



## EverGraze Farm Walk

with Jim Shovelton from Mike Stephens and Associates

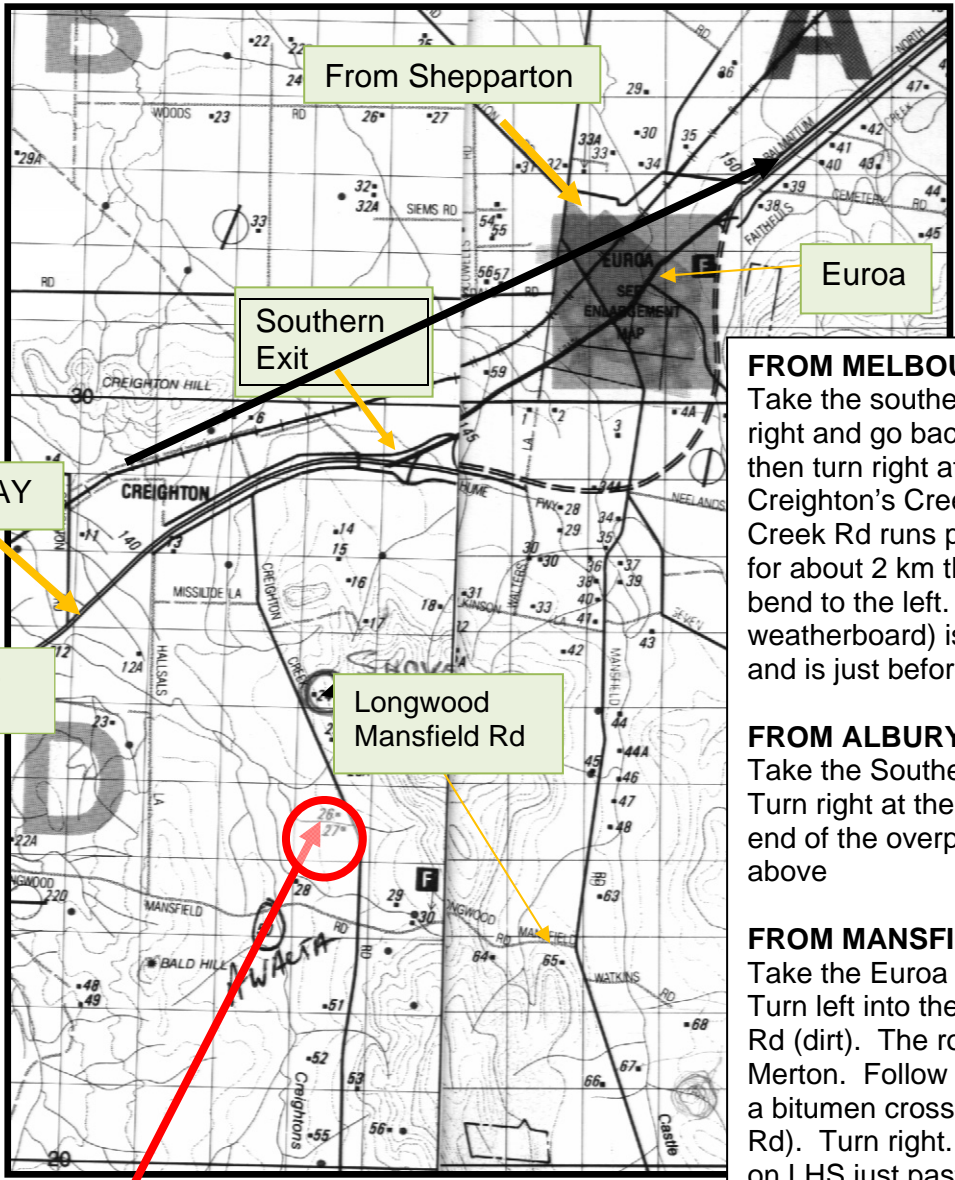
**What are the benefits of sowing perennial species?**

