

**Soils on the Mornington Peninsula (Main Ridge  
Community Hall, Main Ridge: 24<sup>th</sup> June 2012)  
*Feedback and Evaluation***

***Peninsula Pastures and Produce* program  
event report and evaluation for the;  
“*Soils on the Mornington Peninsula*”  
*Information day***

Main Ridge Community Hall, Main Ridge, Sunday June  
24<sup>th</sup> 2012



**“Information presented in an easy to understand format that catered for a cross section of farmland, natural values and the home garden”**

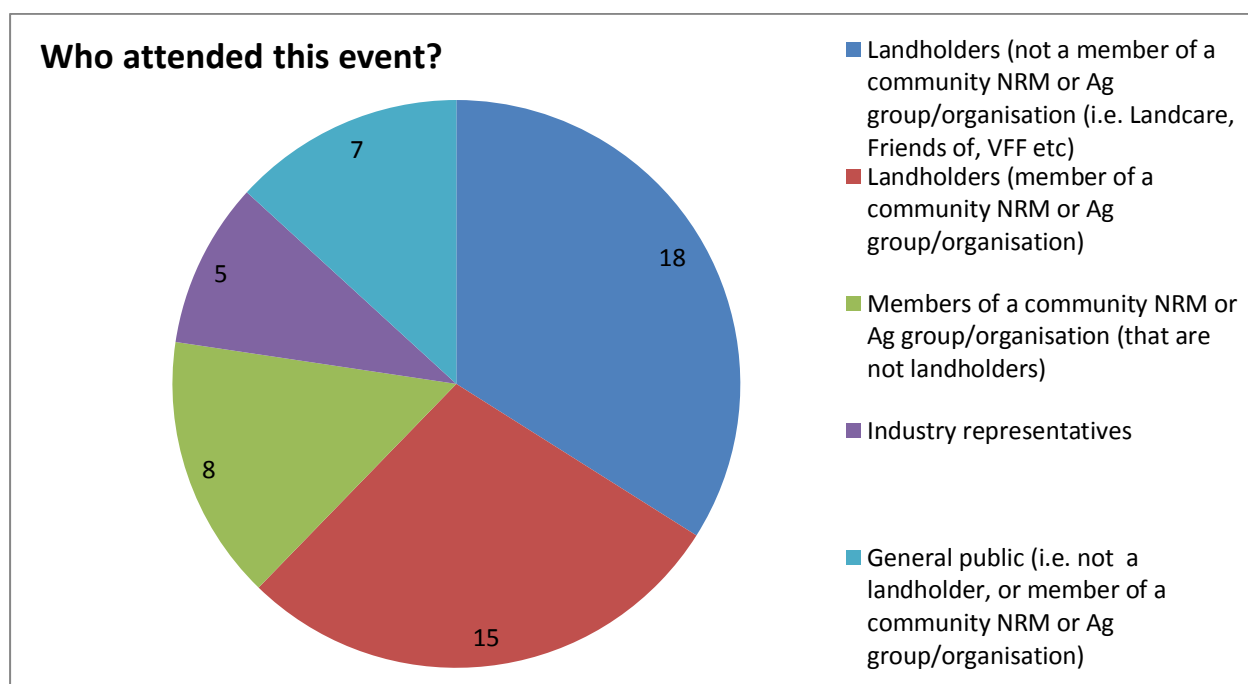
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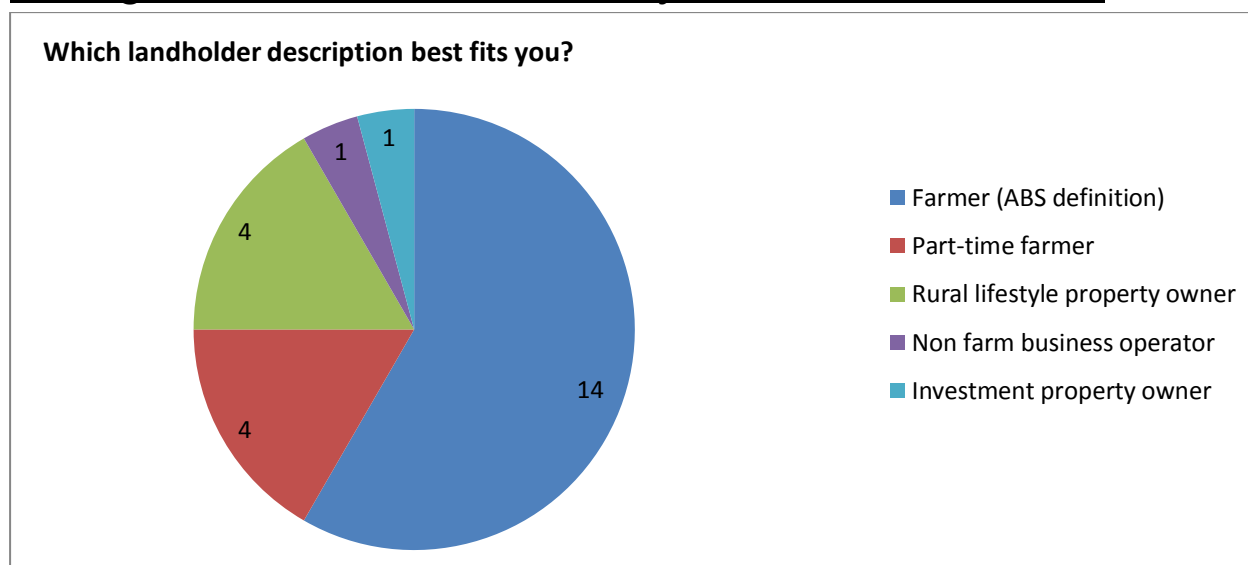
### Event participant details:

