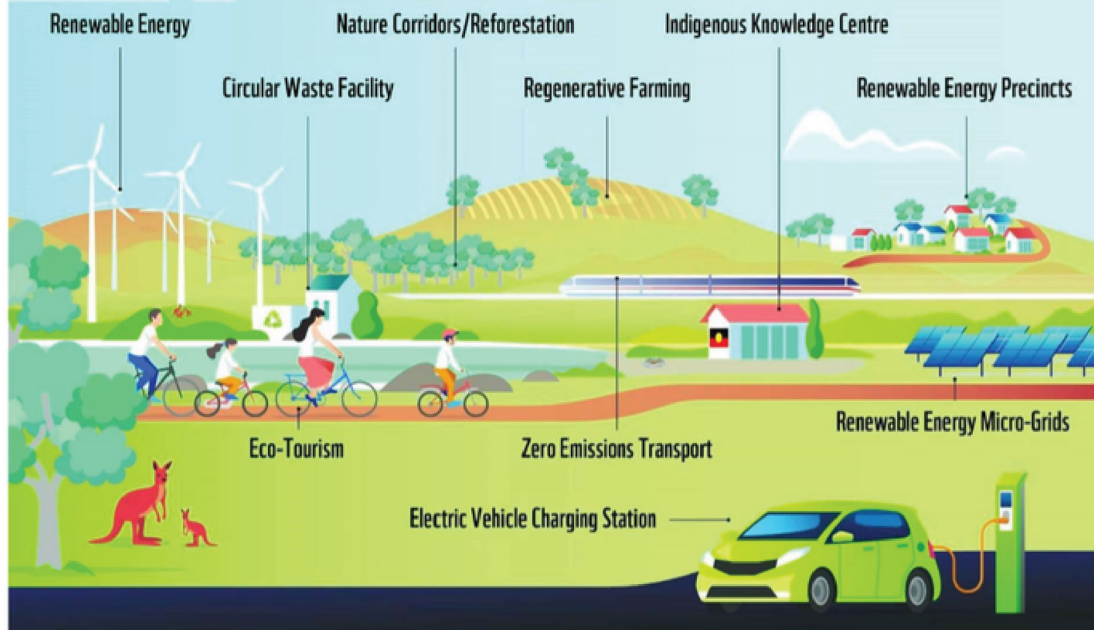


# A Vision for Regenerative Communities



**Landcare**  
Goulburn Mulwaree Grazing  
and Farming Group



## **Vision**

Working with our CSH network across Southeast NSW to contribute / to influence the creation of a healthy and sustainable ecosystem and circular economies – through:

- Education
- Partnership - community acting together to position us as a Sustainability Hub

## **Mission – enable**

- Equitable communities – equitable distribution of resources
- Future sustainability
- Ecological integrity
- Health natural systems that humans are a part of
- Leaders in responding to the challenges of the changing climate
- Sustainable Homes
- Equity, inclusion, integrity and ethics

## **Bulletin:- 24<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

### **BREAKING NEWS - QLD State Government Commits to Building A Sustainable Future**

The new Premier of Qld, Steven Miles, has committed to phase out fossil fuel projects as a significant commitment to building a sustainable future. Hats off to Steven Miles, as his decision takes guts in the face of trenchant criticism from fossil fuel interests, such as SANTOS. Qld now stands to attract significant investment in sustainable businesses and the other states will be disadvantaged. This will also knock a BIG hole in the Federal Government's climate policy and potentially leave it looking, see:- [QLD State Premier Goes For A Sustainable Future](#).

Now is the time for Goulburn's Chamber of Commerce and Council to take heed. Ditto other regional NSW Councils and Chambers of Commerce.

### **Strategic Plan For The Community Sustainability Hub**

A successful strategic planning session was run on 9<sup>th</sup> December with a professional facilitator, delivering an, updated, Vision and Mission, see above, that was largely based on the one developed by ZeroSE, a network of community groups across SE NSW. See also:- [CSH Vision Mission and Values](#).

My thanks to our knowledgeable team for their valuable time and effort:-

- Dr Di Dibley of ZeroSE
- Maimiti Brook, Gundungurra Women and organiser of Yes23 campaign for the electorate of Hume
- Lori Gould of Rivers of Carbon and the Australian Rivers Restoration Centre
- Frank Egan, long time regenerative farmer and broadcaster and a member of Landcare
- Jennifer Lamb, local historian

A copy of the strategic plan can be found here:- [CSH Strategic Plan](#). Any and all comments are welcome (send to me please). Deadline for a responses is 15<sup>th</sup> January.

