

FACT SHEET



GET INVOLVED WITH THE HNCMA



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 covers 22,000 square kilometres and is home to more than 1 million people.

The Hawkesbury-Nepean Catchment Management Authority (HNCMA) is working with communities to make local decisions and deliver targeted projects to address some environmental challenges.

Whether you're a community member, landholder or part of a landcare group in the Hawkesbury-Nepean catchment, the HNCMA has over 50 expert and experienced staff working across the catchment wanting to work with you to help achieve mutual goals.



LANDCARE GROUPS IN THE HAWKESBURY-NEPEAN

Landcare is a national network of thousands of locally-based community groups who are helping to restore and protect Australia's environment, as well as providing members with a new social network and skills.

The HNCMA recognises the vital contribution our landcare volunteers make to protecting the catchment. There are currently 120 landcare groups working in all corners of the Hawkesbury-Nepean Catchment generously giving their time and expertise.

The HNCMA has funding available to landcare groups for on-ground environmental works on private land in the catchment to protect our native vegetation, remove weeds and safeguard the catchment's biodiversity. The HNCMA team can also assist with securing funding and support from other sources for landcare groups.

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 our Community Support Officer for assistance to get started.

LANDHOLDERS IN THE HAWKESBURY-NEPEAN

The HNCMA has funding available for landholders to work 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 would be happy to show you examples of work in your local area and to assist you in sourcing funding available for your property. The HNCMA's website also has up to date information on priority areas and funding opportunities available to landholders. Applying for funding from the HNCMA is a simple and easy process that starts with contacting your local HNCMA office.



"THE HNCMA IS AVAILABLE TO HELP YOU CARRY OUT YOUR LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT WITH FUNDING AND TECHNICAL ADVICE."