55 participants on the day, of which 26 completed feedback forms and 49 registered prior to the event (*please refer to pages 2 and 3, for a better understanding of who attended on the day*)

### Background – Pre event survey results



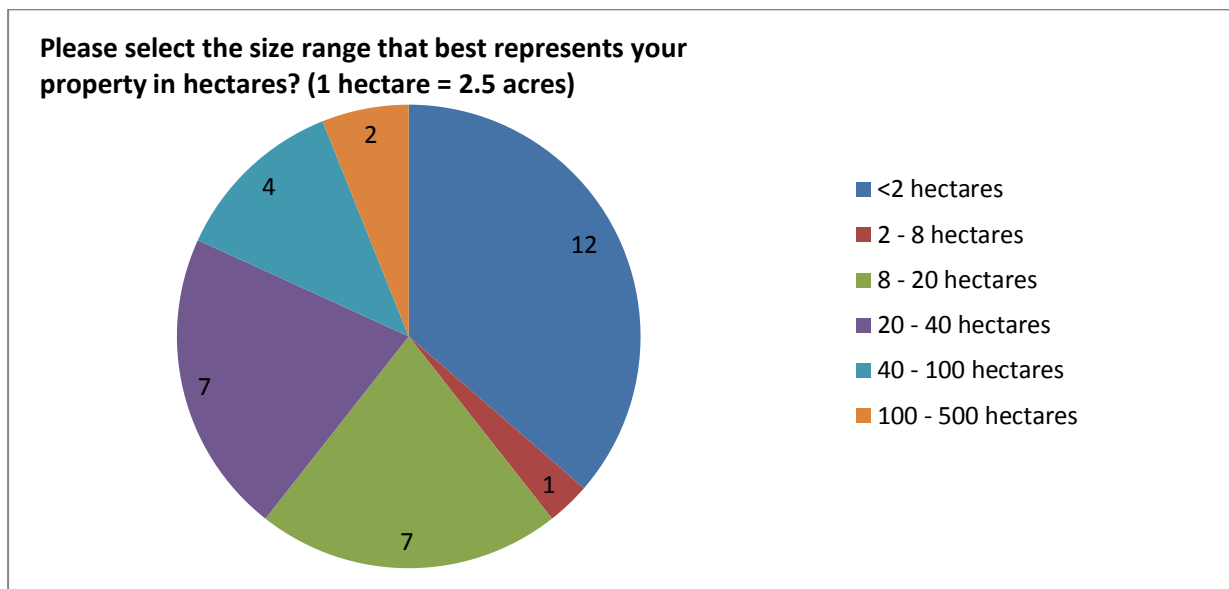
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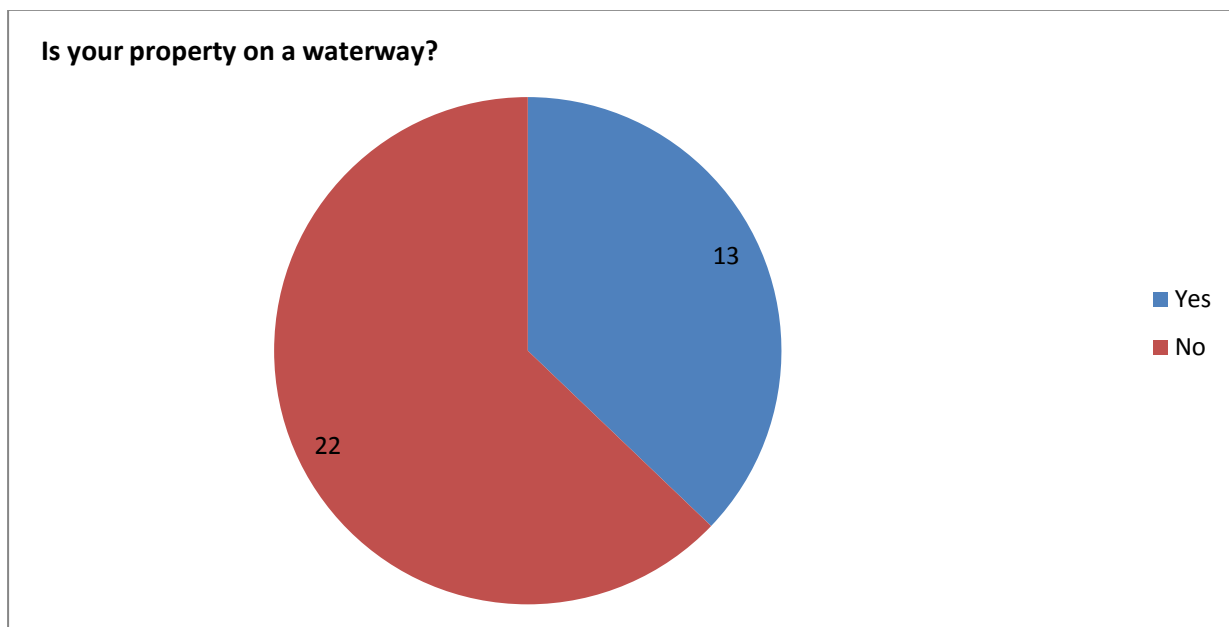
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### Post event Survey Results

