

Rehabilitation and Management of Disturbed Native Vegetation

Wagga Wagga 14-15 September 2005

Day 1 - Wednesday 14 September

Time	Topic	Presenter
8.15-8.50am	Registration	
9.00am (5 min)	Welcome, housekeeping and introduction to workshop	ANPC
9.05am (15 min)	Ecological rehabilitation – what do we mean? [setting the scene]	Roger Good (Good Environmental Systems)
Session 1: NSW vegetation legislation: essential information for rehabilitation practitioners		
9.20am (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.	Julie Hoare (Murrumbidgee CMA)
9.55am (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.	Keith McDougall (Dept of Environment & Conservation)
10.30am (30 min)	Morning tea	
Session 2: CMA Targets for native vegetation management		
11.00 am (20 min + 10 min for questions)	Murrumbidgee CMA: native vegetation targets and management. Relevance and context for rehabilitation practitioners. What's happening in the region (implementation)	Mike Dunn (Murrumbidgee CMA)
11.30am (20 min + 10 min for questions)	Murray CMA: native vegetation targets and management. Relevance and context for rehabilitation practitioners. What's happening in the region (implementation)	Emmo Willinck (Murray CMA)
Session 3: Principles and practices of ecological rehabilitation - I		
12.00 pm (25 min + 5 min for questions)	Ecological principles for rehabilitation	Roger Good
12.30pm (25 min + 5 min for questions)	Landscape Function Analysis: the rapid assessment of soil health	David Tongway (ANU)
1.00pm (60 min)	Lunch	

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2.00pm (25 min + 5 min for questions)	Vegetation communities – assessing states and transition in vegetation degradation	Stuart Johnston (TransGrid)
2.30pm (25 min + 5 min for questions)	Bulldozers and box-gum woodlands? Case study demonstrating best practice and issues in rehabilitation sites in Endangered Ecological Communities (EECs)	Paul Scannell (Albury City Council/ Albury Botanic Gardens)
3.00pm (30 min)	Afternoon Tea	
Session 4: Workshop activity – applying ecological principles to a rehabilitation project		
3.30pm (15 min)	Introduction to workshop activity	Roger Good
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	Roger Good
5.20pm	CLOSE of day 1	

Day 2 - Thursday 15 September

Time	Topic	Presenter
Session 5: Principles and practices of ecological rehabilitation - II		
9.00am (25 + 5 min for questions)	Genetic issues for rehabilitation - case studies and implications for seed collection and movement	Linda Broadhurst (CSIRO Plant Industry)
9.30am (25 min + 5 min for questions)	Monitoring, evaluation and adaptive management	Ian Lunt (CSU – Albury)
10.00am (30 min)	Morning tea	

10.30am BOARD BUS to field sites (2-3 sites)

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).

Workshop wrap-up in field (weather permitting) or back at Council Chambers if inclement.

5.00pm Return to Wagga Council Chambers by 5.00 pm
WORKSHOP CLOSES