

PARTNERS IN VEGETATION MANAGEMENT

FACILITATING ACCESS TO THE BEST INFORMATION ABOUT VEGETATION TO HELP MAKE BETTER DECISIONS

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The Partners in Vegetation Management group is a partnership between nine organisations involved in vegetation management at a national level. The partnership aims to:

- > improve the delivery of information and knowledge; and
- > improve the coordination of partner information from each organisation, across a spectrum of NRM themes.

The organisations work together through shared interests in order to achieve a greater benefit than what may be possible by their individual efforts. They aim to better understand the synergies complementing activities and diversity, gaps and diversity of information needs between partner organisations and to streamline their individual efforts.

- > They also aim to learn from each other, share information, align programs and avoid duplication.

STREAMLINED ACCESS TO INFORMATION

Through the Exchange Programme, the Partners can help regional groups and land managers

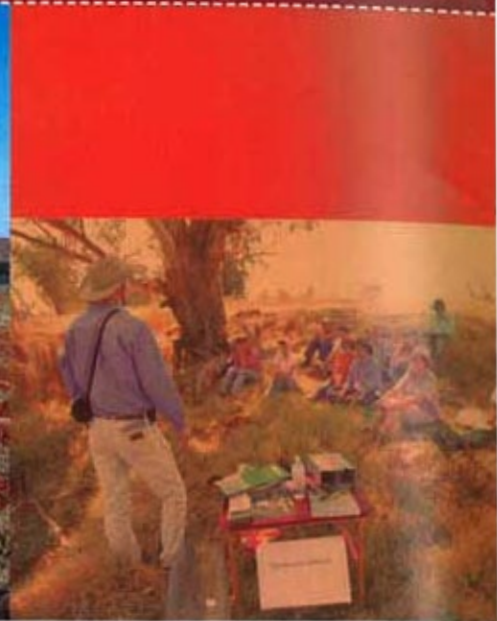
- > navigate through the range of agencies, programs and projects associated with vegetation management; and
- > connect people to projects, and with other people who may be working on similar topics.

THE PARTNERS

The partnership was established by professionals in different organisations across government and non-government agencies who have regularly worked together on similar issues. These people have formalised their relationship under the banner 'Partners in Vegetation Management'. The partners include Research and Development Corporations, Australian and State Government, research organisations, universities, training providers, industry groups and non-government practitioners including:

- > Bureau of Rural Sciences (BRS)
- > CSIRO Sustainable Ecosystems (CSE)
- > Dept of Agriculture Fisheries & Forestry (DAFF)
- > Dept of the Environment & Water (DEW)
- > Greening Australia - Exchange & Florabank (GA)
- > Land & Water Australia (LWA)
- > Land, Water & Wool (LWW)
- > Joint Venture Agroforestry Program (JVAP)
- > National Land & Water Resources Audit (NLWRA)
- > Australian Master TreeGrower Programme (MTG)





PARTNER ORGANISATIONS

The Bureau of Rural Sciences (BRS)

The Bureau of Rural Science (BRS) provides scientific advice. The advice is used in support of more profitable, competitive and sustainable Australian agricultural, food, fisheries and forestry industries that delivers better decisions by Government and better outcomes for rural industries and communities.

The BRS is the scientific bureau within the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

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CSIRO – Sustainable Ecosystems – Better Knowledge Better Bush

The Better Knowledge, Better Bush project is providing the science to underpin major landscape restoration initiatives being delivered by catchment management authorities and non-government groups. This addresses gaps in our understanding of native vegetation and its management in agricultural landscapes.

Web www.betterbush.org.au
 Contact Dr Paul Ryan, Tel 02 6242 1602
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Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

The Australian Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry's role is to develop and implement policies and programs that ensure Australia's agricultural, fisheries, food and forestry industries remain competitive, profitable and sustainable. The Australian Government has provided essential funding for Landcare Groups and land managers to undertake NRM related activities. This funding has been essential to build capacity in regional areas. Over 30 000 projects have been funded through the National Action Plan (NAP) and Natural Heritage Trust (NHT) since 1997.

Web www.daff.gov.au
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Department of the Environment and Water Resources (DEW)

The Australian Government Department of the Environment and Water Resources (formerly the Department of the Environment and Heritage) develops and implements national policy, programs and legislation to protect and conserve Australia's natural environment and cultural heritage.