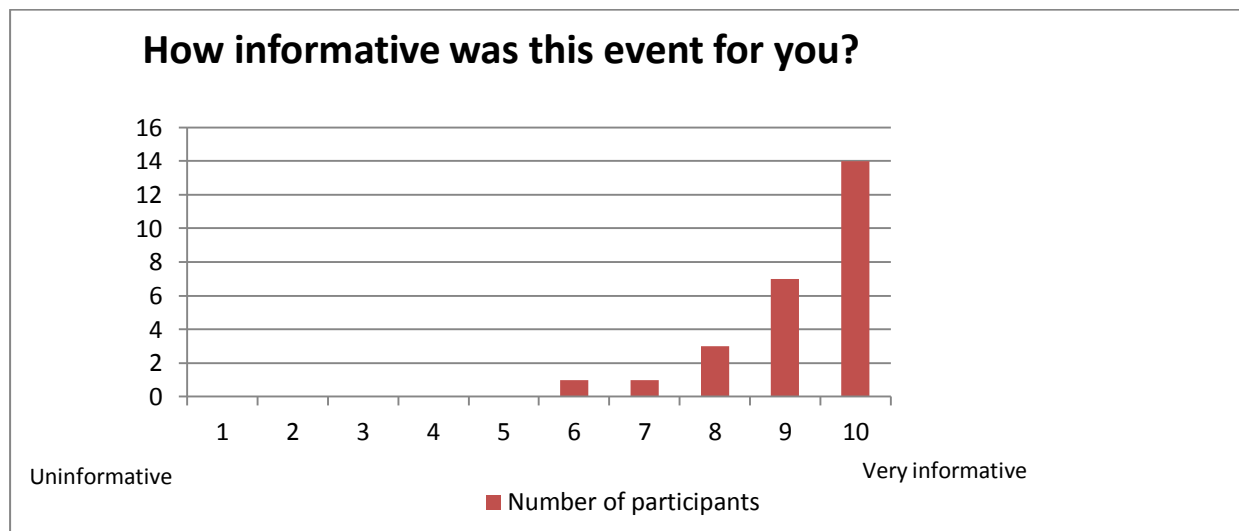


### **What did you think of this event?**

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### Why did participants find this event informative or uninformative?

- Highly relevant information
- Information presented in an easy to understand format, aimed at a cross section of farmland, natural values and home garden
- Skilling up on areas I lacked knowledge/science about
- More people becoming aware of biological farming
- Explanation of role of microbes in compost & its benefits
- Great presenters - very knowledgeable
- It covered information I don't have

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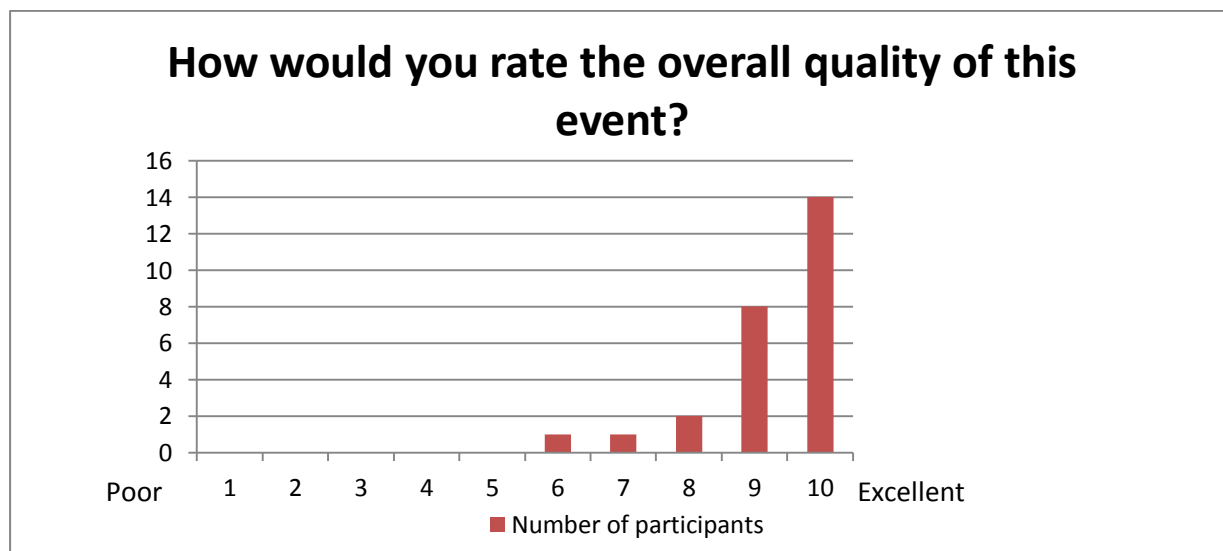


**Why did participants find this event to be either useful, or not so useful, in assisting with the work they carry out on their land (be it public or private)?**

- Immediately applicable
- New definition of "weeds>green waste - collect & create compost heaps on Foreshore Reserve
- Our property has very degraded soil, this event was very helpful to guide how to improve the soil
- Because keen to reduce non-biological inputs whilst improving the soil
- The more I know, the more effective I can be as a Biosphere Director

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### What did the participants say about the quality of this event?

