



Upper Lachlan Habitat Connectivity Prioritisation Plan – *Report Summary*

A partner project between Upper Lachlan Landcare, South East Local Land Services, Gunning District Landcare and Upper Lachlan Shire Council engaged local ecologist Tony Saunders, to undertake the extensive and comprehensive research, and prepare the Upper Lachlan Habitat Connectivity Prioritisation Plan (ULHCPP).

Why do we need a habitat connectivity prioritisation plan?

Upper Lachlan contains diverse and significant biodiversity, however much of this has become very fragmented and degraded. Within our Shire there are 105 threatened plant species, 102 threatened vertebrate species, and 8 endangered ecological communities. It has been recognised that public reserves alone, are not able to sustain ongoing biodiversity and so habitat conservation on private land is critical.

The ULHCPP identifies areas where revegetation projects may provide maximum conservation benefit, so that those areas may be preferentially targeted for further habitat enhancement within the Shire.

How are priority areas identified?

First an extensive search of all the environmental information was conducted to provide an overall picture of the current state of the environment and biodiversity within the Shire. The report then zoomed in to focus on the existing endangered ecological communities and their overlap with the distribution of selected threatened sedentary faunal species.

Who will use the ULHCPP?

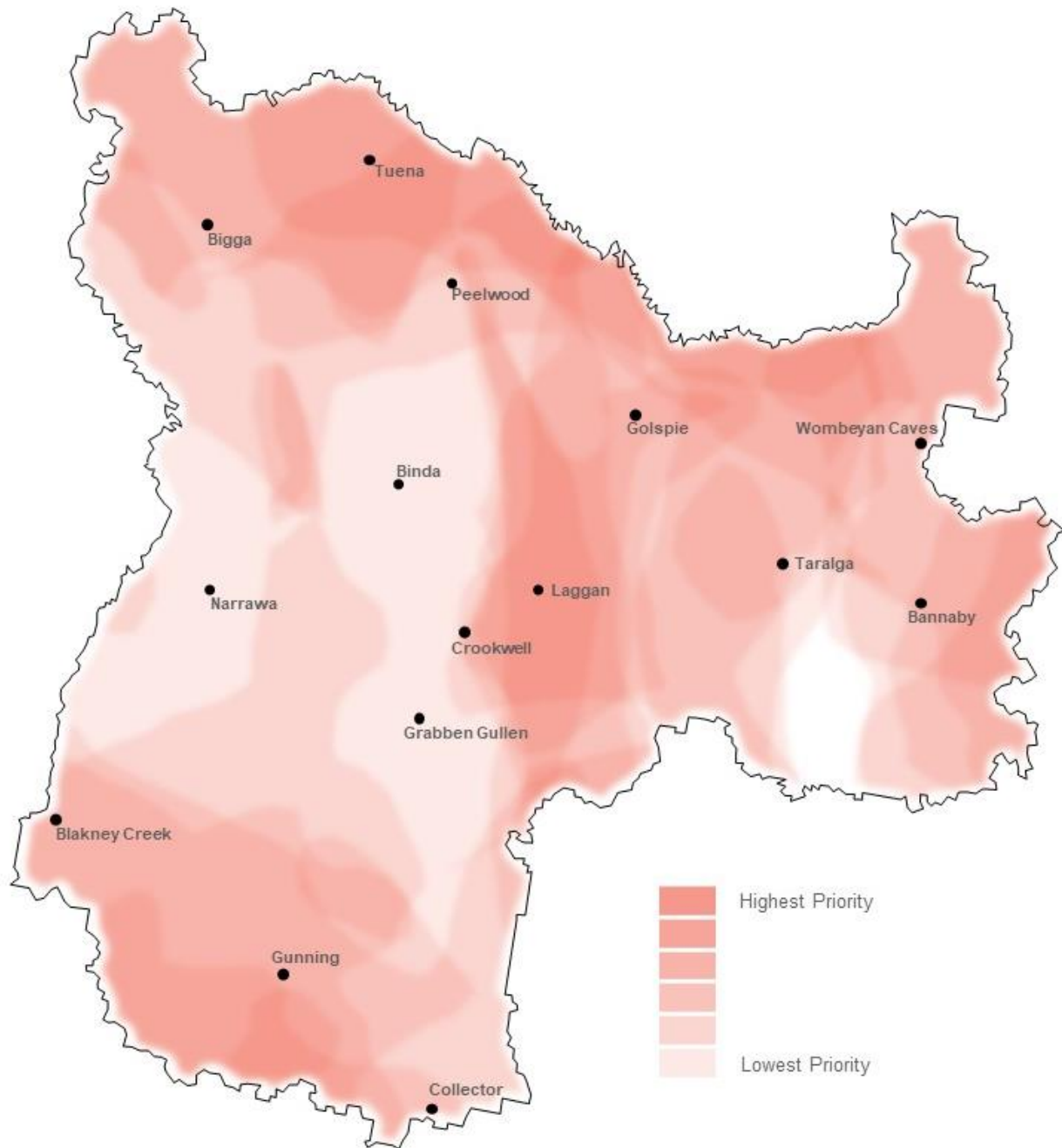
The ULHCPP will be available to any organisations and persons engaged in restoration works. With collective focus, revegetation activities will be amplified, increasing the positive impact on biodiversity enhancement.

What if I don't live in an area identified as high priority?

All native revegetation efforts are making a significant contribution to promoting conservation within the Shire. Where limited resources are available and where there is the ability to target certain areas for revegetation, the ULHCPP can provide a guide to help with the selection of areas that would provide maximum benefit for habitat connectivity and enhancement across the Shire.

Extending and protecting these remnants and the threatened species they contain is essential for securing biodiversity into the future.

Priority Habitat Enhancement and Connectivity Sites within Upper Lachlan Local Government Area



The Upper Lachlan Habitat Enhancement and Connectivity Prioritisation Map consists of a series of overlays highlighting areas of higher priority for habitat connectivity rehabilitation activities. It combines and gives equal weight to all of the priority criteria assessed in the Upper Lachlan Habitat Connectivity Prioritisation Plan. The resulting map indicates priority areas by a darker colour indicating several priority criteria overlap at these sites.

For more information.....

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