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**MEDIA RELEASE**

Daylesford Neighbourhood House will host a presentation on GM food and crops by members of MADGE – “Mothers Are Demystifying Genetic Engineering” at lunchtime on the 29<sup>th</sup> August.

“MADGE members will be answering the question - What is GM, and are we eating it ? - as well as many others,” said Fran Murrell from MADGE. “It’s our basic right to know what we are feeding to our families”.

“Why is untested GM in our food ? When have mothers asked for food engineered with viruses and bacteria to be sold to us, unlabelled ? said Jessica Harrison, another MADGE speaker. “And even more importantly, will it affect our health and is the rise in allergies linked to the presence of GM products in our food ?”

After Premier Brumby lifted the GM ban in Victoria, GM canola can now be grown anywhere in the state, and will enter our food, unlabelled. This will affect many areas of agricultural production, such as harvesting, beekeeping, and the sale of canola hay as animal feed. Farmers will have to deal with these problems and may have to pick up the bill if GM canola spreads.

**MADGE Presentation Friday 29th August**  
**Daylesford Neighbourhood Centre, 13 Camp St, Daylesford**

**12. 00 - 1.00pm, followed by chat and nibbles.**

Come along for an entertaining and informative look at Genetically Modified (Genetically Engineered) food and crops, from MADGE members dedicated to understanding GM and avoiding GM food products in our diets.

Examples of GM free and GM labelled foods will be on display.

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