

# African Lovegrass Unearthed – a workshop for all Landholders

*The Bredbo Landcare Group pushes its fork into the soil to unearth the latest scientific knowledge and possible solutions to manage this highly persistent perennial weed grass.*

**When: Saturday, 21 June 2014**

**Time: 9am – 3.30pm**

**Where: Bredbo Community Hall, Monaro Hwy, Bredbo**

**Lunch & morning tea provided**

Paddocks dominated by African Lovegrass (*Eragrostis curvula*) may conjure up romantic images of swaying veldt grasses but in reality, in our Monaro region and beyond, this grass is adept at smothering out native grasslands and invades introduced pastures - together reducing species diversity, environmental values and productivity.

Thanks to the generous funding put forward by the Murrumbidgee Landcare Inc, the Bredbo Landcare Group have pushed its fork deep into the soil and is looking to unearth the latest ideas and scientific understandings based on past and future research.

Dennis Mason, Bredbo Landcare Chair, says, “It is an opportunity for the scientific community to share their knowledge with landholders and to give them more information to use in the fight against the invasion of African Lovegrass”.

Seven presenters, from key scientific research posts, will take the stand to provide an in-depth understanding of their involvement with this ubiquitous plant - each of them having focused their microscopes directly on African Lovegrass – from its biological and genetic characteristics through to various studies looking at how to potentially rein it in now that it has effectively bolted.

“We invite all landholders to attend this workshop, whether you have African Lovegrass or not, because if we don't do anything about this highly invasive species, it will eventually spread and greatly reduce your production potential. Being a property owner with an African Lovegrass problem, I highly recommend you attend”, said Dennis Mason.

This workshop has been made possible with support from the Australian Government's Caring for Our Country Community Landcare Grant program and the Murrumbidgee Regional Landcare Facilitator project.

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