



Threatened Grassy Woodlands Project



Much of remaining woodland habitat in the Goulburn Broken Catchment is on private land, so community engagement is vital to encourage landholders to understand, protect and manage their woodland habitat more effectively.

Numurkah dairy farmer Nick Stanaway is a strong advocate for the Threatened Grassy Woodland project with over 30ha of his farm now under a long-term management agreement.

“None of us are here forever and we need to look after and protect these woodlands and the species they support for future generations,” he said.

Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority Land and Biodiversity Program Manager Steve Wilson said the long-term nature of the program was a great asset.

“The three-year project timeframe allows landholders to get on board and be supported with ongoing good extension,” he said. “The flow-on effect is also positive with neighbors often becoming interested when they see results.”



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Project details

Funded by the Australian Government and managed by the Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority, the Threatened Grassy Woodland project aims to work with State Government agencies and the broader Catchment community, connecting landholders with Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act- listed threatened woodland habitats through fencing projects and management agreements.

Since 2010, this project has undertaken fencing works and protected over 1800 hectares (includes 1500ha of fencing and 300ha of revegetation works) of threatened grassy woodland habitat private land in the Goulburn Broken Catchment.

Protected are:

- Grey Box (*Eucalyptus microcarpa*) Grassy Woodlands and Associated Native Grassland;
- Buloke Woodlands of the Riverina and Murray-Darling Depression Bioregions;
- White Box-Yellow Box- Blakely's Red Gum Grassy Woodland; and
- Derived Native Grassland habitats.

There are an additional 1500 hectares under long-term (five to 10 year) management agreements, which include active management actions such as weed and rabbit control, fencing for natural regeneration and appropriate grazing regimes.

Many landholders have also signed up their woodlands for permanent protection via Trust for Nature covenants.

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