

## **Appendix C**

### **About the Presenters**

#### **Peter Beer**

Peter is Director of Environmental Services at Cooma-Monaro Shire Council and is responsible for environmental work of the Shire which covers weed control, State of the Environment Reporting, and environmental monitoring and regulation. Formerly he was the Environmental Director of the Snowy River Shire Council where he developed close links with National Parks and Wildlife Services. He maintains these links in his current position. Before that he was Director of Environment Services with the Berrigan Shire Council which faced unique environment issues associated with irrigation. Peter has always maintained an active interest in environmental issues and biodiversity.

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#### **Rebecca Cole**

Rebecca is currently the Upper Shoalhaven Landcare Coordinator and has been working in this position since early October. Before this position she spent fifteen months in Cooma employed by the Department of Land and Water Conservation. There she worked as the Total Catchment Manager Education Officer where she completed a funding guide for landholders, summarising all funding sources available for natural resource management and also worked as a catchment advisory officer completing agreements with landholders for native vegetation conservation under the native vegetation incentive fund. Before moving to Cooma, she worked for the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service in Botany Bay and the Illawarra.

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#### **Matthew Crozier**

Matthew has been Director of Conservation and Resource Management at the NSW Farmers' Association since the beginning of the year. Prior to taking up this position Matthew worked in a variety of positions in government and industry both here and in the UK dealing with resource and environmental issues in both rural and urban settings.

Previous positions include that of Principal Policy Officer in the NSW Premier's Department, Head of Rural Economy with the English Rural Development Commission and Environmental Development Manager for London Transport. Matthew's tertiary qualifications include an Honors Degree in Economics and Masters Degrees in Environmental and Resource Economics and Transport Planning and Management.

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#### **Michael Dunn**

Michael started his career in natural resource management as a soil conservationist at Temora NSW, in the Ironbark dryland farming and grazing country. Throughout his career with the Soil Conservation Service, and now with the Department of Land and Water Conservation (DLWC), Michael has worked with individual farmers, community and Landcare groups, local government and industry groups in managing soil, water and native vegetation throughout southern regional NSW.

Michael is the Regional Vegetation Planning Co-ordinator with DLWC, based at Wagga Wagga, and has been working with the Western Riverina Regional Vegetation Committee in preparing the Regional Vegetation Management Plan, which includes native grassland.

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#### **David Eddy**

David Eddy is a project officer with WWF Australia, working in native grassland conservation in the Monaro region of NSW. He has a Bachelor of Science degree with biology major from Macquarie University and an Advanced Diploma of Farm Management from the University of Sydney (Orange campus). David has worked in research with several divisions of CSIRO and then with NSW Agriculture on research into native grasses and pastures and their management. He has a strong personal interest in the economic, social and environmental re-invigoration of rural Australia through development of profitable rural industries which operate by using, conserving and restoring our native vegetation.

David has worked for the past 3 years for World Wide Fund For Nature Australia on its Monaro Remnant Native Grasslands Project. He also sits on the Natural Temperate Grasslands Recovery Team, the Friends of Grasslands Committee, Monaro Grasslands Liaison Committee, the Monaro Noxious Weeds Coordinating Committee and the NSW Serrated Tussock Working Party.

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#### **Roger Good**

Roger is Senior Project Officer, Conservation Assessment and Data Unit, with the NSW Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) Queanbeyan. He has a B.A(Sc), M.Sc., Litt.B. and Diploma of Agriculture. He has been with NPWS for 26 years and previous to that 10 years with the NSW Soil Conservation Service. In NPWS he has held positions of Botanist/ Research Officer, Research Officer (located at CSIRO for 6 years), and until recently Manager, Natural Heritage Unit, until it was amalgamated with another Unit in the Service wide restructure.

He has worked on and/or supervised many research and survey programs over the years with particular emphasis on fire ecology and management, endangered plants, Southwest Slopes vegetation surveys and management; and his long-term interest, that of alpine plant ecology and mountain catchment management. In work on the latter he was invited, on four occasions, to present at international conferences overseas. With his strong rural background, he has had a particular interest in rural nature conservation and sustainable agriculture programs, and how to foster these with the rural community. He has written or edited several books on the Australian Alps and published over 70 papers on natural resource conservation programs. He has been a part-time lecturer in fire science and land management at several universities for the past 18 years. He is currently a member of the Murrumbidgee River (regulated) Management Committee, the Murray River (unregulated) River Management Committee and the South Coast Rivers Management Committee.

