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Grasslands*

Supporting native grassy ecosystems

Celebrating 20 years of
conservation and research for
grassy ecosystems
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'Grass half full or grass half empty? Valuing native grassy landscapes'

A forum, organised by Friends of Grasslands (FOG) to celebrate grasslands and grassy woodlands — their beauty and complexity, ecology and productivity, science and management.

Thursday 30 October – Saturday 1 November at CSIRO Discovery Centre, ACT



We invite landholders, researchers, policy makers and other people in government and the community: Come and share your knowledge and perspective on native grassy ecosystems.

There will be talks and discussions, field visits to local grasslands and grassy woodlands, and a poster display. The proposed program is overleaf.

Call for expressions of interest in attending: Please contact president@fog.org.au and indicate your interest in attending one, two or all three days.

Call for papers or posters: The proposed format for talks is given below. To offer a paper or poster, please send a short summary (½ A4 page, 200–300 words) to president@fog.org.au by c.o.b. Thursday 31 July. Further information is available from president@fog.org.au, and will be posted at www.fog.org.au/forum2014.htm

We invite all potential presenters to provide a written paper or summary to be included in the forum proceedings. Papers will be also published on the FOG website.

Proposed format for talks

Talks will be 15 minutes in length, with an extra 5 minutes for questions. There will be open discussion at the end of the talks on days 1 and 2.

Each speaker, in their area of expertise, will be asked to consider the following:

- How are we applying what we know?
- What are the outcomes (expected and achieved)?
- Where are the strengths?
- What is happening that can be used elsewhere — any innovative lessons?
- How can we help each other?

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Proposed program

Day 1. Thursday, 9.00 – 5.00

Governance, conservation, productivity and development

Possible topics for talks:

- Values and strategies related to grassland conservation
- Perceptions of the community
- Community group experience: advocacy for grassland conservation
- Land use planning for conservation
- Changing priorities in recovery; how to get the most out of government policies
- Management for production and conservation
- Managing the urban edge

Day 2. Friday, 9.00 – 5.00

Science and community involvement in land management

Possible topics for talks:

- Restoration of grassy ecosystems
- Management for floristic diversity
- Management for conservation of fauna
- Experience with Indigenous land management practices
- Community involvement in grassland management
- Weed strategies and practices

Where have we got to and what next?

- Evaluation of efforts, outcomes and strategies

Day 3. Saturday, 9.30 – 4.00, all-day field trip to local sites

Demonstrating innovative restoration and conservation projects