

Threatened Plant Translocation Workshop

Thursday 18th June 2026, Charles Sturt
University, Thurgoona NSW

Learning Objectives:

By the end of this workshop, participants will:



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- Be able to describe what plant translocation is and the role it plays in plant conservation.
- Be familiar with the Plant Conservation Australia *Plant Translocation Guidelines* (2018), including the expert support and guidance they provide for establishing and managing translocation projects.
- Know where to access the governance, legislation, policy and approval frameworks that guide plant translocation projects in New South Wales.
- Understand the key stages involved in planning, implementing and monitoring a translocation project, including:
 - setting objectives for a translocation project
 - determining whether translocation is an appropriate conservation response
 - undertaking pre-translocation assessments of species biology and ecology
 - selecting suitable source and recipient sites
 - building a team with the skills and knowledge required to carry out a translocation project
 - understanding legal and regulatory requirements
 - undertaking pre-translocation preparation
 - implementing translocation activities
 - maintaining translocation sites and plantings
 - monitoring and evaluating translocation outcomes
 - supporting community participation and engagement in translocation projects
- Gain awareness of the importance of long-term monitoring, adaptive management and collaboration in achieving successful conservation translocations.

Workshop program

Time	Session	Who
9:00	Intro to the day. Participants to share what they would like to learn about threatened plant translocation.	Caitlin Griffith – Caitlin has worked in conservation for over 25 years and has a particular love for bringing together researchers, conservation practitioners and community groups to share knowledge, skills and experience.
	What are the 'Guidelines for the Translocation of Threatened Plants in Australia'	Lucy Commander – online Lucy edited and collated the 'Guidelines for the Translocation of Threatened Plants in Australia, Third Edition' and is passionate about making a difference in native plant conservation and restoration, through scientific research, writing and editing publications, organising events and running training.
	Brief overview of NSW translocation legislation	Helen Waudby – Helen is a conservation biologist with NSW DCCEEW who has been working in wildlife research and conservation for over 20 years.
10:15 – 10:40	Morning tea	
10:40	Making decisions, setting objectives, selecting sites	
	Case study - Orchid translocation. Decisions to translocate, setting goals and running a translocation project	Laura Simmons – Laura's work centres on population genetics to inform taxonomy, conservation guidelines, ex situ conservation collections, and translocations. She has been working with RBGV and has just joined NSW DCCEEW as a Senior Threatened Species Officer.
	Local case study – Tumut Grevillea Propagation and Translocation	David Hunter is a Senior Threatened Species Officer with NSW DCCEEW and has been running a long term Tumut Grevillea translocation and propagation project.
	Local case study - Albury Council Woolly Ragwort. Going through the early stages of preparing and submitting a translocation plan.	Matthew Lincoln is the Environmental Lands Coordinator at Albury City Council and is using his background in ecology to work through the early stages of a first translocation project.
	Question time	Caitlin to facilitate
12:00 – 12:45	Lunch	

12:45	Finding out what you need to know – before and after	
	Applying genetic knowledge and research to threatened plant translocation	Maurizio Rossetto – Maurizio is the Head of the Research Centre for Ecosystem Resilience at the Royal Botanic Garden Sydney. With a diverse range of projects under his supervision, Maurizio's expertise lies in evolutionary ecology and biodiversity management.
	Biotic interactions in threatened plant translocation	Laura Simmons
	Case study - Spiny Rice-flower. Lessons over many years of threatened species translocation work.	Debbie Reynolds has researched and worked with <i>Pimelea spinescens</i> since 2008, as a member of the Spiny Rice-flower Recovery Team, actively advising on translocations, propagation techniques, management, monitoring and providing education to stakeholders and the community
	Q&A with all presenters	Caitlin to facilitate
15:00 – 15:15	Afternoon tea	
15:15	Thinking it through	
	Scenario and starting to plan example translocation projects in small groups	Caitlin to facilitate Panellists available for questions
	Translocation resources reminder	Caitlin
	Wrap up of the day	Caitlin to facilitate
16:00	Workshop close	