

NATIVE GRASS PASTURE WORKSHOP

Come to a workshop on how to manage your native pastures for production and conservation

**Friday March 2, 2012, Tharwa Hall and then
“Cypress Springs”, Booroomba Road, ACT**



- Can you identify all your pasture species – the good, the bad and the ugly?
- Do you know how to ensure excellent production from them in all seasons?
- Can you manage them to ensure their conservation?

This practical, hands-on workshop will cover:

- ID techniques for native and exotic grasses, forbs and their look-alike weed cousins.
- The lifecycle and growing conditions required by each species.
- The production and conservation value of each species.
- The relationship between soil health and bio-diverse paddocks.
- Successful, cost-effective strategies to boost production and conservation values.

The workshop will be delivered by Alison Elvins, of NaturalCapital with the afternoon session hosted on the Boorman’s family property “Cypress Springs”, looking at local native pastures under cattle grazing. Alison has run many Native Grass Pastures workshops in the region. A large part of the work of NaturalCapital is collecting, processing, storing and direct seeding native grasses, and advising farmers on species selection. Feel free to bring along species of grasses, weeds, forbs and shrubs for identification at the workshop.

WORKSHOP DETAILS (see attached map for location of workshop sites)

9.30am	Presentations and discussions on native pasture plants	Tharwa Hall, Tharwa, ACT
12:00-12.45pm	Lunch	Tharwa Hall
12:45-1.15pm	Demonstration of wash-down facilities	Namadgi Visitors Centre
1:15-3:30pm	Paddock walk and on-ground discussions	“Cypress Springs”, Booroomba Rd, (5kms north from Tharwa)
3.30pm	Workshop finishes	

This workshop is free and lunch is provided. For catering purposes please RSVP by 7 March to: actlandcare@act.gov.au; or phone Anna – 62052914 or Sally – 62052913. (Contact numbers on the day: 0435657429 / 0434564089.) Please wear clothing suitable for the day’s weather, bring sunhats, sensible walking shoes, drinking water, and lots of questions.