



**Robertson Environment Protection Society**  
**October Meeting – 7:30pm Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2014**  
**Robertson Community Centre Caalong St Robertson**

**Speaker: Dr Brian Cooke**

Brian has spent his career researching and advising on the European rabbit's impacts on Australia and the best ways to counteract them. He was formerly with CSIRO Canberra and is currently at the University of Canberra and with the Invasive Animals CRC.

**Topic: “Rabbit calicivirus and conservation”**

Brian will talk about rabbit calicivirus, officially rabbit haemorrhagic disease (RHD). He will concentrate on what it has meant for conservation and will include examples of better regeneration of native vegetation and the return of some endangered desert rodents, such as hopping mice. Brian will speak about the difficulty in getting other ecologists and organisations like National Parks to take this on board and build on the benefits.

Brian is ‘Dr Calicivirus’ and has just published a book on the topic. He has many awards for his tireless work (including Eureka prize and Order of Australia).



**All welcome - a light supper will be provided. Entry with a gold coin donation**