

Understanding landholder perspectives and ecological outcomes of grassy woodland revegetation



National Environmental Science Program

Researchers from Western Sydney University (WSU), the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) and the University of Tasmania invite you to participate in a new study to understand landholder perspectives and ecological outcomes of Grassy Woodland (GW) revegetation on farms in northern NSW.

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You have been invited to participate in this study because you have:

- undertaken revegetation over the last 5-30+ years, in blocks that are at least 30m wide (rather than small narrow strips) and using native GW species,
- reasonable knowledge of when and how the revegetation activities were undertaken,
- knowledge of the land use and management history of the paddock and adjoining paddocks.

The purpose of the research is to: (1) measure the biodiversity values of revegetated landscapes; (2) seek landholder opinions and experiences on what helps and hinders GW revegetation; (3) understand the effects of GW revegetation on soil health; and (4) develop a practical and cost-effective set of indicators for monitoring improvements in biodiversity and soil health.

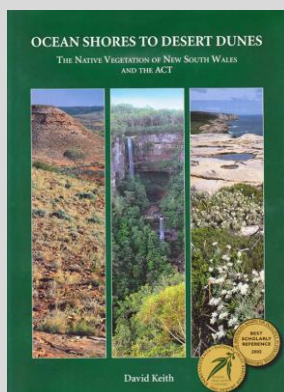
Help us learn from your valuable experiences and achievements from undertaking grassy woodland revegetation.

By contributing your personal views and experiences to this research, you will help improve future programs, make efforts more effective across diverse ecological communities and environments, and hopefully support your own revegetation aspirations.

Participation will involve three steps (although you do not need to take all three):

1. Participate in a national online survey to collect your insights on what helps and hinders undertaking NRM activities.
2. Contribute 30-40 minutes of your time to an in-person interview at your property. This interview will seek to understand the management history of the paddocks and explore your perspectives and experiences with the NRM activity.
3. Allow researchers to undertake ecological surveys at one or more NRM activity locations and adjacent paddocks to collect data on vegetation and soils.

If you can participate in Step 1, you have the option of going in the draw for a chance to win 1 of 8 'prizes' - each including free registration to a conference, plus \$1000 to support accommodation and travel while attending.



If you can participate in Steps 2 and 3, we will provide you with a copy of all the vegetation and soils data collected on your property plus a complimentary copy of the book *Ocean Shores to Desert Dunes: The Native Vegetation of New South Wales and the ACT*. We will also keep you informed on the progress of the National and NSW projects through regular links to newsletters, presentations, reports and any associated community events.

Please note: Even if there has been a change to your management at the NRM activity location since the end of your contract, or you are a new owner and purchased the property with the CMA supported NRM activity, we are still interested in hearing from you.

How to participate

To complete the national online survey (Step 1) please enter this address <https://bit.ly/NSWGrassyWoodland> into your desktop browser or your mobile device.

If you are interested in contributing to Steps 2 and 3, you will be asked to provide your contact details at the beginning of the survey (Step 1) and a member of the project team will contact you to discuss site visits.

Confidentiality

Your participation is entirely voluntary and strictly confidential. You are free to withdraw from participating at any time without providing a reason, up until the research outputs are finalised. You will not be identified or identifiable in the research outputs. Information you provide may be quoted in the research outputs but will not be attributed to you. We will seek your consent to participate at the start of the interview (Step 2). This research has been approved by the University of Tasmania's Human Research Ethics Committee (approval H00#30924).



Further information

This study is funded by the National Environmental Science Program's (NESP) Resilient Landscapes Hub, the University of Tasmania, Western Sydney University and the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water.

If you are interested in participating and would like to know more about the project, please see the links and contact details below.

Step 1 (national on-line survey)	Steps 2 and 3 (interviews and site visits)
This part of the NESP study is supported by the project: <i>What does success look like? Factors resulting in positive outcomes for Landcare and threatened-species recovery-team projects.</i> For more information please visit: https://neslandscapes.edu.au/projects/nesp-rlh/landcare-and-threatened-species/ Contacts: Dr. Amber Tsai or Dr Bassie Limineh Email: successlandscapes@utas.edu.au Phone: 03 6324 9111	This part of the NESP study is supported by the project: <i>Restoration by design: improving biodiversity outcomes from Australia's restoration investments.</i> For more information please visit: https://neslandscapes.edu.au/projects/nesp-rlh/restoration-by-design/ Contact: Dr. Emma Sumner Email: E.Sumner@westernsydney.edu.au Phone: 0497 784 310
Collaboration between the two steps is supported by the project: Socioeconomic insights for resilient landscapes. For more information about this research project, please visit: https://neslandscapes.edu.au/projects/nesp-rlh/socio-economic-insights/ Dr. Amber Tsai or Dr Bassie Limineh Email: successlandscapes@utas.edu.au Tel: 03 6324 9111.	

