

MULLOON REHYDRATION INITIATIVE

Bringing the community along

A multi-award winning initiative involving 23 landholders who are regenerating and rehydrating the Mulloon catchment in NSW's Southern Tablelands. Vital partnerships including the National Landcare Network are enabling this catchment-scale, demonstration project to be repeated across Australia!

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Spanning 23,000ha and involving 23 landholders, this project in NSW's Southern Tablelands is transforming a deeply eroded creek into a healthy, vibrant and complex ecosystem. One that now moderates stream flows, captures flood sediments and recycles nutrients, with significant improvements in aquatic flora and fauna.

Impacts

- Neighbours coming together to share ideas & knowledge.
- Greater sense of community cohesion & wellbeing.
- Strong partnerships enabling landscape rehydration.
- Strategic collaborations driving regulatory change.

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Building strong and collaborative partnerships with landholders, State, Federal and Local Governments, universities, businesses, Landcare groups and communities around Australia is essential to achieving real change via this project.

Landcare groups, farmers, school and university groups and government representatives are visiting the project to learn about catchment-scale, landscape regeneration via field days, workshops and volunteer days.

The Mulloon Institute currently has landscape rehydration initiatives underway in NSW, ACT, QLD, WA, NT and VIC.

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Catchment communities working together can help reverse soil erosion and biodiversity loss



'COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS IN ACTION'



Approach

- Creek repair using small interventions to slow & filter water flow.
- Erosion prevention & soil building.
- Support landholders in adopting regenerative agriculture.
- Monitor catchment's hydrology, ecology & farm productivity.
- Deeper learning through art & citizen science.

Objectives

- Sharing our catchment rehydration journey.
- Providing technical expertise, workshops & training.
- Developing key partnerships with catchment communities.
- Empowering communities to rehydrate catchments.



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Key findings

- Increased aquatic & riparian plants.
- Healthy frog population.
- Increased greenness across floodplains.
- More biodiverse habitat.
- Return of rare & endangered bird species.
- Boosted agricultural outcomes.
- Farm production & regenerative landscape management go hand-in-hand.



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