

Rehabilitation and Management of Disturbed Native Vegetation

Dubbo 25-26 October 2005

Day 1 – Tuesday 25 October

Time	Topic	Presenter
8.15-8.50am	Registration (tea & coffee provided on arrival)	
9.00am (5 min)	Welcome, housekeeping and introduction to workshop	ANPC
9.05am (10 min)	Ecological rehabilitation – what do we mean?	Roger Good (Good Environmental Systems)
Session 1: NSW vegetation legislation: essential information for rehabilitation practitioners		
9.15am (25 min + 10 min for questions)	Legislation relevant to rehabilitation practitioners. Eg Native Vegetation Reforms (<i>Native Vegetation Act 2003</i> , Draft Native Vegetation Regulation 2004; PVPs). How will this affect practitioners? What permits do practitioners typically need for projects; who do they contact for advice etc	Sarah Munro (Dept Natural Resources)
9.50am (25 min + 10 min for questions)	Amendments to the NSW <i>Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995</i> and implications for rehabilitation work. 132C licences – what you need to know	Brendon Neilly (tbc) (Dept of Environment & Conservation)
Session 2: CMAs and native vegetation management		
10.25 am (20 min + 5 for questions)	Central West CMA: native vegetation targets and management. Relevance and context for rehabilitation practitioners. What's happening in the region (implementation)	Jen Shearing (Central West CMA)
10.55am (20 min)	Morning tea	
Session 3: Principles and practices of ecological rehabilitation - I		
11.15am (25 min + 5 for questions)	Ecological principles for rehabilitation	Roger Good (Good Environmental Systems)
11.45am 25 min + 5 for questions)	Landscape Function Analysis: the rapid assessment of soil health	David Tongway (ANU)
12.15pm (25 min + 5 for questions)	Vegetation communities – assessing states and transition in vegetation degradation	Stuart Johnston (TransGrid)
12.45pm (55 min)	Lunch	
1.50pm (25 min+ 5 for questions)	Roadside vegetation management in the Parkes Shire – 10 years on.	Peter Sullivan (Parkes Shire Council)

Some presenters still to be confirmed

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2.20pm (25 min + 5 for questions)	Restoring a dysfunctional landscape: activities of the Lake Cowal Foundation	Donna Johnston (Lake Cowal Foundation)
2.50pm (25 min + 5 for questions)	Is dense regrowth a problem? Analysis and discussion of a contentious management issue	Anne Kerle (Consultant Biologist)
3.20pm (20 min)	Afternoon Tea	
Session 4: Workshop activity – applying ecological principles to a sample rehabilitation project		
3.40pm (15 min)	Introduction to workshop activity Break into groups	Andy Spate
3.45pm (60 min)	Workshop activity in four groups (depends on numbers)	1 facilitator/group
4.45pm (30 min)	Group presentations to full forum (4 groups, 7 min each)	Group volunteers (4)
5.15pm (5 min)	Synthesis of workshop outcomes	Andy Spate
5.20pm	CLOSE of day 1	

Day 2 – Wednesday 26 October

Time	Topic	Presenter
Session 5: Principles and practices of ecological rehabilitation - II		
9.00am (25 min + 5 for questions)	Do we need to be concerned with provenance? Genetic issues for rehabilitation practitioners.	Cathy Waters (NSW Dept of Primary Industry)
9.30am (25 min + 5 for questions)	Looking underground for revegetation solutions: increasing the effectiveness of large-scale revegetation through soil symbionts	David Bagnall (CSIRO Plant Industry)
10.00am (30 min)	Morning tea	

10.30am Field visits: Western Plains Zoo Sanctuary + 2 other sites (to be confirmed).

Session 6: Ecological rehabilitation in practice. On-site demonstrations and discussions.

Topics that could be discussed include: survey, mapping, site & vegetation condition assessment, Landscape Function Analysis, road-side management, what to put back, what sequence, soil improvement, management techniques (eg grazing, fire, weeds), ongoing monitoring, long-term maintenance and management of the site (including responsibilities, community involvement, resources), managing data (recording, reporting and holding data).

4.30pm Return to Savannah Room for workshop wrap-up

5.00pm WORKSHOP CLOSES

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