

Regenerative Grazing Management Short Course

Benalla, VIC – three one-day sessions in Oct 2018, Feb 2019 & April 2019



**Are you a new
or experienced
grazing manager?**

**Are you looking to
jump to the next level?**

**The Goulburn Broken
CMA is hosting a
practical short course
for farmers keen to
trial regenerative
grazing management
practices and boost
soil health.**

Expressions of interest (EOI) are now open to farmers in the Goulburn Broken Catchment to participate in the practical short course in regenerative grazing management over three sessions (spring, summer and autumn).

Regenerative grazing management is a planning process that deals with the complexity of integrating livestock production with pasture growth and recovery whilst regenerating land, animal health and profitability. Key principles include high stock density, long plant recovery and regular monitoring.

Regenerative grazing management can help farmers build a soil resource base, lower costs of production, and link rainfall and growing events. This decreases seasonal risk by supporting production and profit in times of climate variation.



What participants can expect

On completion of the short course you will understand how to:

- 1 Implement your own regenerative grazing demonstration trial.
- 2 Easily produce a practical, simple and low risk grazing plan.
- 3 Learn from successful regenerative graziers.
- 4 Select stock that perform in your environment and suit your management style.
- 5 Manage your animals using low-stress handling techniques, including tips for training working dogs.
- 6 Read your land, through a deeper understanding of how your farm functions as an ecosystem.
- 7 Fill feed gaps with warm and cool season grasses and forbs.
- 8 Design your farm and implement monitoring practices to reduce hillslope erosion and soil acidification, whilst building soil carbon and restoring the soil ecosystem.
- 9 Develop a plan for the infrastructure that suits your farm, including water, practice areas and flexible paddock design.

Course presenters

Colin Seis farms a 2,000 acre mixed-farm on the central slopes of NSW and pioneered the regenerative agriculture practice of pasture cropping. The property runs around 4000 Merino sheep, a Merino stud, and grows around 500 acres of crops annually to oats using the 'pasture cropping' technique. Colin also runs a farm consultancy business advising landholders and speaks at many workshops around Australia and internationally. In 2014 Colin won the Bob Hawke Landcare Award.



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 program

	Date	Time	Topics
Session One	Wednesday 24 October 2018	9am-5pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Developing your grazing management plan and demonstration trial. ▶ Selecting a design that works for you. ▶ Practical daily monitoring and corrective action for animal health and performance. ▶ Stocking rate and land health. ▶ Low-stress stock handling. ▶ Preparing for summer.
Session Two	TBC - February 2019	9am-5pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Selecting stock that perform in your environment and suit your management style. ▶ Understanding hillslope erosion, soil acidification and soil carbon. ▶ Preparing for the autumn break. ▶ Farm visit to see regenerative grazing management in action.
Session Three	TBC - April 2019	9am-5pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Designing your grazing management plans for low risk profit. ▶ Preparing for spring. ▶ Farm visit to see regenerative grazing management in action.

Course location - DEWLP/Goulburn Broken CMA Office, 89 Sydney Road, Benalla VIC 3672.



Course fees

The course is supported by funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Program, hosted by the Goulburn Broken CMA in partnership with Stipa Native Grasses Association. Subsequently, the course is being offered at the highly discounted rate of \$400 per farm business (normally valued at \$1,500).

Course fees include:

- ▶ Workshops over the three days
- ▶ Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea
- ▶ Course notes
- ▶ Follow-up support.

Please note, the course fees do not include accommodation and travel expenses to attend the course. Furthermore, participants will be required to cover the cost of their own regenerative grazing trial. Successful applicants will be required to pay the full course fee by Monday 22 October 2018.

How to apply

The course is open to farmers in the Goulburn Broken 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.gbcma.vic.gov.au).

The course is limited to a minimum of five farms and a maximum of 20 farms. EOIs should be submitted by Monday 15 October 2018 by emailing ashleyr@gbcma.vic.gov.au or posting to PO BOX 124, Benalla VIC 3672.

Successful applicants will be notified by Tuesday 16 October 2018.