

**GM Crops & Foods - The winners & losers**  
***A City of Greater Bendigo Sponsored Forum***

**Opening Address:** Mayor David Jones. **Chair:** Councillor Rod Fyffe.

**Speakers:**

**Dr. Maarten Stapper, Former Principal Research Scientist, CSIRO.**

*A soil scientist and farming systems agronomist with 30 years experience over four continents, including dryland and irrigated wheat research. A national Biological Farming consultant specializing in soil health, rehydrating the landscape, workshops and on-farm project management. Member, Institute of Health and Environmental Research Inc.*

Does one gene make a difference?

What happened to all those GM promises, and can GM fix soil salinity & acidity?

Why is GM Unhealthy for us, our environment, our economy?

How (not) to design an experiment to prove GM food safety

Who directs our research and regulators & what is being reported?

WHO PROFITS? Farmers? Consumers? Companies?

Do we really need GM? What are the alternatives?

**Graham Connell, Member of Victorian Apiarists Association.**

What are the risks to beekeepers, honey packers, food processors & the wider farming community from GM crops? Who covers liability?

The urgent need for a GM Crops Public Register.

**Graeme Mulholland, Vic. rep., Australian Grain Harvesters Association.**

What are the harvest, supply chain, transport and storage arrangements for GM crops? How will these prevent contamination? Who covers liability? The urgent need for a GM Crops Public Register.

**Fran Murrell, Jessica Harrison MADGE (Mothers are Demystifying GE).**

How has lifting the GM crops moratorium removed consumer choice?

No independent scientific peer reviewed GM foods safety tests

Need for GM labelling & how you can avoid eating GM foods.

**When: 7.30 pm., Friday, August 29**

**Venue: Bendigo Library Theatre**

**Cost: Gold Coin Donation**

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