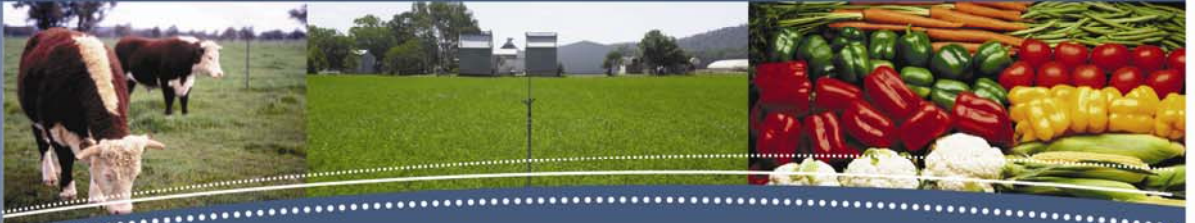




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SEPTEMBER 2009

POST BUSHFIRE PASTURE REGENERATION FIELD DAY INVITATION

WED. 7th OCTOBER 2009
ALPINE ANGUS
1060 Happy Valley Road
ROSEWHITE

(10km from Ovens - 21km from Kiewa Valley Hwy)

10.00a.m

Lunch provided

This invitation is to anyone with damaged pastures from bushfires over the years.

TAFCO would like to invite you to attend a special information field day to continue assisting your bushfire recovery process.

The local landscape of sustainable farming has been dramatically impacted by the recent bushfires. Graziers who survived the 2003 Omeo/Benambrabra bushfire will also be there to answer questions and share some life experiences 6 years after their fires.

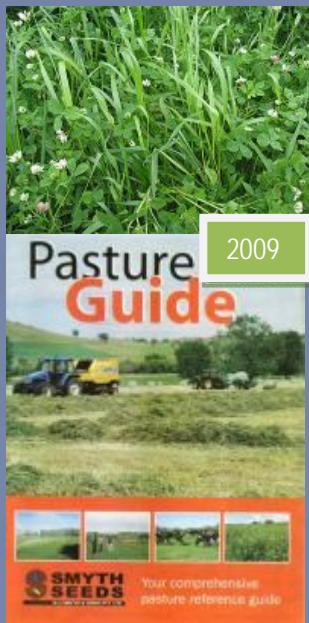
A number of agencies will have representatives in attendance for information and assistance to affected farmers.

A SERIES OF SMALL GROUP ON FARM WALKS will be supported by:

Scott McKillop—Smyth Seeds Agronomist
Jim deHennin – Incitec Pivot
Col McGillvray—CropCare
Lisa Warn— Senior agricultural consultant with expertise in pasture agronomy, grazing management and natural resource management.
Belinda Pearce—“Do it with Dung” Project Manager
(See inside for detailed information)

TAFCO Rural Supplies have co-ordinated this field day in conjunction with our many partners and networks to assist affected farmers in their decision making over the next few months and possibly years.

Morning tea will be catered for by Barwidgee Lavender with Marcus O’Dwyer in charge of cooking sumptuous Angus Beef on the Cydectin BBQ for lunch.



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FIELD WALKS— participants will have 30 minutes in each group either in succession or concurrently depending on number of farmers who attend.

GROUP 1
PASTURE & NUTRIENTS
SCOTT McKILLOP & JIM deHENNIN



Scott McKillop is part of the Smyth Seeds Pasture Advice Team for North East Victoria.

Smyth Seeds are a 100% owned and operated Australian family business based in Benalla since 1952. Smyth Seeds offer excellent customer service, an assured quality product and aim to help farmers grow profits through pasture.

Jim deHennin is our local Incitec Pivot sales representative and has a vealer enterprise in Talgarno. Jim has a wealth of experience in fertiliser and nutrient requirements of pasture.



GROUP 2
ANIMAL PRODUCTIVITY THROUGH PASTURES
LISA WARN



Lisa Warn is a Senior Agricultural consultant with the Mackinnon Project, University of Melbourne with expertise in pasture agronomy, grazing management and natural resource management

Based at The University of Melbourne's Veterinary School at Werribee on the outskirts of Melbourne, the Mackinnon Project is a recognised leader in sheep and beef consultancy both in Australia and internationally. It offers a unique range of services, including farm management consultancy, farmer training programs, contract research and post graduate training programs.

Lisa has worked with bushfire affected farmers in the King Valley following the 2006 fires.

The Mackinnon Project was established in 1982 with the specific aim of improving the productivity and profitability of sheep flocks and beef herds following a bequest from the Scobie and Claire Mackinnon Trust.



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GROUP 3 STRATEGIES TO CONTROL WEEDS — Identification, control & other issues **COLIN McGILLIVRAY & GRAZIERS FROM BENAMBRA**



Colin Mc Gillivray is a technical sales representative for NE Victoria with CropCare. Colin has serviced TAFCO for a number of years and is highly respected for his knowledge & expertise in product advice for weed control.

Teamed up with graziers from Omeo this session will look at the particular weed problems and strategies to deal with weeds in pasture.



IN THE SHED—“Do it with Dung”
Belinda Pearce—Project Manager with the ‘Do it with Dung’ Project will be giving an indoor presentation on **DUNG BEETLES**—Natures Recycler. *Belinda wrote a guest article in our July SMARTchoice Newsletter.*

There will be a number of display stands and representatives from a range of agencies available on the day to meet with farmers and provide information on a range of topics.

Dept. Primary Industries are bringing along their information trailer & staff with expertise in the areas of:

- Beef & Fodder Production
- Whole Farm Planning
- Agribusiness
- Small Landholders

Other information providers include:
Finance & Insurance

Further information contact Kerry or Tony at TAFCO on 5752 1800.



Wodonga



Goulburn Murray Hume Agcare Ltd

PROGRAM GUIDE:

10.00 Cuppa & morning tea by Barwidgee Lavender

10.30a.m - 11.00a.m - 11.30a.m

PASTURE FIELD WALKS 3 sessions (30 minutes each)

(Subject to fine weather—alternate wet weather program has been developed)

<p>PASTURE & NUTRIENTS SCOTT McKILLOP & JIM deHENNIN</p>	<p>ANIMAL Productivity LISA WARN - Snr Agricultural consultant with the Mackinnon Project—Melbourne University</p>	<p>WEEDS—Identification, control & other issues COLIN McGILLIVRAY & GRAZIER FROM BENAMBRA</p>
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12.15 “Doing it with dung” presentation (in the shed)

12.45 LUNCH and view the information stands

1.30p.m ... Q & A time.....our guest speakers will summarize issues raised during the morning field walks and answer any questions not raised during the field walks

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- Gallagher Electric Fencing
- Cement & Treated Pine posts
- PPI Rural Polypipe & Fittings
- Team Poly Water Tanks
- Incitec Pivot Fertiliser
- Castrol oils and lubricants
- Stock Feed - blocks, Pet Food and Animal Health
- Winemaking & Salami supplies for the home
- Horticultural supply specialist—herbicides & pesticides
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TAFCO would like to acknowledge our major sponsors and partners who have assisted with this field day.....

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- Alpine Shire**

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ABOUT TAFCO

The Tobacco & Associated Farmers Co-operative Limited (TAFCO) was formed in 1987 by tobacco growers to operate as an agricultural merchandising business to service tobacco growers and other primary producers.

Being a co-operative, profits are retained in the local communities and equitably distributed amongst members. TAFCO has a broad horticultural base of 500 farmers throughout the Ovens, King, Kiewa and Beechworth areas - many operating multi-commodity farming enterprises. Over 600,000 \$1.00 shares are held by members.

See our website for details on becoming a member.

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