

# Goulburn Broken Catchment Land Health Roundtable

## Background

In the various roles we play within productive landscapes, whether it be as land managers, project managers and/or advisors, we have a responsibility to care and advocate for the health of land.

Healthy land is fundamental to our natural environment and supporting agriculture, ecosystems and the lifestyle and livelihood of the community.

While land health across the catchment is currently rated as satisfactory, improvements have plateaued with ongoing land health issues such as reduced litter cycling, poor soil structure and reduced water infiltration and holding capacity. Combined with the increasing impacts of climate change, urgent and large-scale change is required to restore the catchment's natural resources and mitigate climate change.



We need to find alternative ways of doing things and new investment sources if we are to bring about these ambitious changes and achieve positive outcomes for land health.

New and recently released strategies all recognise the need for collective action and the importance of land health. These strategies include the soon-to-be released Goulburn Regional Drought Resilience Plan, Victorian Climate Change Strategy, Victorian Agriculture Strategy, National Soil Strategy, Climate Ready Hume, Goulburn Broken Regional Catchment Strategy, as well as industry-specific strategies and plans.

Through collective input the [Goulburn Broken Regional Catchment Strategy 2021-27](#) renewal identifies priority pathway actions (innovative, bridging and transition actions) and transforming actions (how we want things to work in the future, visionary ideas) to improve land health and mitigate climate change. The challenge now is to determine how we scale-up our efforts, implement these actions, link to other strategies and programs, and bring new people along on the journey.



## Foundational land health roundtable workshop

The Goulburn Broken CMA would like to invite interested partners, community and industry members working on or interested in land health in the catchment to form a Goulburn Broken Catchment Land Health Roundtable.

The draft purpose of the roundtable is to:

- Identify new collaboration and partnership opportunities in land health.
- Discuss information or data that we could share with others to help inform decisions and monitor land health across the catchment.
- Share new ideas or research that could change how we deliver land health actions across the catchment.
- Develop collaborative work areas and/or pilot projects that deliver on current gaps and/or pathway and transforming priority actions.
- Produce an investment prospectus of collaborative projects.

To kickstart the roundtable a strategic planning workshop will be facilitated by the Goulburn Broken CMA focussing on land health and climate change adaptation and mitigation in the land sector. This workshop will also discuss the purpose of the roundtable and how it will operate going forward, e.g. annual planning workshop, online platform for sharing information/updates etc.



## Workshop details

**When:** Monday 10 October 2022  
**Time:** 10.30 am to 2.30 pm (lunch included)  
**Where:** GB CMA/DELWP Offices, 89 Sydney Road, Benalla VIC  
**RSVP:** By Thursday 6 October 2022 by completing the online RSVP and pre-workshop [survey](#).

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## Draft agenda

Time	Agenda item
10.15 am	Arrival and morning tea
10.30 am	Welcome, workshop purpose and overview
10.40 am	Introductions
11.00 am	Brief overview of land health in the catchment
11.15 am	Summary of groups/organisations involved in land health in the catchment, their priorities, strategic alignment and gaps in delivery. <b>Please complete <a href="#">pre-workshop survey</a> to inform this summary.</b>
11.30 am	Workshop activity 1 – Identify collaborative work areas and/or pilot projects we could work on together in land health for the next 12 months and beyond
12.30 pm	Lunch
1.00 pm	Workshop activity 2 – Progressing the project ideas to project concepts (who, what, where etc) and developing a regional investment prospectus
1.45 pm	Workshop activity 3 – Tracking progress and land health condition in the catchment – key success criteria, information and data sharing, and tipping points.
2.15 pm	Workshop reflections and next steps
2.30 pm	Workshop close

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