Recently celebrating 20 years of operation, the Superb Parrot Group Inc has a long and proud history of working to increase and improve available habitat for this rare species.

Unique to Australia and found only in the Murray Corridor of NSW and Victoria, the Superb Parrot is listed as significant under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 and is thought to have a stable population of only 6,000 adult birds.

Birds breed in the Barmah and adjacent red gum forests along the Murray and move out into adjacent landscapes to feed.

While much of the River Red Gum forest country is now protected, the foraging (Continued over page)
grounds are not and many traditional re-vegetating foraging areas are now under active agriculture, so the work of this group in re-vegetating foraging sites contributes to the bird’s long-term survivability in a fragmented and production-focused landscape.

Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority Land and Biodiversity Program Manager Steve Wilson said Victorian Government funding for the project provided a valuable incentive for landholders to get involved in the project.

“The funding helps landholders who are willing to plant out appropriate areas with a good cover of native trees, shrubs, grasses and other plants on their properties,” Mr Wilson said.

“Landholders are supported in this work by the group who co-ordinates property planting days, using the group’s own direct seeding equipment.

“Superb Parrot Group members also provide advice on revegetation protocols and practices in areas with appropriate local native species - it’s a community-owned and driven initiative and that is why it has been so successful.”

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