



Hi Soil Selfies contributors

This email is firstly to say thankyou for helping to create a wonderful visual display of our Aussie soils - up-close, in-use and with their issues.



The photos going down the page on the left are collection in planning at home, Wimmera, Victoria, eastern states.

The photos going down the page on the right are Soil Selfies photos used in school sessions sorted for colour ranges of soils and to show the IYS theme.



The *Aussie Soil Selfies* display looked great in Berlin at Global Soil Week. I had some wonderful conversations there about them with people from Tunisia, Egypt, Germany, France, Finland, Ukraine, Kenya, Belgium, India, Costa Rica, Iran, Slovakia, Italy, Netherlands, and later on in France. I am very grateful to the IASS, Berlin, for their interest and belief in this project and enabling me to participate, as well as you the contributors whose photos make a very pleasurable teaching resource to use.

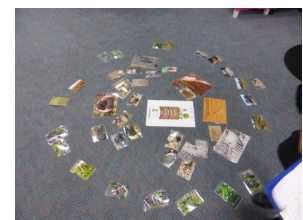
It was exciting to have people from other countries ask about extending the project to include their soils- and I will work on this in future, once I get caught up with what I have, or as submissions come in.



As a whole the collection currently has over 200 photos, which when divided by the 3 photos per site, is some 60 sites. That was quite a lot to show on the three display boards in Berlin! So they were spit up as follows: The first day had photos from the Wimmera's soils, the second day from Victoria (included some of the Wimmera) and the third was for the eastern states. The three boards were used each day to show: close-up, issues – challenges and managements - and in-use. Photos are attached on the left for you to see what this looked like.

Once it is on the website, it will be available for anyone to use it anywhere! So it is worth doing – just takes time that I have not had in the last month since returning from Berlin.

Since returning, I have written and taken to 12 school sessions in the Wimmera, a "*Soil Selfies*" session to raise awareness of soils, their variation in colour, variation in the plants they grow and how they contribute to the International Year of Soils theme "*Healthy soils for a healthy life*" Most of this session uses the in-close and the in-use photos from the Soil Selfies collections.



I will be writing the second session in this Soils program in July and it will again draw on the Soil Selfies collection.



I hope in the next month to put many of the photos onto the Soil Selfies website, but this is not a quick procedure, so it may need more time.

I will be setting up a enews list to send out notice as each group is put onto the website, so if you would prefer not to be on this please let me know in an email reply to say that.

With thanks for your involvement
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