African Lovegrass Unearthed

A workshop for all landholders to hear from key scientists on our future with ALG Hosted by Bredbo Landcare Group Inc

Saturday, 21 June 2014 Bredbo Hall, Monaro Hwy Bredbo, NSW 9 am – 3.30 pm

<u>Presenters include:</u> Dr Jennifer Firn, Dr Josh Dorrough, Dr Robert Godfree, Dr Greg Bender, Bruce Davison, Luke Pope





Bush Heritage have kindly offered one Yellow Box tree seedling to each attendee

> Lunch & tea provided courtesy of Murrumbidgee Landcare Inc

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See over for more information

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Dr Jennifer Firn (CSIRO) is working to conserve biodiversity in production landscapes. She developed strong community networks as a result of her doctoral research aimed at developing a better understanding of the invasion of African Lovegrass (*Eragrostis curvula*) and the effect different control strategies have on its persistence.

Dr Josh Dorrough has a PhD in plant ecology (research on grassland dynamics on the Monaro Tablelands, NSW). Josh's research has focused on the interactions between agricultural production systems and native vegetation. Josh currently manages a research and extension project on African lovegrass in native pastures of the Bega Valley.



About our presenters ...

Dr Robert Godfree, is an ecologist who has worked for CSIRO for over ten years. He is familiar with African Lovegrass as part of his broader grassland work and has done a lot more research on it over the past year with the Cooma Monaro Shire Council.

Luke Pope (SE LLS) has worked as an agronomist on the Monaro since 2003. During that time he has worked with many landholders to develop practical plans to manage African Lovegrass. He has also worked with the Monaro's Councils to refine their approaches to policies concerning African Lovegrass. Dr Greg Bender & Norman Marshall cofounded Australian Soil Management (ASM) Pty Ltd in September 2011. ASM has developed SoilSense, a structured soil management program to deliver economic, environmental and social benefits to land managers. ASM would like to assist in developing a structured soil management program for the control of African Lovegrass in the Monaro region.

Bruce Davison purchased a property infested with African Lovegrass and has spent the past 11 years researching why it was there and how to utilise it, as no one had successfully eradicated it. Lovegrass has now proven to be a valuable pasture species.