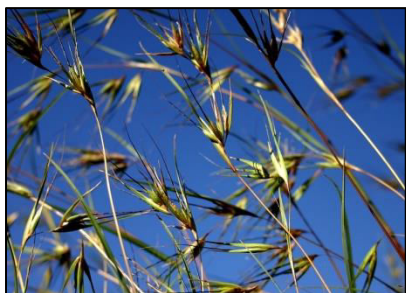


Kiewa Catchment Landcare Groups invites you to a:

Native Grasses Field Day



If you have an interest in native grasses, this is a Field Day not to be missed. Content includes:

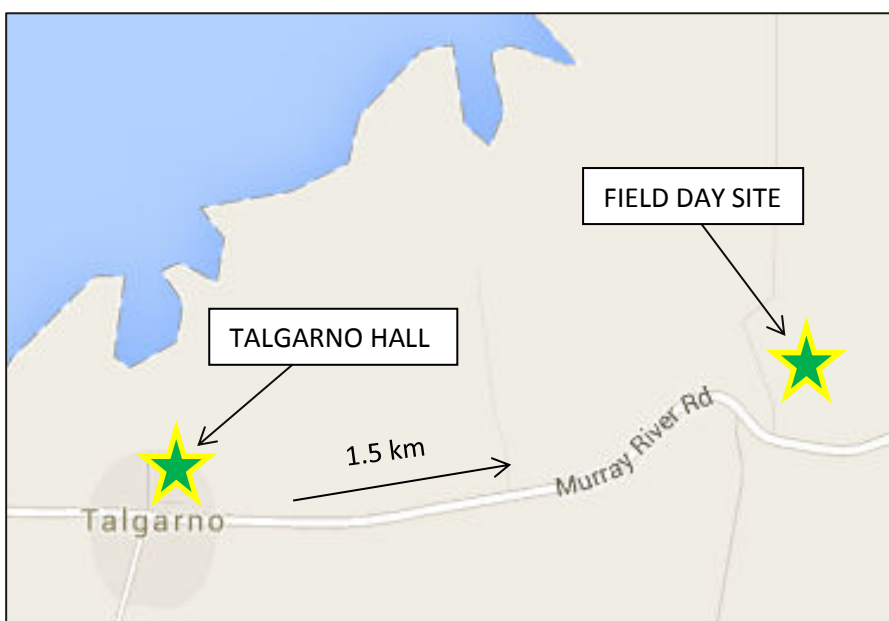
- *Native grass identification & grazing management,*
- *Native grass burning trials results*
- *Screening of native grasses project film*
- *Traditional Ecological Knowledge presentation*

Saturday 17th January
10.00am – 2.30pm

Meet at property of Greg Hayes: – Murray River Road Talgarno at 10.00am

DIRECTIONS: *Greg's property is 1.5 km from Talgarno Hall on the left hand side.*

Look out for Landcare signs on Murray River Rd.



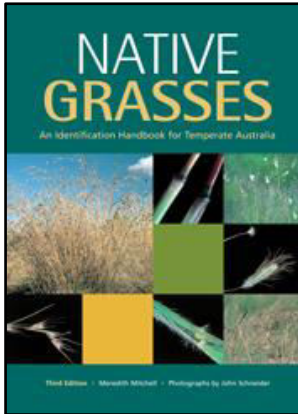
We will begin with an inspection of the fire trial sites and native grasses at Greg Hayes (approximately one hour) and continue with speakers and presentations at the Talgarno Hall

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED ~ BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL ~ ALL WELCOME

For catering purposes, please contact Belinda by Wed. 14th January
0407 227 814 belinda.pearce@landcarevic.net.au

Please wear hat/sunscreen and closed shoes, bring a bottle of water

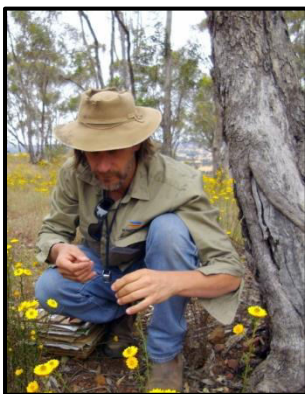
About the Speakers...



Dr Meredith Mitchell: *Pasture agronomist & Native grasses specialist*

Meredith's book *Native Grasses: An Identification Handbook for Temperate Australia*, identifies a variety of native grass types common in south eastern Australia, and provides information on the value of native grasses in terms of their benefit to the environment, agriculture, landscaping and upland hydrology.

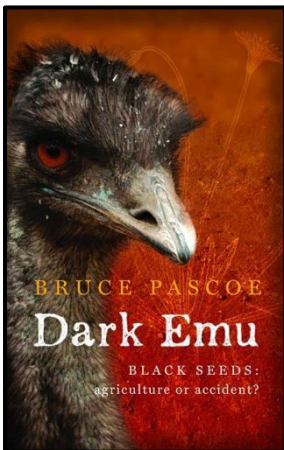
Meredith believes that native pasture species can offer potential productivity advantages combined with long-term persistence. The first step to better pasture management is to recognise what grasses you have. Once you know what species are there, you can manage them to their maximum potential. Meredith will speak on native grass identification and management techniques.



Paul Foreman: *"Traditional Knowledge Fire Trial sites" Project Ecologist*

Paul Foreman is a highly regarded field botanist and ecologist with over 20 years of experience in land management and nature conservation. Paul has an undergraduate degree in Forestry from the University of Melbourne and completed a Botany Masters of Science in Northern Plains Grassland ecology at La Trobe University in 1996.

Paul will present the results of the 2014 Native grasses Fire Trials. Two trial sites were set up at Talgarno and one at Baranduda. The vegetation (species and abundance) was assessed in January and November and Traditional Owners were involved in the burning of the plot sites in May 2014. Soil and leaf samples were also taken from the sites.



Bruce Pascoe: *Author Dark Emu -Black Seeds: Aboriginal Agriculture or Accident?*

Bruce is a Bunurong man and member of the Wathaurong Aboriginal Co-operative of southern Victoria. His book "Dark Emu" challenges the hunter-gatherer tag given to Aboriginal people. Bruce's book provides historical evidence demonstrating that Aboriginal people right across the continent were using domesticated plants, and were involved in sowing, harvesting, irrigating and storing. Almost all of the evidence comes from original records and diaries of Australian explorers.

Bruce will provide a historical perspective on how native grasses and natural resources were managed by Traditional Owners prior to European settlement, and what lessons we can take from their management techniques.

~ You are welcome to attend all or part of the day's events ~

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