

HUGHES CREEK CATCHMENT COLLABORATIVE

Formed in 1994, the Hughes Creek Catchment Collaborative (HCCC) has evolved from various Rabbit Action Groups and Landcare groups which started in the 1980's.

Whiteheads Creek Landcare, formed in 1986, was one of the earliest groups in Victoria.

The Hughes Creek Catchment Collaborative is currently a Landcare Network combining Highlands, Whiteheads Creek, Upper Hughes Creek & Hughes Creek Landcare groups. It is based in the southern Strathbogie Ranges, part of Central Victorian Uplands, covering the localities of Ruffy, Terip Terip, Caveat, Highlands, Dropmore, Tarcombe, Kobyboyn & Whiteheads Creek. HCCC straddles the back corner of three shires: Strathbogie, Mitchell & Murrindindi.

We receive administrative support from the Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority and the Victorian Government.

Statement of purpose

Landcare enables people to do something practical about protecting and restoring Australia's unique environment. Landcare members have control in setting the activities and focus that HCCC wishes to pursue .

These activities must be in line with the Landcare Ethic 'A caring attitude and a wish to pass our planet on to the next generation in a healthier state than we find it in today'.

HCCC strives to provide a supportive environment which gives local people the opportunity to come together, share knowledge and experiences and to do something practical to improve the long term health of our land.

HCCC is based in a farming community. It promotes the sustainable production of high quality food and fibre and supports the maintenance of a farm's productive capacity through the implementation environmental best practise farming techniques and the apt adoption of sustainable farming technologies.

It also aims to support smaller, new and absentee landholders with alternative lifestyle aspirations in the management of their land for better environmental outcomes.

This landcare network's activities focus pest plant and animal control, but also include biodiversity conservation, waterway management, revegetation, soil health management, protection of endangered species plus community welfare & education.

Committee of management

The executive committee consists of two nominated representatives from each of the four sub-catchments plus the President. If a motion needs voting on these are the 9 people entitled to vote. All landholders who participate in landcare activities are considered to be ordinary members of the group. No membership fees are collected.

The committee meets monthly and the venue for each meeting rotates around the catchment visiting the Highlands Hall , Whiteheads Creek Hall, Tablelands Community Centre at Ruffy and the Terip Terip Recreation Reserve.

Meeting dates are advertised in the Granite News and anyone interested is invited to attend.

Our AMG is held in Oct/November each year.

Hughes Creek Catchment Collaborative is Not for Profit affiliated association with Landcare Victoria Incorporated (formerly VFTLA) Incorporation number A0011936S

Insurance: Public Liability, Volunteer insurance and Officers Liability and Professional Indemnity Insurance are through the VFTLA / Landcare Victoria Inc.

HCCC is registered for GST and has an ABN 50 378 412 540

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Partnerships

The success of our landcare network has been due to partnerships with the Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority and the Victoria State Government.

Actions

Publisher of the weekly Granite News

Caretaker of the Caveat Church

Renter of office space and storage container at Tablelands Community Centre

Employer of 3 part time facilitators

Employer of financial officer -Neville Ford

Lender of equipment

Seeker of funding to support landholders to undertake landcare activities.

