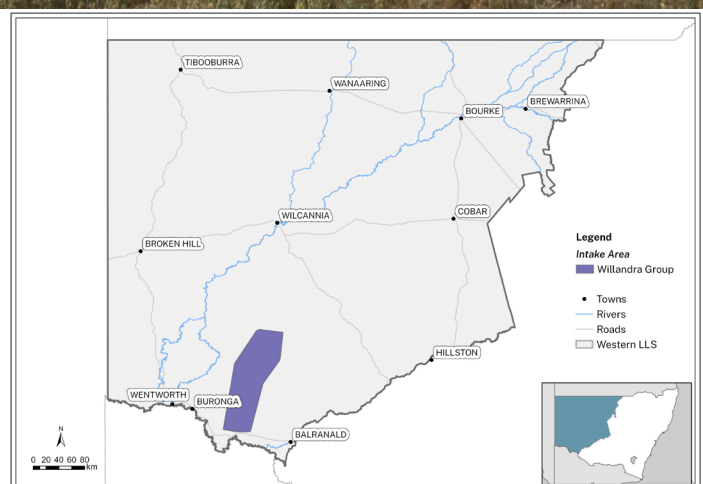


Maintaining profitable and productive landscapes in the Willandra Lakes World Heritage property: A collaborative approach



The Willandra Lakes Region is listed as a World Heritage Area due to its Outstanding Universal Value of cultural and natural heritage and distinctive biodiversity. The region consists of National Parks and privately managed pastoral leases.

The region faces a range of environmental challenges, including:

- impacts from invasive species
- management of total grazing pressure from domestic and non-domestic herbivores, and
- rainfall variability.

The *Improving Tactical Decision Making* program and *Willandra Lakes Region - Outcomes for Country* project run in conjunction and while distinct in focus, share a common thread of collaborative land management with the landholders in the World Heritage property.

Improving Tactical Decision Making program

- designed specifically for NSW rangelands
- group-based coaching sessions
- equip landholders with the skills to:
 - assess and monitor pasture condition
 - manage grazing pressure
 - enhance livestock productivity.

Key aspects of the projects

Willandra Lakes Region - Outcomes for Country project

- pest animal control
- landholder capacity building
- linking landholders, technical experts and Aboriginal people's perspectives
- integrate pastoral and landscape knowledge with pest control techniques.

“Information is very relevant to our current business situation i.e. dry times” – Willandra Lakes participant



Outcomes and benefits

- regular workshops despite dry conditions
- pest animal control underway
- peer learning and individual support
- stronger trust between landholders and staff
- resilient pastoral businesses and landscapes.

By integrating sustainable agriculture, cultural perspectives and environmental conservation, these programs are helping ensure the long-term resilience of the Willandra Lakes Region.