an assessment panel. Assessment will consider the applicant’s demonstrated commitment to sustainable agriculture, natural resource management and improving the health of their soils.

We are looking for a farmer that is committed to the vision identified in the Regional NRM Strategy.

**Applications close February 21st, 2020, 5:00pm**

**Nomination Form**

First Name: Click or tap here to enter text. Surname: Click or tap here to enter text.

Property name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Number of hectares: Click or tap here to enter text.

Farming system (mixed, broadacre cropping, etc): Click or tap here to enter text.

Postal address: Click or tap here to enter text.

Telephone: Click or tap here to enter text.

Email address: Click or tap here to enter text.

**How has the nominee inspired you and fellow farmers?** You may tick multiple boxes.

[ ] They/I live to a personal vision for healthy soils, sustainable agriculture and natural resource management.

[ ] They/I willingly share their learnings with others.

[ ] They/I demonstrate an enthusiasm for trialling new practices.

[ ] They/I are seen as advocates of sustainable agriculture in the farming community, local community, broader networks, authorities and/or researchers.

[ ] Other

**Please give a short description (100 words or less) introducing the nominee and outlining why they are a Soil Health Champion in your view**

Click or tap here to enter text.

**Your details (If you are nominating yourself please write “As above”)**

First Name: Click or tap here to enter text. Surname: Click or tap here to enter text.

Telephone: Click or tap here to enter text. Email address: Click or tap here to enter text.

The nominee is aware of this nomination YES/NO

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE FRIDAY 21 FEBRUARY, 5:00PM**

Please email the completed form to Kylie Fletcher at kylief@southcoastnrm.com.au

Any questions regarding the form or the process, please contact David Broadhurst via phone (08 9076 2210 (ext 210)) or email (davidb@southcoastnrm.com.au).