Web www.environment.gov.au
 Contact Peter Lyon Tel 6274 2358
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Greening Australia – Exchange and Florabank programmes

Exchange

Exchange is a service provided by Greening Australia to exchange knowledge between the people and organisations that manage Australia's native vegetation.

Exchange links practical knowledge with research knowledge, and can provide you with the resources and contacts to help resolve your vegetation management challenges. Exchange is funded through the Australian Government's Natural Heritage Trust.

Web www.greeningaustralia.org.au
 Contact Fleur Flanery, David Carr Tel 02 6281 8585
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FloraBank

FloraBank aims to improve the availability and quality of native seed for revegetation and conservation purposes in Australia. Services include information about native seed, contact directory, and discussion forums, training and accreditation for people in the native seed industry.

Florabank is managed by Greening Australia and ENSIS and funded through the Australian Governments Natural Heritage Trust.

Web www.florabank.org.au
 Contact Dr Penny Atkinson Tel 02 6281 8585
 Email general@florabank.org.au



Joint Venture Agroforestry Program (JVAP)

The Joint Venture Agroforestry Program's objective is to build the knowledge to underpin profitable, sustainable and resilient agroforestry within the farming systems and landscapes. JVAP provides and manages funds for research on agroforestry and farm forestry, and facilitates delivery of that R&D to industries, communities and government. Agroforestry or farm forestry is the incorporation of trees into farming systems, for commercial and natural resource management benefits. JVAP is a partnership between three Australian government agencies: Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation (RIRDC), Land & Water Australia and the Forest and Wood Products Research and Development Corporation (FWPRDC).

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Land & Water Australia

Land & Water Australia's Native Vegetation and Biodiversity Programme undertakes research to improve the management and use of Australia's native vegetation and biodiversity resources to enhance the delivery of ecosystem goods and services.

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Land, Water & Wool

Land, Water & Wool is a national research program providing wool producers with practical tools for managing natural resources sustainably and profitably.

Across the country, groups of wool producers are actively involved in research and development projects and demonstration sites to address specific natural resource management issues.

Web www.landwaterwool.gov.au
 Contact Mike Wagg Tel 03 5574 1290
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Master TreeGrowers

The Australian Master TreeGrower (MTG) is an education and extension program based around growing and managing trees on farms. The program supports farmers who want to grow and manage trees for both conservation and profit, and the extension agents, scientists, industry members and agency staff who work with them.

The Master TreeGrower program is best known for its locally run, 8-day tree growing design and management short courses.

Web www.mtg.unimelb.edu.au
 Contact Rowan Reid 03 83445011
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National Land & Water Resources Audit (NLWRA)

The National Land & Water Resources Audit provides data, information and nationwide assessments of Australia's land, water and biological resources to support sustainable development. Work in priority areas includes:

1. Consistent national reporting for information collected under the National Natural Resource Management Monitoring and Evaluation Framework .
2. Collating information to support National State of the Environment (SoE) report.
3. Developing nationally consistent, but regionally relevant integrated resource condition reports.
4. Reporting on National Data and Information Management (in collaboration with ANZLIC – the Spatial Information Council)
5. Developing national assessments

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National Land & Water Resources Audit
An Initiative of the Natural Heritage Trust



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Land & Water Australia



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Bureau of Rural Sciences



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Department of the Environment
and Water Resources



Natural Heritage Trust
Helping Communities Help Australia
A Commonwealth Government Initiative

