

Discovering soils

You find soil science hard to understand? Do its fearful terms confuse you — try podzols and solonization — and do montmorillonitic minerals leave you cold?

If so, take heart! The Division of Soils has come to your rescue. It is producing simply written

(comparatively) booklets under the series title of 'Discovering Soils'.

Writer Kevin Handreck currently has six titles in the pipeline, and by the time we come into print the first four should be out. The six are:

- ▶ 'Soils — an Outline of their Properties and Management'
- ▶ 'Soil — Australia's Greatest Resource'
- ▶ 'Earthworms — for Gardeners and Fishermen'

- ▶ 'Composting — Making Soil Improver from Rubbish'

- ▶ 'What's Wrong with my Soils?'

- ▶ 'Food for Plants'

Mr Handreck plans at least four more.

Although produced mainly for secondary school students, these small booklets should interest anyone who gardens, farms, or is just plain interested in the world around him.

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