

FACT SHEET



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The Hawkesbury-Nepean Catchment Management Authority (HNCMA) was established by the NSW Government to help protect the natural values of the Hawkesbury-Nepean and ensure it continues to be a healthy and productive catchment. To achieve this goal, the HNCMA works closely with landholders, councils, community and landcare groups, non-government organisations and other government agencies to plan, fund and carry out practical environmental improvements in priority areas.

The Hawkesbury-Nepean is a catchment of national significance with a diverse range of natural landscapes, native flora and fauna, including 288 threatened species. The catchment has the highest diversity of Eucalypt species in the world and almost 10% of Australia's vascular plant species. It covers 22,000 square kilometres and is home to more than 1 million people.

Formed in 2004 as one of 13 Catchment Management Authorities (CMAs) across New South Wales, the HNCMA is working with communities to make local decisions and deliver targeted projects to protect and restore native vegetation, soil and land conservation and improve river health.

The HNCMA's targets are set out in the 10-year Catchment Action Plan, which provides a roadmap for prioritising, investing in and protecting the future of the catchment. All projects are closely monitored to ensure environmental outcomes are achieved.

The HNCMA's programs and projects are funded by the New South Wales and Australian Governments, as well as its partners and corporate supporters. The HNCMA is also assisted by many tireless volunteers and private landholders who contribute countless hours and invaluable local knowledge to improving the catchment for the benefit of all.



THE HNCMA – WE'RE WORKING WITH YOU.

Whether you're a landholder, landcare group or working in local government in the Hawkesbury-Nepean catchment, the HNCMA has over 50 expert and experienced staff working across the catchment wanting to work with you.

LANDHOLDERS

The HNCMA has funding available to carry out environmental projects on private land in priority areas across the catchment.

Combining your local knowledge and the HNCMA's free technical expertise, projects can be planned and funded to find solutions specific to your property. Projects can be designed to address issues such as protecting bushland and riverbanks, controlling weeds and erosion, or repairing land degradation. Hundreds of landholders have already benefited from the HNCMA staff's expert advice and funding, leading to more productive and sustainable farms, and improved property values.

In the last three years, landholders worked with the HNCMA to help protect 186 kilometres of riverbank, restore 650 hectares of bushland and protect 2,400 ha of the catchment through soil conservation works.

HNCMA staff can assist you with designing your project and accessing funding available for your property. The HNCMA's website also has up to date information on funding opportunities for landholders.

LANDCARE GROUPS

The HNCMA recognises the vital contribution our landcare volunteers make to protecting the catchment. The HNCMA has a team of dedicated Community Support Officers who work with the landcare groups within the catchment and can:

- Assist in turning volunteer ideas into landcare projects
- Provide technical advice
- Access funding and support from within the HNCMA and external sources (government and corporate supporters)
- Provide training based on landcare volunteer needs
- Provide insurance for registered groups
- Help to organise events and working bees for your group
- Provide first aid kits

If you're not already involved in landcare, you can help us to make a difference by contacting the HNCMA or visit our website to find a local landcare group to join. Or why not start your own group? If there is a local environmental issue you think needs addressing talk to your friends and neighbours and contact one of our Community Support Officers for assistance to get started.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Local government makes a very significant contribution to natural resource management outcomes in the catchment and the HNCMA values its expertise and investment in catchment health.

Together, the HNCMA and local governments have funded on-ground environmental works to the value of more than \$12 million.

The HNCMA has a dedicated local government support officer and project staff across the organisation supporting the implementation of local government projects, and has funded projects in 20 of the 23 local government areas across the catchment. For the latest information on funding for local government visit the HNCMA website.



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