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AREAS OF EXPERTISE IN VEGETATION MANAGEMENT

ORGANISATION (ALPHABETICAL LISTING)	ADVICE TO PUBLIC	RESEARCH	DATA/MAPPING/RESOURCES/TOOLS	PROJECTS	FUNDING/SPONSORSHIP	SEMINARS & EVENTS (REGULAR)	TRAINING
BUREAU OF RURAL SCIENCES	Not directly	Yes	Yes > Australian Agricultural and Natural Resources Online (AANRO) http://www.aanro.net > Integrated Vegetation Online > Bioenergy Atlas of Australia > Land Use Mapping for Australia > The Plantation Information Network > The Interactive Social Atlas > Grains Industry Profile > Rainfall to Pastures Outlook > Rainfall reliability	Forest and Vegetation Programmes + others. See website www.brs.gov.au	Funding -No Sponsorship - yes to specific events > Award- Young Innovator science award	Yes > Weekly BRS Seminars > Provides an opportunity to discuss scientific developments	No
CSIRO - SUSTAINABLE ECOSYSTEMS	Not directly	Yes	Yes Various ecological databases	> Better Knowledge, Better Bush > Agricultural Landscapes Program > Natural Heritage Trust (NHT) > National Action Plan for Salinity and Water > Healthy Soils > Landcare	Conference sponsorship for participatory landholders Yes www.daff.gov.au www.nht.gov.au	See events www.betterbush.org.au/ Yes www.daff.gov.au	No Runs participatory programs
DEPT OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND WATER (DEW)	No	Through BRS Research Contract	Yes Environmental Resources Information Network (ERIN) www.environment.gov.au/erin	> Natural Heritage Trust (NHT) > National Action Plan for Salinity and Water > Envirofund	Yes > Envirofund www.dewr.gov.au www.nht.gov.au	Yes See events www.dewr.gov.au	No
FLORABANK	Yes	Collates research data on seeds	> Native seed database and web tools online > Best Practice Guidelines > Web forum online > Contact database for native seed	> Accredited Training > Web tools	No	Yes www.florabank.org.au	Yes
GREENING AUSTRALIA	Yes Exchange on seeds, Free Enquiry Service 1300 886 589	Yes mainly on seeds, farm forestry re-vegetation	> Native Vegetation Guides > Various publications www.greeningaustralia.org.au	> Exchange > Florabank > River Recovery > Gondwana link	Yes - Exchange Incentive Fund	Yes see Greening Australia www.greeningaustralia.org.au	Yes Registered Training Organisation
JOINT VENTURE AGROFORESTRY PROGRAM (JVA)	Not directly	Yes	JVA page on RIRDC website has over 150 farm forestry and related research publications and guidelines for download. See: www.rirdc.gov.au/programs/art.html	Joint Venture Agroforestry Program (a partnership between RIRDC, LWA and FWPRDC). Other programs at RIRDC include: > Environmental Management Systems; > Rangeland and Wildlife Systems; > Rural People and Learning Systems; Bioenergy, biofuels and bioproducts Program.	Funding - yes for research projects. Sponsorship of conferences	Master TreeGrowers	Non accredited training is offered through some programs and on training days. JVA funds Master TreeGrower program, which uses participatory programs with landholders to design for trees on farms to meet individual goals and aspirations.
LAND & WATER AUSTRALIA	Not directly	Yes	www.lwa.gov.au/nativevegetation www.rivers.gov.au www.grainandgraze.com.au www.landwaterwool.gov.au www.aanro.net	Native Vegetation & Biodiversity R&D Program www.lwa.gov.au/nativevegetation Land, Water & Wool (includes the Native Vegetation and Biodiversity sub-program) www.landwaterwool.gov.au Social and Institutional Research Program SIRP www.sirp.gov.au Knowledge for Regional NRM Program www.lwa.gov/regionalknowledge Grain & Graze www.grainandgraze.com.au Riparian Lands Program www.rivers.gov.au	Exchange Incentive Fund www.lwa.gov.au/applyforFunding/Index Conference sponsorship - call 2 times a year.	In the know sessions LWA Open Day (Nov)	Non accredited training is offered through some programs and on training days.
LAND, WATER & WOOL	Yes - native pastures		Publications on how to improve grazing management www.landwaterwool.gov.au	7 key theme areas > Sustainable Grazing on Saline Land > Rivers and Water Quality > Native Vegetation Management > Pastoral Country > Future Woodscapes > Climate	Program concludes July 2007. Research managed through Grain & Graze	Yes	No
AUSTRALIAN MASTER TREEGROWERS	Yes	No Research through LWA and JVA	The Farmers' Forest - Multipurpose forestry on Australian farms (Reid and Stephen) www.mtg.unimelb.edu.au	> Master Tree Grower courses > Peer group mentoring program	Yes for landholder education through regional groups	Master Tree Grower courses	Yes
NATIONAL LAND & WATER RESOURCES AUDIT	Not directly	No	Yes - The Australian Natural Resource Atlas www.anra.gov.au The Audit reports against the National Natural Resource Management Monitoring & Evaluation Framework (NMM&E) www.nlwra.gov.au > various reports > The Australian Natural Resource Data Library www.adl.brs.gov.au > Australian Resources online www.anro.gov.au/aro	> Signposts for Australian Agriculture > Natural Resource Data Management > Native vegetation extent & condition assessment > National Biodiversity assessment > Weeds & Invasive animals > Marine & wetland health assessment > Coast, estuaries & inner marine habitats	Yes through Annual Operation Plan	Audit Advisory Council (quarterly)	Not general training > Natural Resource Management Information Management Toolkit