

‘From the Ground Up’: the conservation & rehabilitation of grassy ecosystems

PROGRAM*

DAY 1: Tuesday 28 November 2006

Time	Topic	Presenter
8.15-8.50am	Registration (tea & coffee provided on arrival)	
9.00-9.10am	Welcome, introduction & housekeeping	ANPC
9.10-9.50am (30 min + 10 min questions)	Landuse history - a framework for developing management strategies in grassy ecosystems	Sue McIntyre (CSIRO Sustainable Ecosystems)
9.50-10.20am (25 min + 5 min questions)	Planning for rehabilitation projects	Geoff Butler (Geoff Butler & Associates)
10.20-10.50am (30 mins)	Morning tea	
10.50-11.20am (25 min + 5 for questions)	Landscape Function Analysis (LFA) - the rapid assessment of soil health	David Tongway
11.20-11.55am (30 min + 5 for questions)	Role of soil microbes in establishment and growth of plants in rehabilitation of grasslands	Peter McGee (University of Sydney)
11.55-12.30pm (30 min + 5 for questions)	Conservation genetics and relevance to rehabilitation (final title to be confirmed)	Melinda Pickup (Centre for Plant Biodiversity Research)
12.30-1.30pm (60 min)	Lunch	
1.30-2.00pm (25 min + 5 for questions)	Developing guidelines for collecting seed for revegetation in the ACT	Susie Wilson (Greening Australia)
2.00-2.30pm (25 min + 5 for questions)	Manipulating management for biodiversity gains in grassy ecosystems	Sarah Sharp (Environment ACT)
2.30-3.00pm (25 min + 5 for questions)	Monitoring and adaptive management for rehabilitation projects	Lori Gould (Greening Australia)
3.00-3.30pm (30 min)	Afternoon tea	
3.30-4.00pm (25 min + 5 for questions)	Direct seeding of complex grasslands - a Victorian case study	Paul Gibson Roy (University of Melbourne)
4.00-4.30pm (25 min + 5 for questions)	Volunteers - the nation depends on you	Geoff Robertson (Friends of Grasslands)
4.30-5.00pm (25 min + 5 for questions)	Local case study - TO BE CONFIRMED	To be advised
5.00pm	CLOSE DAY 1	

DAY 2: Wednesday 29 November 2006

Time	Topic	Presenter
9.00-10.00am (60 min incl questions)	Introduction to the Grassy Ecosystems Management Kit	Sarah Sharp (Environment ACT)
10.00-10.30am (30 min)	Morning tea	

* Unexpected events may cause minor program changes

10.30 am sharp: onto buses for field visits

- Wear appropriate clothes and shoes for field work as we will spend most of the day at field sites, regardless of the weather (unless it's really wild!). Recommended: boots, hat, sunglasses, bottle of water, sunscreen, binoculars, camera, notebook, clipboard, pencil.

Ecological rehabilitation in practice. On-site demonstrations and discussions.

We will visit two local sites for demonstrations, discussions and trialling of techniques.

Field techniques to be demonstrated and/or trialled:

The focus will be on working with components of the Grassy Ecosystems Management Kit. Also included will be a demonstration of Landscape Function Analysis (LFA) for rapid soil health assessment (David Tongway). Other activities are still being finalised.

Participants are encouraged to raise any issues of concern or interest relevant to rehabilitation at any time during the workshop and particularly during the field visits.

- Lunch and afternoon tea will be provided at the field sites.

4.30pm Workshop wrap-up in field; return by bus to the Discovery Centre for departures

5.00pm WORKSHOP CLOSES