

# Capacity to Deliver

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## Enhancing Farm Landscape Understanding

### Temora Landcare



**The workshop aimed to empower local farmers with a holistic understanding of their farm landscapes, fostering sustainability and resilience.**

#### The issue

The farming sector experiences a perpetual challenge in optimizing property health and productivity, due to the tendency for individuals to prioritize personal goals over environmental considerations. Successful farming hinges on understanding one's land and emphasizing collaboration with its inherent qualities, rather than imposing predefined plans. The key challenge is fostering a shift in perspective, enhancing farmers' comprehension of their landscape's capabilities and limitations. The goal is to bridge this gap through a collaborative effort, empowering farmers with practical insights for informed decision-making in sustainable agriculture.

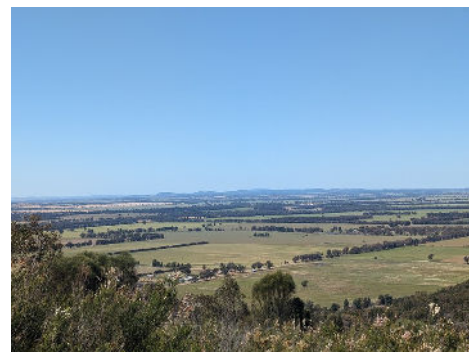
#### The solution

The solution involved expanding David Hardwick's workshop series in Temora. This second session surpassed the initial understanding, delving deep into the intricate relationships within farm landscapes. It emphasized the significance of viewing the rural landscape as a system, incorporating hydrological systems and landscape dynamics. The workshop elevated practical strategies for regeneration, aiming to empower local farmers with a comprehensive understanding of their soil. It acknowledged the impact of landscape features on water flow, soil types, and vegetation. By adopting a landscape-first approach, the initiative sought to refine planning processes, fostering better outcomes for profitability, capability and overall sustainability.

#### The impact

The impact of the workshop was to change people's perspective by focusing on how to perceive a property as a rural landscape system. By employing landscape thinking, participants gained insights into identifying landscape patches and hydrological systems. The session explored the fundamental building blocks of a farm's landscape, emphasizing the four key processes of rural landscapes: water and nutrient cycles, energy flows, and landscape dynamics.

The impact extended beyond theoretical knowledge as participants engaged in a hands-on experience on a local property. This practical approach allowed attendees to directly apply the principles learned, enhancing their ability to implement a range of strategies for regenerating their farm's landscape. The workshop left a lasting imprint, empowering farmers with tangible skills and a transformative perspective for sustainable and resilient agricultural practices.



### Key facts

- Emphasis on changing perspectives in farm planning, prioritizing the alignment of practices with the land's characteristics.
- A total of 9 participants actively engaged in the workshop, contributing to a collaborative learning environment.
- Participants had the unique opportunity to visit a working farm, witnessing firsthand how the land's characteristics were strategically utilized for improvement.

### Project Partners



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