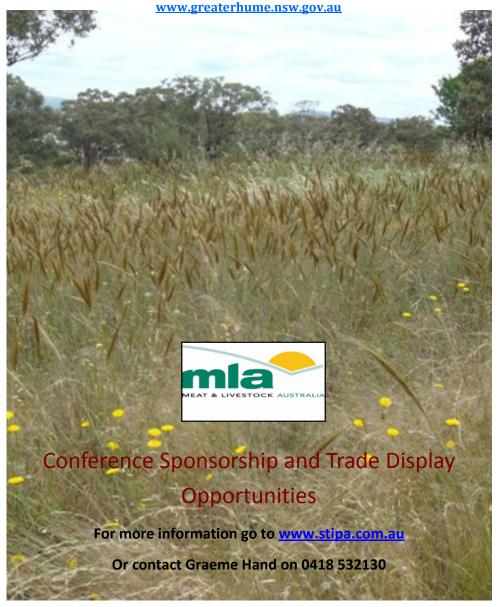
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7th National Native Grasslands Conference



Managing Native Grasslands for Soil and Animal Health

Holbrook Town Hall, Holbrook, NSW, Australia 9th and 10th November 2011

Program

Welcome Reception

5.30pm Holbrook Town Hall Drinks and Canapés

Day 1. Wednesday 9th November 2011

7.45am to 8.15am Registration and coffee

8.15am to 8.30am Conference welcome

8.30am to 10.00am Plenary session

Dr Fred Provenza, Professor, Emeritus Utah State University, USA.

Dr Provenza is a leading authority on animal feeding behaviour and management. He has co -authored over 230 scientific peer reviewed papers and spoken at numerous international conferences. He has also conducted over 41 workshops for scientists and land managers in 6 different countries including the USA and Australia. He established the consortium BEHAVE (Behavioural Education for Human, Animal, Vegetation and Ecosystem Management) in 2001.

 Animal Nutritional Wisdom and Feeding Behaviour—how this impacts on human health.

10.00am to 10.30am

Morning Tea

10.30am to 12.00pm

Plenary Session

Dr Dean Revell, Principal Research Scientist, CSIRO WA.

The Australian perspective

Bruce Maynard, Farmer Narromine NSW.

Animal Handling/Management

12.00 to 1.00pm

Lunch

1.00pm to 5.30pm

Field tours

Field tours to

- Michael and Anna Coughlan and family run a large scale beef grazing property east of Holbrook. This business is highly profitable (cost of production <\$0.40/kg) while at the same time increasing land and soil health. Michael will speak on the key design factors that make this business a success while promoting healthy functioning native grasslands.
- Bill and Joy Wearn and family run several large scale grazing properties with a focus on
 increasing biodiversity and land regeneration. This site has examples of land at several
 stages of recovery based on when purchased. There is also an example of great forbs and
 lilies which should be in full bloom in November

7.00pm Conference Dinner

Guest speaker—Simon Gould, Soils for life Program

Day 2. Thursday 10th November 2011

8.15am to 8.30am **Day 1 wrap up**

8.30am to 10.00am Soil Health (Plenary session)

Walter Jehne, Healthy Soils Australia

 Overview of the importance of grasslands to soil health Declan McDonald, DPI Victoria

Soils Alive! Understanding and managing soil biology

10.00am to 10.30am Morning Tea

10.30am to 12.00pm Pasture, Cropping and Livestock (Concurrent workshops to be nominated at registration)

Workshop 1 Colin Seis, Farmer and grazier "Winona" Gulgong NSW

Building natural capital and biological resilience with low inputs

Nathan Heath, Murray CMA

Overview of soil sequestration of carbon

Workshop 2 Graham Strong, Grazier "Arcadia" Narrandera NSW

• Cultural change for native grasses Jim Virgona, Charles Sturt University

Grazing strategies to improve native components in degraded situations

12.00pm to 1.00pm Lunch

1.00pm to 2.30pm

The role of animals in Native pasture composition and condition. (Concurrent workshops to be nominated at registration)

Workshop 3 Dr Magali Wright, NRM South, Tasmania

 The impact of recovery period on landscape function and native grass regeneration

Peter Ampt, Sydney University

Communities in Landscapes Project results

Workshop 4 Graeme Hand, CEO Stipa

• Stipa project results and "triggers" for management Rebecca Cross, Sydney University

Experience of Innovators

2.30pm to 3.00pm Afternoon Tea

3.00pm to 4.30pm Healthy People (Plenary Session)

Mark Gardner, Dubbo NSW

 Designing regenerative businesses for profit and people Dr Fred Provenza

Links between land and health

4.30pm to 5.00pm Conference wrap up and close