

# Capacity to Deliver

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## Nari Nari Tribal Council Land Management Expo

### Murrumbidgee Landcare Inc



**Engage with landholders, community members, and stakeholders to learn about the significant work NNTC has undertaken to ensure the ongoing protection of ecologically vital wetlands and important Aboriginal heritage sites at Gayini.**

#### The issue

Native species, both fauna and flora require a suite of habitat conditions to persist and sustain a healthy lifecycle. Due to over-grazing and clearing, many essential plant species providing foraging and breeding value were missing in the 88,000-hectare landscape.

#### The solution

Hay Plains Landcare and Nari Nari Tribal Council aim to help raise awareness among Landholders and community members, recognising that it is essential to communicate and pass on knowledge to encourage change.

Ali Borrell from the Murray Wetlands Working Group spoke about the five-year Saving our Species project at Gayini, monitoring threatened species of waterbirds, and the successful discovery of the endangered Australian Bittern and Australian Painted Snipe.

Elders Floss Fitzpatrick and Josie Goulding and IPA project manager Tara Dixon demonstrated seed mud ball rolling, a method used for revegetation of native trees and shrubs.

Postdoctoral researcher within the Murrumbidgee Monitoring, Evaluation, and Research team Dr. Damien Michael displayed an array of reptiles and shared his studies into snakes and lizards in the region and shared important discovery of the engendered Grey Curl Snake at Gayini.

Riverina Local Land Services (LLS) Biodiversity Officer Suzie Holberry discussed the work of the LLS in the Hay and Balranald regions and her work in the successful award-winning aerial pest shoot program.

Rene Woods explained The Nature Conservancy's work at Gayini, Great Cumbung Swamp, and the many projects across Australia and the globe.

#### The impact

This educational and inclusive day created awareness and assisted with breaking down barriers.

On the banks of Pollen Creek, thirty-five stakeholders, industry experts, and neighbors participated in a land management expo that demonstrated the importance of native flora and fauna, pest and weed control, water conservation; and offered an understanding of how your actions can have a dramatic impact on preserving the environment, increasing natural habitats and ecosystems while reducing the impacts of climate change.



### Key facts

- The floodplain wetlands are a new haven for waterbirds, fish, and amphibians and part of a complex arrangement of environmental flows across the region into Yanga.
- 67 different bird species have been recorded across the Low Bidgee wetlands.
- Hay Plains Landcare and NNTC made social connections.

### Project Partners



Hay Plains Landcare



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