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Weeds Working Group to take on serrated tussock.

An enthusiastic group of land managers have taken on the challenge to increase information and involvement in the control of serrated tussock and other noxious weeds in the Hill End, Hargraves, Pyramul and Ilford area.

The Turon-Macquarie Weed Working Group formed after 25 land managers met to learn more about native, introduced and invasive plants at a field day near Hill End last Sunday. The realization that a coordinated approach was needed to successfully deal with serrated tussock and other invasive weeds, sparked the decision to form the group.

“We need better district programs and a coordinated effort to increase the effectiveness of serrated tussock control” said Clare Hamilton, NSW/ACT Serrated Tussock Coordinator, who helped facilitate the Group’s formation.

“It is great to see such enthusiasm from this group of people. They will make a real impact by working together and encouraging others.”

Clare Edwards, Central Tablelands Local Land Services and Christine McRae, Watershed Landcare, lead a paddock walk pointing out a wide variety of plants. They discussed which plants are useful, which are weeds, and how to manage different species for sustainability and production.

Hill End Gold Limited once again supported the Field Day by providing a BBQ lunch and promoting the day. They have pledged ongoing support to the newly formed Weed Working Group

Serrated tussock is widespread around the Hill End and surrounding area and is difficult to control in the steep terrain. Each plant produces many thousands of seeds which are easily spread by wind, vehicles, animals and people. Learning to identify serrated tussock is an important step in the management process as it is easily confused with common native grasses.

Future activities in the area will focus on providing more information on the identification, control and management of serrated tussock. The involvement of all land holders is welcome and they are encouraged to register their interest by contacting Clare Hamilton by email: clare.hamilton@midwestern.nsw.gov.au or mobile 0428 791 359

For more information or to register your interest in future activities in the Hill End, Hargraves, Turondale and Sofala area contact Clare Hamilton on 0428 791 359

For interview , images or media assistance:

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Mature serrated tussock plants growing in the Hill End area



Clare Edwards discusses the management of plants for sustainability and production



Christine McRae helps with plant identification.

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