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Landcare in the Wimmera report card: 2012-2013



Landcare is a key part of the Wimmera community's ongoing commitment to sustainable landscape change and improvement. This report summarises the achievements of Landcare and related community groups in the Wimmera region during the 2012-2013 financial year.

\$1.6m total from
investors

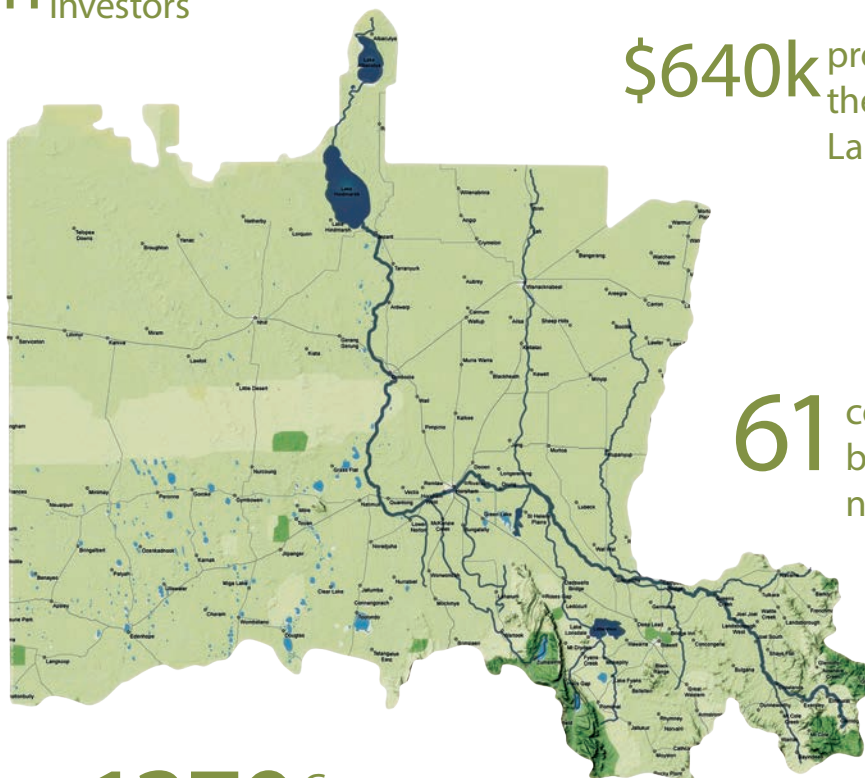
\$640k provided through
the Victorian
Landcare Program

270 hectares
revegetated

61 community
based groups/
networks

1370 Group
Members

1400 participants
in events



Victorian Local Landcare Facilitator Initiative

2012-2013 saw the first full financial year of the Victorian Government's Victorian Local Landcare Facilitator Initiative, with five part-time positions operating in the Wimmera and employed directly by groups.

The additional support of the Victorian Local Landcare Facilitator Initiative was welcomed by Landcarers in the region and will help build capacity in our groups and networks.



A local Landcare journey celebrated in print

Groups in the Project Platypus Landcare Network joined forces to help celebrate 25 years of Landcare in Victoria by publishing "The Journey: Project Platypus and Landcare in the Upper Wimmera Catchment".

"The Journey" captures the history of Landcare groups in the Upper Wimmera from 1987-2012, including the development of Project Platypus into a leading Landcare organisation.

Electronic copies are available for download from the Wimmera section of the Landcare Gateway or the Project Platypus website:

www.platypus.org.au

Congratulations to the Project Platypus Management Committee and all those who have been part of the Landcare journey in the Upper Wimmera.

Regional Landcare Awards

The Wimmera Landcare community congratulated the following Wimmera Regional Landcare Awards winners for 2013:

Local Group Award

Perennial Pasture Systems Group

Individual Landcarer Award

Leanne Jackman

Young Landcarer Award

Angela Baker

Landcare event/project Award

Australasian Bat Night,

Horsham's secret nightlife



2012 saw Hindmarsh Landcare Network celebrating their 15th year of Project Hindmarsh planting weekends. CONGRATULATIONS to all involved on this huge achievement!

The Biolink

The Project Hindmarsh Planting Weekend is the longest running of its kind in Australia. Each year since its conception in 1998, over 200 volunteers migrate to Hindmarsh Shire communities for a weekend of fun and hard work, helping to revegetate and restore native vegetation on public and private land.

The initial concept of the project and planting weekends was to patch a fragmented vegetation link between the Little and Big Deserts. This significant milestone was achieved after year 5. Since then, there have been a number of projects linking the Central Wimmera to the Wimmera River, which contributes to the very important vegetation corridor from Lake Hindmarsh and the Western Wimmera to the Grampians and beyond.

