



FUTURE LANDSCAPES

INVITATION

BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLANNING WORKSHOPS

City of Ballarat and the Shires of Golden Plains, Moorabool and Pyrenees

Invitation

You are invited to participate in a community and stakeholder Biodiversity Action Planning workshop.

Community and stakeholder workshops

If you have an interest in biodiversity in the region, please come along to one of the four workshops being held in April to provide input into the process.

We are keen to hear from you about:

- your overall aspirations for biodiversity conservation across the region
- the most important biodiversity assets in the region
- community approaches to conservation and resources
- biodiversity protection and enhancement projects that are currently underway
- what the Shires involved with the Future Landscapes project can do to support biodiversity conservation across the region

Workshop schedule

MOORABOOL SHIRE MONDAY APRIL 11TH

Venue: Moorabool Shire Council Chambers, Ballan

Time: 10am to 12pm

GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE MONDAY APRIL 11TH

Venue: Barwon Room at the Bannockburn Cultural Centre – 27 High St, Bannockburn

Time: 2pm to 4pm

CITY OF BALLARAT SHIRE MONDAY APRIL 18TH

Venue: Committee Room 2, upstairs at the Ballarat Town Hall, Sturt Street, Ballarat

Time: 10am – 12pm

PYRENEES SHIRE MONDAY APRIL 18TH

Venue: Pyrenees Shire Council Chambers, 5 Lawrence Street, Beaufort

Time: 2pm to 4pm

RSVP and more information

To let us know which workshop you are planning to attend, please send an email to rsup@cultivate.org.au

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BIODIVERSITY PLANNING

Biodiversity planning is being undertaken as part of the Future Landscapes project.

Local Biodiversity Action Plans are being developed for the City of Ballarat and the Shires of Golden Plains, Moorabool and Pyrenees.

The Biodiversity Action plans will include:

- Identification of local priority biodiversity assets/taxa for protection
- Recommended strategies for mitigation and adaptation
- Prioritised recommendations and action plan (relating to Council operations, community engagement, education and partnerships).

The project is also developing a **Regional Agricultural and Biodiversity Climate Adaptation and Opportunities Plan**, and **Biodiversity Asset Case studies**.

The Regional Plan will help to achieve coordinated and collaborative planning, decision making and action across the region, and to provide an understanding of regional priorities, risks and opportunities. Regional biodiversity asset case studies are being developed to help understand and communicate the potential impacts of climate change on biodiversity assets/taxa across the region.

FUTURE LANDSCAPES

Future Landscapes is a climate change adaptation project that will help Councils from the Central Highlands region of Victoria, better understand the impacts of projected climate change on the region's natural assets and respond effectively to protect and improve agriculture and natural resources across the region.

The Project will provide Councils with valuable information, climate impact modelling, case studies, tools and materials to ensure simple adaptation actions are integrated within their operations, plans and policies. It is expected that the project will achieve informed planning to secure a wide range of benefits at both a local and regional level.



PROJECT PARTNERS AND CONSULTANTS

Future Landscapes is a collaborative partnership between the Hepburn Shire Council, Golden Plains Shire, Moorabool Council, Pyrenees Shire Council, City of Ballarat and Cultivate Agribusiness Central Highlands Inc.

Deakin University's Centre for Regional and Rural Futures and Centre for Integrative Ecology have been appointed to work with the Shire and community to develop the plan.

PROJECT FUNDING

The project is being delivered as part of a Regional Project entitled Future Landscapes funded by the Victorian State Government, and partner Councils in the Central Highlands Region of Victoria.

The project is being managed by Cultivate Agribusiness Central Highlands Inc. on behalf of the project partners.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

For more information about the Future Landscapes project go to <http://futurelandscapes.cultivate.org.au/>

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