



## Goulburn Broken Landcare Snapshot 2004/05



**Landcare Group Name:** Glenaroua Landcare Group

**Group Contact Person:** Max Norris

**Contact Phone Number/s:**

**Length of Group Operation:**

### Your Story of Success

**Project Name:** Northcote Rotary/Glenaroua Landcare Group Tree Planting

**Project Location:**

**Project Partners (if any):** Northcote Rotary Club

### **Project Funding Source/s & Amounts:**

**Project Description:** (300-500 words)

This project has been underway for approximately 10 years which is ongoing. The Rotary Club of Northcote takes responsibility for growing approximately 8,000 trees per year and then provides transport and people to plant them on sites that the Glenaroua Landcare Group has selected. This year the Landcare Group is expecting approximately 180 volunteers. The Landcare group takes responsibility for feeding the volunteers.

Max had been a member of the Northcote Rotary Club until he had moved to Glenaroua to live permanently but had kept in contact with his friends. One particular person had been visiting and was shown a Landcare tree planting site and from that the idea was born. Initially, the project started out on a "Trial and Error" basis. Over time the problems were identified and resolved.

The group discovered that when trees were offered free of charge to people, unrealistic numbers were being requested. A nominal charge was introduced and people began to order trees on a realistic basis.

Obtaining a uniform quality of tree was difficult to achieve. There is an organisation called "Men of the Trees" and they assisted the Club with seed and potting mix but the program soon became quite large requiring Rotary to apply for grants and to seek physical assistance from other sources.

I was realised that unplanned plantings were difficult to maintain and so commenced planning working on large plantations in recharge areas which generally occur on top of hills. This initiated contact with a 4 Wheel Drive club to ferry people and equipment from the bottom of the hill to the top.

The program is continuing to evolve and is working quite effectively. The program meets a number of criteria. It gives the Landcare group a focal point for activities for the year.