**What are the benefits of manipulating a paddock sown to phalaris?**

<b>When</b>	<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2012</b>
<b>Where</b>	Meet at Creightons Creek Supporting Site – see attached map (PTO) Then onto Creightons Creek Hall.
<b>Time</b>	<b>4.30 pm to 8.00 pm (dinner provided)</b>
<b>What</b>	<p><b>Creightons Creek Supporting Site Farm Walk</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- benefits of manipulating phalaris content and productivity of established phalaris</li> <li>- managing native grasses for persistence and productivity</li> <li>- managing newly sown phalaris for persistence, productivity and weed control</li> </ul> <p><i>Jim Shovelton, Senior Consultant, Mike Stephens &amp; Associates</i></p> <p><b>Presentation: Impacts of climate on pasture and profitable livestock systems</b></p> <p><i>Jane Court, DPI Seymour</i></p>
<b>Contact</b>	<p>Please RSVP by Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February informing of any special dietary requirements to:</p> <p>Claire Wade            Phone: 5784 0622 Mobile: 0408 132 749            Email: <a href="mailto:claire.n.wade@dpi.vic.gov.au">claire.n.wade@dpi.vic.gov.au</a></p>

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**FROM MELBOURNE:**  
 Take the southern exit to Euroa, turn right and go back over the overpass then turn right at the T intersection into Creighton's Creek Road. Creighton's Creek Rd runs parallel to the Freeway for about 2 km then does a sweeping bend to the left. The house (white weatherboard) is 4.5 km from this point and is just before a bend in the road.

**FROM ALBURY:**  
 Take the Southern exit to Euroa. Turn right at the T intersection at the end of the overpass. Instructions as above

**FROM MANSFIELD:**  
 Take the Euroa road from Merton. Turn left into the Longwood Mansfield Rd (dirt). The road is about 20 km from Merton. Follow the road until you reach a bitumen cross road (Creighton's Ck Rd). Turn right. House is about 1.3 km on LHS just past a bend in the road.

**FROM SHEPPARTON:**  
 Follow road into Euroa and turn right at the set of traffic lights. Follow this road to the southern exit to the Freeway. Other instructions, as above

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## EverGraze Supporting Site: Creightons Creek, Euroa

### Background Information

The site was originally established in 2009 to demonstrate the benefit of sowing phalaris in a section of the property and comparing its productivity with the remaining section of the property. In April 2010 the site was modified by splitting off a section of the original "Control" paddock which had been sown to phalaris a number of years ago.

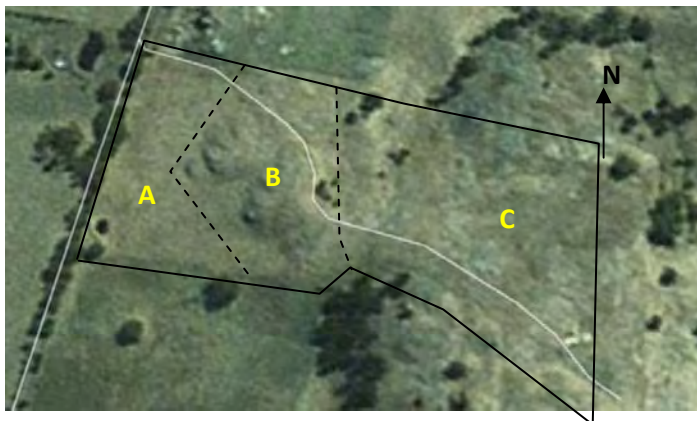
### Location and Site Issues

The site is situated on the Creighton's Creek Road, just south of the Longwood/Mansfield Road. There are three paddocks at the trial site (see diagram below). The site aims to demonstrate the benefit of sowing perennial species and to demonstrate the benefit from manipulating existing sown pastures.

**Paddock A:** Gently rising country which was been sown to phalaris approximately 30 years ago. There is a reasonable stand of phalaris in most of this area, some native species and a significant level of erodium and silver grass (*Vulpia*). This paddock received capital dressings of fertilizer to raise soil test levels to non-limiting values.

**Paddock B (Control):** The majority of this paddock is steep and non arable although small sections of the paddock were sown at the same time as paddock A. The majority of perennials species in this paddock are native.

**Paddock C:** Paddock C consists of a Landmaster phalaris pasture (sown 2009) on the arable sections of the paddock and native/annual pasture on the steeper non-arable areas on the northern end of the block



### Site Objectives:

The objectives of the site are to compare the relative productivities and profitabilities of the three treatments by:

- Manipulating the phalaris content and productivity of an old established phalaris paddock. (Paddock A)
- Managing the areas of native grass for persistence and productivity (Paddock B)
- Managing the newly sown phalaris paddock for persistence, productivity and weed control (Paddock C)

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