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#### **John King**

John is a long time Monaro framer and resident. He is currently Chairman of the Cooma District Council of the NSW Farmers Association, Project Manager of the \$3 million NHT Berridale

Rocky Plains Landcare Project to control Serrated Tussock and African Lovegrass, and the Landholder Member of the Serrated Tussock Task Force.

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### **Millie Nicholls**

Millie is a fifth generation Mid-north farmer grazing sheep and cattle on native grass pastures. She has a science degree from the University of Adelaide and has good field naturalist skills expressed as an interest in insects, plants, and birds. Millie began working for the WWF for Nature in 1997 on the Mid-north Temperate Grasslands Project as a part-time Grasslands Extension Officer. She also sits on the Hummocks District Soil Conservation Board, the Northern Agricultural Regional Assessment Panel for Natural Heritage Trust, the Mid-north Grasslands Working Group and the Grassy Ecosystems Technical Advisory Group. She is a member of the Native Grass Resource Group and the Australian Plant Society.

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### **Kate and Neville Locker**

Kate and Neville are the owners and managers of 'Happy Valley' a property near Adaminaby in NSW. Neville is the fifth generation Locker to live on the Happy Valley property. Both Kate and he have had a long time interest in regional cultural and natural history, working over the last thirty years or so, as curators of local history "museums" around NSW and Victoria. Their long-term objective has been to use the family property as a natural history and cultural heritage interpretive site. The existing native grasslands are a very important part of this educational / tourism project.

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### **Winston Phillips**

Winston is employed as Senior Ranger with the Cooma Rural Lands Protection Board, a position he has held since August 1987. Since commencing employment at the Board he has been responsible for the overall management of the Travelling Stock Reserve (TSR) network. He has usually been the initial point of contact for any groups or individuals requiring any use of, or access to, TSRs in the Cooma Board District. From 1969 to 1987 he was a self-employed farmer and grazier at Binnaway. Winston born in Coonabarabran NSW and was educated at Binnaway Central School and Coonabarabran. He is married with four children.

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### **Ann Prescott**

Ann is a botanist with a first class honours degree from the University of Adelaide. She has worked at the interface between the natural environment and the rural community and community groups for many years. She is the author of two popular field guides called "It's Blue With Five Petals", one for the Adelaide Region and one for Kangaroo Island.

Ann began work for the WWF for Nature in 1997 on the Mid-north Temperate Grasslands Project as a part-time Grassland Extension Officer. She is currently President of the Nature Conservation Society of South Australia, a scientific based conservation advocacy group with expertise in most fields of natural science. Protection and management of grassy ecosystems is a current NCSSA priority. Ann runs a science communication business.

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### **Geoff Robertson**

Geoff Robertson has been President of Friends of Grasslands since October 1997. He is active in a number of other grassland and conservation groups. He is also a member of the ACT Prison Community Panel. He has recently retired from the Australian Bureau of Statistics where he had a career in economic and social statistics. He has also lived and worked abroad for eight years in the USA and Russia while working for the International Monetary Fund.

Geoff with his wife Margaret Ning acquired a property at Kydra, near Nimmitabel in 1993, for recreation and conservation purposes. It is now about 700 acres covering many vegetation communities including Poa and Themeda Grassland and Snow Gum Grassy Woodland. They called the property 'Garuwanga' which they understand is the Ngarigo word for 'dreaming'. They have identified 270 native plant species, over seventy native birds (including Lyre, Quail Thrush, Hooded Robins), and 16 reptile species. To understand what they had, Geoff and Margaret became active in Friends of Grasslands. Geoff considers his training in economic and statistics should also be useful in grassy conservation issues.

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### **Helen Ryan**

Helen Ryan is currently working in the position of Grassy Ecosystems Networker for South Eastern Australia. This position is funded through Bushcare, a program of the Natural Heritage Trust and located at the Victorian National Parks Association. The aim of the position is to promote the community's involvement in the conservation and management of grassy ecosystems throughout south-east Australia.

