



GRAZING MANAGEMENT MASTERCLASS

WORKSHOP FEES

The course is supported by funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Programme, hosted by the North Central CMA. Subsequently, the course is being offered at the highly discounted rate of \$60 per farm (normally valued at \$400). Farming couples are encouraged to apply.

COURSE FEES INCLUDE:

- One day workshop
- Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea
- Course notes
- Set up of demonstration site
- Measuring ecosystem function
- Plant species ID
- Online webinar support.

HOW TO APPLY

The course is open to farmers in the North Central Catchment. People from outside the catchment are welcome to apply but priority will be given to those from within the catchment.

To apply, please fill in and submit the EOI form (available at www.nccma.vic.gov.au). The course is limited to a minimum of 10 farms and a maximum of 15 farms. EOIs should be submitted by Friday 18 August 2017 by emailing darren.bain@nccma.vic.gov.au or posting to PO BOX 18 Huntly VIC 3551. Successful applicants will be notified by Friday 28 August 2017.

One Day Workshop for farmers keen to overcome barriers in adopting alternative grazing management techniques

Expressions of interest (EOI) are now open a one day workshop in advanced grazing for managers of livestock or mixed farming operations.

Grazing management can help farmers build confidence in regenerating their soil and pasture health which supports profit in times of increased climate variation.

They also benefit integrated pest management strategies by providing habitat for predatory insects and bees.

The course will cover a range of topics including:

- How to set up a grazing management demonstration site
- Perennial pasture species identification
- Measuring changes in nutrient cycling, water infiltration and stability of your soil
- Managing key soil health processes to improve soil condition and increase farm resilience
- Increasing profitability while lowering risk

What to expect once you have completed the workshop and set up your grazing management demonstration site

- Grazing impact on soil health and animal performance
- Timing - knowing when to shift stock to greener pastures
- Knowing when your paddock is ready for grazing
- Making sure you do not run out of grass



COURSE PRESENTER

Graeme Hand farms beef cattle near Hamilton in Victoria and is the CEO of Stipa Native Grasses Association. He also runs his own consultancy business and has delivered countless workshops across Australia to cropping and grazing farmers on farm financial health checks, planned grazing and cover cropping.

COURSE LOCATION - TBC

Tuesday, September 12. The course location will be at a suitable place that will meet the needs of participants and organisers of the workshop.

CONTACT

Expressions of Interest by Friday, 18 August to darren.bain@nccma.vic.gov.au or 03 5448 7124.