



*Trees regenerating after mulching (5 day turnaround)*

“This project came about when my wife and I were faced with grass, trees, plants and vegetables dying due to the drought and heatwave last summer.

We were very lucky that a friend, who understood about soils, recommended we improve the soil in the garden to hold more moisture by mulching and adding other materials.

Our passion for creating a sustainable garden resulted in a committee of like-minded individuals getting together with the objective to create sustainable gardens across the region”.

– Bob Philipson  
Convenor, Community Voice For Hume

If you got this leaflet in your letterbox, then for more information about the “Get to Know Your Neighbour” meeting, please visit:

<https://landcare.nsw.gov.au/groups/community-voice-for-hume/events-listing>

In the get together, you will meet members of the project and talk about what you would like for your street.

The meeting will be followed-up with a separate facilitated workshop to form a street committee.



This project is part of Community Voice for Hume Inc’s (CV4H) program: “Building Hume’s Future Together” and is run in conjunction with other community groups and with support from leading nurseries and garden suppliers.

CV4H is a Landcare Group registered with Landcare NSW and represents the area of Goulburn Mulwaree.

The gardens project encompasses our Regenerative Grazing Group.

Landcare’s vision is: “All Australians caring for the land and water that sustain us”.

#### Project Partners

- ◆ Institute for Sustainable Futures (part of University of Technology Sydney (UTS))
- ◆ Walter Jehne, Internationally Known Soil Microbiologist and Hydrologist
- ◆ Upper Lachlan Landcare
- ◆ Goulburn Bee Club
- ◆ Southern Tableland Bat Rescue and Rehabilitation



## Grow Goulburn Mulwaree Farms and Garden Project

- ◆ Was your garden caught by the drought and heatwave last summer?
- ◆ Did your garden suffer as a result of water restrictions?
- ◆ Did it hurt to see grass, trees, plants and vegetables die?
- ◆ Did the horrific bushfires make you wonder how you could help to mitigate against further such events?



*Trees affected by drought*

## ABOUT THE PROJECT

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Step 1 is to form a street committee so that you can:-

- ◆ create a community that will direct the project to the benefit of the street
- ◆ participate in a competition for the most improved garden/street
- ◆ work with your neighbour in building a corridor for native bees, as part of a state-wide project that includes our schools
- ◆ help your less able neighbours in their gardens
- ◆ socialise and have fun!

To support the setting up and running of the committee, for each street we run a facilitated workshop. Preceding that workshop is a "Get to Know Your Neighbour" meeting!

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Step 2 is to initiate the first phase of a multi-phase project.

Gardeners in each of the streets registered for the project will be invited to attend a workshop designed to educate gardeners on the different types of mulch, their benefits, and how to select the right mulch for their garden.

All workshops will be run by a local or national expert, so you will be getting the best possible advice tailored to Goulburn Mulwaree's environment.

All attendees will also receive a very smart project logo to put on your fence or in your garden.

Finally, a discount on mulch has been arranged for those who attend the mulching workshop. Relevant supplier staff will be trained to be able to advise gardeners on the selection of mulch and wear identification to that effect.

## HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

To find out more about how you can help, contact:

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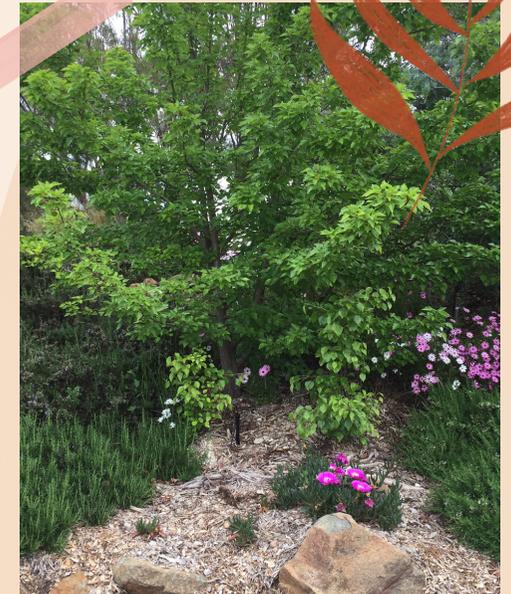
*"I am very happy to support this sustainable garden project, and congratulate Community Voice for Hume on their initiative".*

- Bob Kirk, Mayor,  
Goulburn Mulwaree Council

The project has been designed to:-

- ◆ help garden owners make their garden's more sustainable and reduce water use
- ◆ cool the garden and around the house in-line with our Council Climate Mitigation plans and similar plans at State and Federal Government level
- ◆ promote and support the growing of vegetables
- ◆ help the environment by planting natives, including endangered species and attracting wildlife
- ◆ build on the excellent work that went into establishing the Wetlands by establishing Goulburn as a destination for tourists, thereby boosting the economy
- ◆ build on the excellent work done by Goulburn Mulwaree gardeners in conserving water in the millennial drought. We hope to be able to draw on that knowledge and experience.

The project has the endorsement of our State MP and the endorsement of the Mayor and General Manager of Goulburn Mulwaree.



*Before mulching, this tree had only a handful of leaves on it.*