

## A new Landcare Group for the Eastern Riverina

### Eastern Riverina Landcare

### Eastern Riverina Landcare Group revived after five years dormancy

#### The issue

A recent meeting of enthusiastic people at The Rock resulted in the Eastern Riverina Landcare Group being reformed. The Group will represent landholders and the general community in the Henty, Lockhart, The Rock, Yerong Creek and Mangoplah region. Eastern Riverina Landcare President Allana Barrett said “We aim to encourage continued sustainable land use in our farming systems and to protect and enhance the natural environment. We are ably supported by Murrumbidgee Landcare Inc., Holbrook Landcare, Riverina Local Land Services and the Lockhart Shire Council.” Although enthusiastic, the new group executive lack an understanding of past landcare efforts and future project aspirations of their community.

#### The solution

The new landcare executive are asking landholders, former landcare groups and community members to contribute their history, issues and ideas through a survey to help guide the future of landcare in the Eastern Riverina. “By working with the community, we hope to offer informative events and achieve on-ground works that meet the needs of our community” shares the landcare vice chair, John Holstein.

#### The impact

To date, landholder surveys have provided an insight into the future objectives for the group. Surveys, to date, have shown that 92% of landcare members were eager to learn about sustainable land management, 57% biodiversity and conservation and 42% were interested to revive a sense of community. Feral animals and weeds was by far the highest concern for landcare members. More specifically foxes and capeweed were of the highest concern.



### Key facts

- There is a new landcare group in the Eastern Riverina
- Eastern Riverina Landcare Group executive are asking landholders to help guide the future of landcare in the Eastern Riverina
- The success of any landcare group relies on understanding community interest and concerns

### Project Partners



The Local Landcare Coordinator Initiative Program that enables the promotion of these case studies on the Gateway, is funded by the NSW Government and is supported through the partnership of Local Land Services and Landcare NSW

