



# MONARO LANDSCAPE CONNECTIVITY

MLC Project Newsletter

May 2013

## What's been happening?

This project is coming into its final months before it concludes at the end of June 2013. We have run four workshops across the Monaro region to inform land managers of what we had on offer and about managing native vegetation. We attracted a good diversification of land managers from farmers to the smaller block owners. Over 70 land managers have expressed interest in the project.

The project is on track to meet the necessary targets and the next phase of the project is to work with land managers to discuss the opportunities/ requirements for receiving funds for the management of patches of native vegetation over the next 10 years.

## Traditional Land Management Burns

Rod Mason demonstrated a TLMP burn on Saturday 11th May at Di Phelan's property in Michelago. It was a great success and we were pleased to have 12 landholders geared up to assist. Rainer Rehwinkel (Office of Environment & Heritage) collected data at the site prior to burning to monitor the effects of burning on vegetation. Rein Peet from the Rural Fire Service provided the necessary Hazard Reduction Certificate for this burn.

## Next burn:

**Wednesday, 15 May 9.00am – 11.30am**

John and Carmen Hayhoe "Boonderoo"

30 Contour Lane, The Angle (off Smiths Road).

Please contact Lauren Van Dyke if you wish to attend:

0411 402 978



## PlaceStories training available

**Friday 14th June**

**PC Users Group training lab**

**27 Mulley Street, Holder ACT 2611**

To register your interest contact Sam Shannon  
phone: 0487953776  
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## The MLC project

The MLC project aims to improve the condition, extent and connectivity of patches of native vegetation across the Monaro region, in the Murrumbidgee catchment.

For more information please contact the project team.

The MLC project is funded through the Australian Government's 'Caring For Our Country' program, and is being delivered through a partnership between Kosciuszko to Coast, Murrumbidgee Landcare Inc, and the Murrumbidgee Catchment Management Authority.

## Would you like more information?

If you have any questions about the MLC project please contact Felicity Collins - Catchment Officer, Murrumbidgee CMA: Ph: (02) 64 524 150  
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## Traditional Land Management Practices (TLMP) Project

The TLMP project is funded by the Murrumbidgee Catchment Management Authority - Community Partnerships program. We are in the process of updating the draft booklet that covers all aspects of Traditional Land Management as described by our Traditional Land Manager, Rod Mason. Rod has been extremely generous in providing a wealth of knowledge and he is assisting us to record as much as we can in a booklet form is a great privilege. We do hope to one day capture Rod Mason on film to supplement this work.

In the remaining cooler months we will work with Rod in performing further trials using cool burns. We are due to re-burn patches burnt last year in Nimmitabel, Bredbo and Carwoola. The repeat burns are advocated by Rod in certain circumstances to either re-train vegetation to grow in clusters or thickets, reduce dominant vegetation so that other vegetation communities such as native grasslands are able to remain diverse and finally to try and challenge weed incursions.



*Hutchinson Place, Burra*

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- Traditional Land Management Practices site visit -  
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