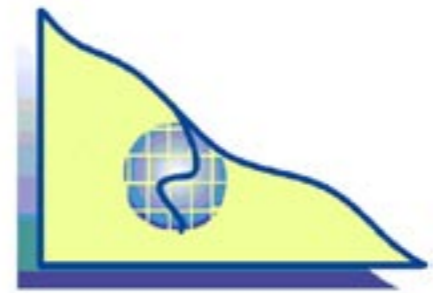


**GOULBURN  
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LANDCARE  
NETWORK**



Goulburn Murray Landcare Network is a voluntary, community run forum, operating within the Shepparton Irrigation Region, located in the Goulburn Broken and North Central Catchments of Victoria. The Goulburn Murray Landcare Network area covers approximately 3000 square kilometers and networks 39 Landcare groups.

The Goulburn Murray Landcare Network was formed in 1995 and works closely with the Department of Primary Industries, the Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority, Local Government (City of Greater Shepparton, Moira Shire and the Shire of Campaspe), schools and Landcare groups to achieve sustainable land management within the Shepparton Irrigation Region.

**10 years working for the community!**

**How can we help your group?**

- ▶ To support Landcare groups in the Shepparton Irrigation Region.
- ▶ To provide opportunities for the exchange of ideas and experiences between Landcare Groups.
- ▶ To publicise and promote the links between sustainable production and natural resource management.
- ▶ To strengthen community business partnerships, by attracting support from and building relationships with, business and industry.
- ▶ To strengthen partnerships with government agencies, local government, schools, tertiary institutions, urban communities and other groups as appropriate.
- ▶ To influence regional planning and policy decision making.
- ▶ To seek funding for Landcare projects.
- ▶ To coordinate resources and information sharing.
- ▶ To encourage research partnerships with Landcare.



**Contact Details** For more information on how you can help, or where your local Landcare group is, contact the Goulburn Murray Landcare Network

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# What does Landcare do in the Shepparton Irrigation Region?

Landcare is about local communities and government agencies working together, in a creative partnership, to tackle land and water issues.

## Drainwatch



Drainwatch is a Waterwatch community monitoring program where local people test the water quality in irrigation drains. Drainwatcher's test levels of Ortho Phosphorus, Salinity, Turbidity and Flow on a regular basis. Excess levels of these substances affect the overall quality of water entering our river system. Look out for Drainwatch indicator signs that determine the current levels of phosphorus and salinity in your area.

## Education



Education is a very important part of the future of our environment. We are actively involved with Catchment Carers – a project involving Land and Water environmental education. We attend schools as part of Salt Watch Week and on request by primary and secondary schools to discuss topics of interest. We also have a Watertable Watch mascot "Ellie the Emu" who can visit schools and educate children about salinity and watertable issues.

## Pest Plants & Animals



Weeds and feral animals are a concern to most landholders due to loss of productivity and the effects on stock. The Goulburn Murray Landcare Network aims to assist with the control of weeds and feral animals on public or private land by offering advice and support for funding. We are involved with the Weed REP program working along side the Department of Primary Industries in mapping and control of weeds in certain areas.

## Field Days



We attend field days in the Shepparton Irrigation Region on request and general field days such as the Goulburn Valley Dairy and Machinery Field Days at Stanhope and the Elmore Field Day annually. We promote Landcare, encourage Best Management Practices for farms and encourage sustainable farm management.

## Local Area Planning (LAP)

Local Area Planning is a partnership between communities, agencies and the Goulburn Murray Landcare Network. Local Area Plans are being implemented for Cornella, Wyuna, Invergordon, Nanneella & District, Nathalia & District, Muckatah Katamatite Naringangalook, Bunbartha Kaarimba Zeerust and Dhurringile & District. A Local Area Plan looks at water, soil, social and economical concerns, the environment and farming practices. The Goulburn Murray Landcare Network employs 6 Local Area Planning community members to help implement the plans and to achieve on-ground works. See back page for map of LAP areas.



## Community Support

We offer a range of support to Landcare groups and individual landholders on how to apply for funding for projects and support with on-ground works with the Work Teams.

We can help provide training to Landcare groups, assist with writing media articles, provide information on plant species best suited for your area and written material on wetland development and planting techniques. We also have very good contacts within agencies and can offer assistance if you are not sure who to approach about an issue.