

OUR MEMBERSHIP - CASE STUDIES



Mid Lachlan
Landcare

Mid Lachlan Landcare membership draws from Canowindra, Cowra, Eugowra, Gooloogong, Greenethorpe, Koorawatha, Lyndhurst, Mandurama, Neville, Wyangala and Woodstock.



WENDY,

BEEF
PRODUCER,
CANOWINDRA



ROB,

MIXED FARMER,
CANOWINDRA



MEGAN & JOHN,

BEEF
PRODUCERS,
MANDURAMA



MARION,

GRAZI-HER,
BILLIMARI

WENDY BOWMAN

WENDY HAS RADICALLY IMPROVED GROUNDCOVER



WHEN DID YOU JOIN US?

After attending the GFP School in 2009 I was implementing changes to the grazing practices on my property, these changes are challenging and it was very useful to attend events with like-minded farmers many of whom had already made changes in accordance with regenerative management or were in the process of doing so, like me. It was great to get knowledge, support and advice from others farmers.

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

I have made wonderful friends through MLL and now have a support network second to none. It helped me get through the drought because I had people I could trust look at my operation from the outside and offer sound suggestions. The stand out events have been a workshop run by Holistic Management guru, Terry McCosker, a grazing workshop with David McLean, the Dung Beetle Field Day with John Feehan and a visit and workshop run by Dr Christine Jones. Scott Hickman's regular grazing group meetings discussing changing seasonal conditions are also very important.

LONG TERM GOAL

My goal is that my paddocks look better than ever and I have confidence in the grazing system I am using. My MLL membership is helping me achieve this.

ROBBIE WATT



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WHEN DID YOU JOIN US?

I've been a member for about 10 years. I had an interest in regen farming, soil carbon and biodiversity so I got involved in MLL's Growing the Grazing Revolution program and continued on from there.

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

Workshops I've attended have shown how problems such as salinity and erosion can be reversed by understanding root systems and the water cycle. The biggest change to my land has been the increase in bird life with the increase in tree cover.

LONG TERM GOAL

My goal to increase perennial grasses, both native and exotic, has been beneficial to soil health.

In 2016, I hosted a MLL field day with Colin Seis who developed an award winning approach to farming. His pasture cropping system restores grassland and improves soil while producing stock feed and grain. I had been successfully pasture cropping and following Seis for several years.

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NATIVE PERENNIAL GROUND COVER IS A MANAGEMENT PRIORITY



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MARION MITCHELL READ



WHY DID YOU JOIN?

My membership with Mid-Lachlan Landcare is both brain stimulation and an opportunity to interact with like-minded people.

MLL provides such interesting workshops and opportunities from Growing the Grazing Revolution (GGR) to fungi identification. Last year I thoroughly enjoyed the bird talks and subsequently signed up to Birds on Farms through Birdlife Australia.

LONG TERM GOALS

I see it as a privilege to own country and my job to care for the land as best I can.

I've always been interested in saving ecosystems even way back at uni when I joined WWF and Greenpeace.

It's one thing to protest for the Gordon below Franklin River but attending local events made me realise we had our own ecosystem to save and that we can put all our effort into that.

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

Attending MLL days, whether grazing days or field days, has increased my confidence as a grazi-her and also contributed to my mental health.

During the recent drought, Scott and Peter (GGR), actually rang to check in with me (and many others). They came out to farms to resolve things that were tricky to understand like DSE's, DDH's, Stock Days and grazing charts. They don't have all the answers for you but they are great at helping you work out your possible solutions. That's a real skill.

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JOHN & MEGAN ROWLANDS

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

MLL offers us opportunities to share information and experiences and continually learn about better practices, network and listen to gurus in their field

Our paddocks have increased in ground cover, soil health and diversity. Some years we feel we have made outstanding progress, other years not so much. The seasons play a significant role - if it rains or not. However, we have developed and continue to develop a greater understanding of managing our pastures through all seasons together with our livestock and the business. There is no quick fix from the industrial era given the length of time it took to degrade our soils; it will probably take just as long and probably longer to get our soils back to a reasonable biological state.



LONG TERM GOAL

We hope to leave the country we manage in a better condition than we started and we're confident the next generation will continue the journey.

WHEN DID YOU JOIN?

We started our journey of change to our farm practices in 1999 after attending a holistic management course. Back then there was very little support, and we were considered quite 'hippie or rad' by conservative sectors. The practices we had inherited just didn't seem to be adding up environmentally or economically. We were looking for alternatives to run a productive and less stressful grazing business. As time went on more people in our region became interested in MLL, particularly with Scott Hickman at the helm of the 'Growing the Grazing Revolution' program. We don't feel so much like 'rads' now, not that that's a bad identity.