A small team was recommended by the professional facilitator for the strategic planning session with a larger committee now being formed and will

meet mid January to plan the next steps. If you are interested in being a member of the committee, please let me know.

### **CSH and JUSTRA - Working To Build “Sustainable and Just Cities”.**

See:- [JUSTRA](#) and [Justra-More](#) about the project and the issues, the project aims to tackle through its international network of members including ourselves.

- 1. How do just sustainability transitions manifest in practice in cities, towns and communities across the world?*
- 2. What are synergies and tensions between ecological sustainability and social justice in specific domains like energy, food, mobility and housing?*
- 3. How do grassroots organisations, governments and enterprises strive for just sustainability through technological and social innovation?*
- 4. How do initiatives for just sustainability collaborate locally and globally in trans-local networks and social movements?*
- 5. How are power relations challenged and/or reproduced in just sustainability transitions?*

If any of you wish to participate in the network, please let me know. I am in the process of writing a summary of what our CSH is doing, for publication by IUSTRA. The credentials afforded by our membership of JUSTRA should help build support for our work.

### **G-M CSH Invited To Visit The Bega Circular Valley/CSH Co-operative**

A meeting now likely mid-January onwards – stayed-tuned and let me know if you are interested to being a member of the party.

### **Report on Meeting With The Dept of Regional NSW Re Funding From NSW Government For CSH Projects**

The meeting was held on 13th December with Jan Campbell of the Dept of Regional NSW about funding for the Community Sustainability Hub’s plans. Jan has a copy of the CSH strategic plan and we will regroup in January, but in the meantime Jan has supplied a list of NSW plans relevant to the plans of the CSH, see:- [NSW Regional Development Plans](#), items 7-12.

## **Online Meeting with UTS's Institute for Sustainable Futures**

An online meeting is scheduled with the ISF, an original partner in CV4H's program, Building Hume's Future Together, on 8<sup>th</sup> January to discuss how they could help with build the CSH. More information after the meeting.

## **New Website For the CSH**

The CSH web pages currently hosted on its parent's website, [www.cv-4h.org](http://www.cv-4h.org), will form the basis of the separate web site now being developed by a professional web company, by its head, a passionate proponent of community sustainability. See <https://www.throttlemedia.com.au/>.

Lorraine Chabrat, a volunteer working with CANSign, see [www.cansign.org.au](http://www.cansign.org.au), a member of ZeroSE, donated significant amounts of her time working on website ideas. Thanks also to members of CANSign who were involved with the meeting that led to the help from Lorraine. This significant project is being funded by a member of the Philipson family.

## **Farmers Market**

The CSH, represented by Community Voice for Hume, took a stall at the highly successful Farmers Market running at the Goulburn Showgrounds. The plan was to sell produce from CSH members and indeed anyone else, with proceeds going to charities that support the disadvantaged in our community. With little time to organise any significant amounts of produce we kicked-off with four bundles of rhubarb from our own garden.

The next market is on 27<sup>th</sup> January, when, hopefully more produce will be available from our members, maybe tomatoes and we will have radishes as well as rhubarb. We can pick-up from anyone who does have produce.

We sported the latest pay wave technology (Square) although not working fully and its setup was a very large technology challenge, not least because we already have WAVE on our web site and the two do not get on at all! To get it going I had to use my wife's email address for the WAVE hand-held.



The CSH is offering to host other community groups on its stand, starting with those that are members of the CSH. Please contact myself if you are interested. The very respectable total of \$6 was the sum total takings for the moment, but I managed to do some significant shopping. There were two other people selling vegetables, one in serious quantities. The market is a good opportunity to meet like-minded individuals and build our membership and interest.

### **Projects On The Go!**

The following two projects are in progress:-

1. Rehydration and Regeneration across up to 20 acres – Coolowyn Road, second round of discussions with stakeholders starts after Christmas
2. Rehydration of Run-O-Waters. Grant submission starts after Christmas, guided by Rivers of Carbon

### **Summary**

With momentum and membership building, significant progress is on the cards for 2024 by working together.

A Happy Christmas to all and a successfully sustainable 2024!