- Made me think more about alternate strategies
- Knowledgeably presented, very well organised
- See above - also group size about right, timing good + length and the structure was pretty well ideal
- Top notch speakers with plenty of time for questions
- Made me think more about alternate strategies

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### **What do you think were the best aspects of this event?**

#### ***Participant comments:***

- Resources, support, education
- Great speakers – Mary Cole, Denis Cox and Matt Khoury
- Mary Cole, venue and additional presentations
- Catering
- Really good information and speaker
- The content of the presentations
- Practical advice on how to make compost tea etc
- Practical nature of content
- Great speakers and nice casual atmosphere
- The excellent presentation by Mary Cole
- Understanding of geology





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- Good display of alternative pasture support – wonder if it is applicable to broad acre farm
- Having the whole afternoon with a specialist who has extensive experience. Dr Mary Cole, fantastic and great teacher
- New information about caring for our soil + futures
- Having a speaker on a topic that is rarely offered
- Essential knowledge + thought provoking
- Practical, inexpensive, common sense (sustainable) information
- Great message
- Passionately presented
- Wide range of relevant questions answered extremely well
- Importance of fungi and composting
- Lots of Q & A + ideal presenters.
- Subject very important and fundamental for all landholders
- Quality of presentation, very good slide support
- Made me think more about alternate strategies
- Everything
- Good questions from audience and enthusiasm
- Clear explanation of the science of soil
- Questions and answers were great

### **What do you think could have been improved? Was there anything missing?**

#### ***Participant comments:***

- There could have been more handy practical advice about how to apply the technique (compost tea) to broad acres
- Advertised more, no growers
- More practical applications, sufficient to enable individuals to leave session and apply immediately.
- Can't think of any improvement.
- More time – another presentation
- Need more of this on the Mornington Peninsula

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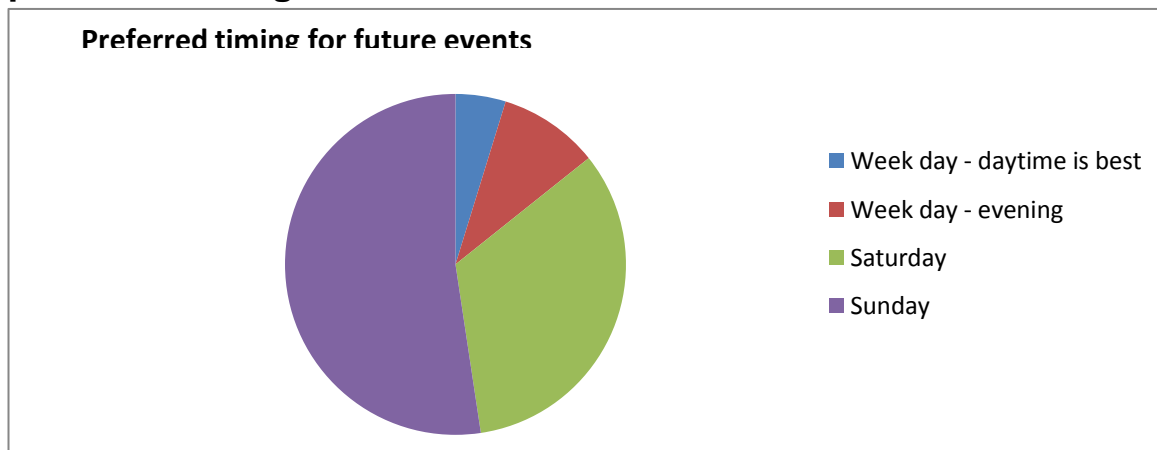
- Spread the “sustainability” message about the importance of healthy soils.
- Specific details on composting
- Bags for information pamphlets
- No all great thankyou!
- Hands on demonstration
- Handouts
- Continual updating sessions – just more of the same

### Do you have any other comments about this event?

#### *Participant comments:*

- Thankyou!
- Well organised, interesting and friendly event
- Thanks for the presentation
- The PPWCMA, Shire and DSE to be congratulated for their events
- Thanks Matt. Well done again.
- Excellent presentation
- A truly wonderful contribution to our community and a tremendous help for a move towards a sustainability and Biosphere health.
- Very good thankyou!