Helen previously spent two years as Soilcare project officer with the Victorian Department of Natural Resources and Environment. She has completed a Bachelor of Science with honours in Botany at the University of Queensland, investigating Mitchell grassland restoration. Biodiversity conservation in rural landscapes and the practicalities of integrating nature conservation objectives while continuing a profitable farm business are of particular interest to Helen as an active partner in a farming enterprise in the Goulburn Valley.

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### **Sarah Sharp**

Sarah is a Wildlife Ecologist with Wildlife Research and Monitoring, in Environment ACT where she has worked since 1993. This work has included: identification and survey of grassland sites; establishment and implementation of a long term monitoring project; research on the dynamics of grassland vegetation; provision of technical and policy advice to government, other researchers and the community in relation to grassy ecosystem management and conservation; co-ordination of a range of related projects; preparation of management plans for sites containing grassy ecosystems in ACT; liaison with the community and interested parties; editing action plans; and implementation of action plans for native grasslands and endangered grassland plant species, including continuation of the monitoring program.

She is co-author of *Grassland Flora, a field Guide for the Southern Tablelands (NSW and ACT)* and has authored a number of refereed papers and reports related to native grassland manage-

ment and conservation. She is a member of the Southern Tablelands Natural Temperate Grasslands Recovery Team and the national recovery teams for *Rutidosia leptorrhynchoidea* (Button Wrinklewort) and *Swainsona recta* (Small Purple Pea) and the National Panel for the WWF/NHT Grassy Ecosystems Grant Scheme. Her previous work included being a research assistant and a teacher. She has a Diploma of Teaching, a Bachelor of Applied Science and a Master of Applied Science, University of Canberra where her thesis title was *Diversity, patterns and processes of vegetation and invertebrate orders in natural temperate grassland in the Australian Capital Territory*.

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### **Sally Stephens**

Sally is the Bush for Wildlife National Coordinator. She comes from a rural background, growing up on sheep and cattle properties in NSW and South Australia. She graduated with a first class honours degree in Zoology from the Australian National University in 1972. After graduating, she worked in an array of jobs, all related to biology and wildlife conservation. These included: consulting work in fauna survey in NSW and Arnhem Land in the NT, teaching biology and environmental studies at school and universities, touring an Australian Museum natural history exhibition in two railway carriages in rural NSW for four and a half years, touring a salinity exhibition for 'Salt Action' during 1990, and working in the Commonwealth government's Endangered Species and Bushcare Programs from 1991 to 2000. She has a strong commitment to conservation and community education, but also enjoy travelling, skiing, reading, theatre and film.

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### **David Thompson**

David started his career in natural resource management in 1988 as a soil conservationist at Gilgandra, NSW, giving soil erosion advice and running the Soil Conservation Services Plant Hire Scheme. In 1991 David moved his family to Goulburn and took on the role of Land Resource Planner, undertaking a review of Environmental Impact Statements, and mapping Protected Land in the Shoalhaven catchment, and development of land management recommendations for the Yass Valley Salinity Project.

In 1994 David worked as a soil erosion and sediment control consultant for the RTA on the Hume Highway Upgrade project between Gunning and Yass. In 1995 David was Coordinator of the Upper Shoalhaven and Wollondilly Catchment Management Committees.

David is now the Catchment Manager for the Cooma District of the Department of Land and Water Conservation. In this role he provides technical advice on soil, vegetation and water resource management. This ranges from basic extension services, to land management advice to Local Government, and rehabilitation advice to Department clients. He is also involved in the delivery of Department programs such as the Farm Dams Policy and the Native Vegetation Incentive Fund. He helps with the assessment of clearing applications and conducts breach investigations relating to the Native Vegetation Conservation Act.

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Michael is Vice President of Friends of Grasslands. His major interest is in grassy ecosystems and botany. He has been involved heavily in environmental actions in Canberra off and on for many years, including being a Parkcare volunteer for seven years. Being committed to community and voluntary work, he is coordinating two volunteer groups at Tidbinbilla.

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