### This event was held during daytime on a Sunday, what is your preferred timing for future events?



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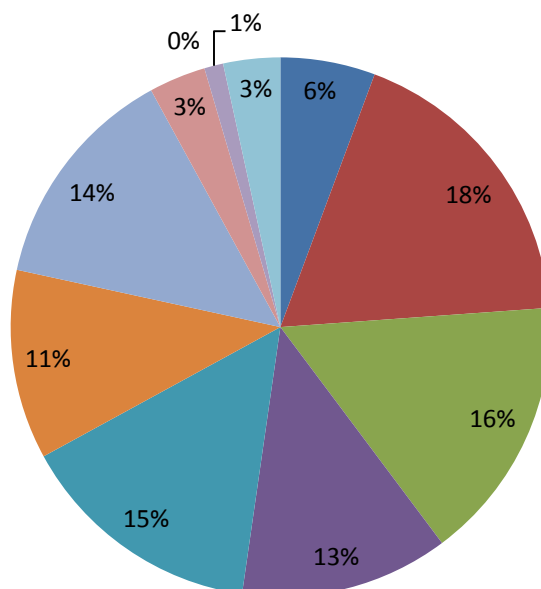
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### What did our participants want to learn more about? And how did they find out about this Peninsula and Pastures and Produce (PPP) program event?

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#### What topics would you like to learn more about at upcoming PPP program events

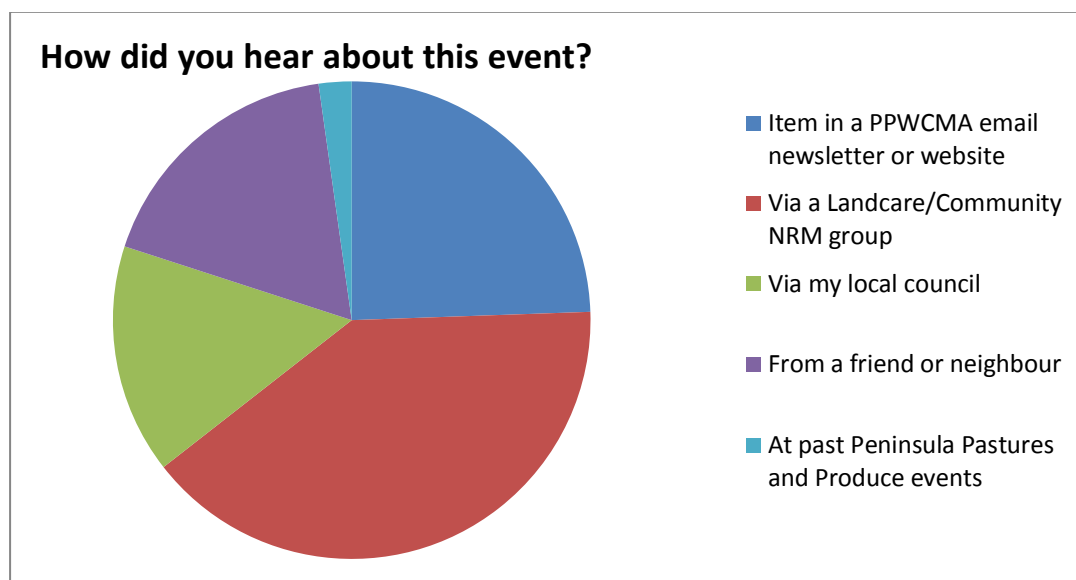
- Property management planning
- Protecting and enhancing native vegetation and biodiversity
- Improving the health of creeks and streams
- Protecting and improving wetland environments
- Pest plant control and management
- Pest animal control and management
- Soil and pasture management
- Managing a small beef heard
- Managing a small sheep heard
- Equiculture (managing horses on small properties)
- other (please describe)



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### **Coordinators closing comments:**

Mary. Thank you very much for your willingness to partake in the 'Soils on the Mornington Peninsula' information day. Your knowledge, expertise and ability to convey it is truly commendable, and on the day, it was greatly appreciated by all!

Both Denis and I are really looking forward to working with you again at some stage in the not too distant future.

*Please note: the information contained in this document is aimed at assisting all of our PPP program partners in planning for future awareness raising and capacity building events. Also remember that if you're planning an event and you would like me to help with the advertising, please feel free to send me through the details, and I would be more than happy to do so.*

Once again, thank you!!

Cheers,

Matt



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