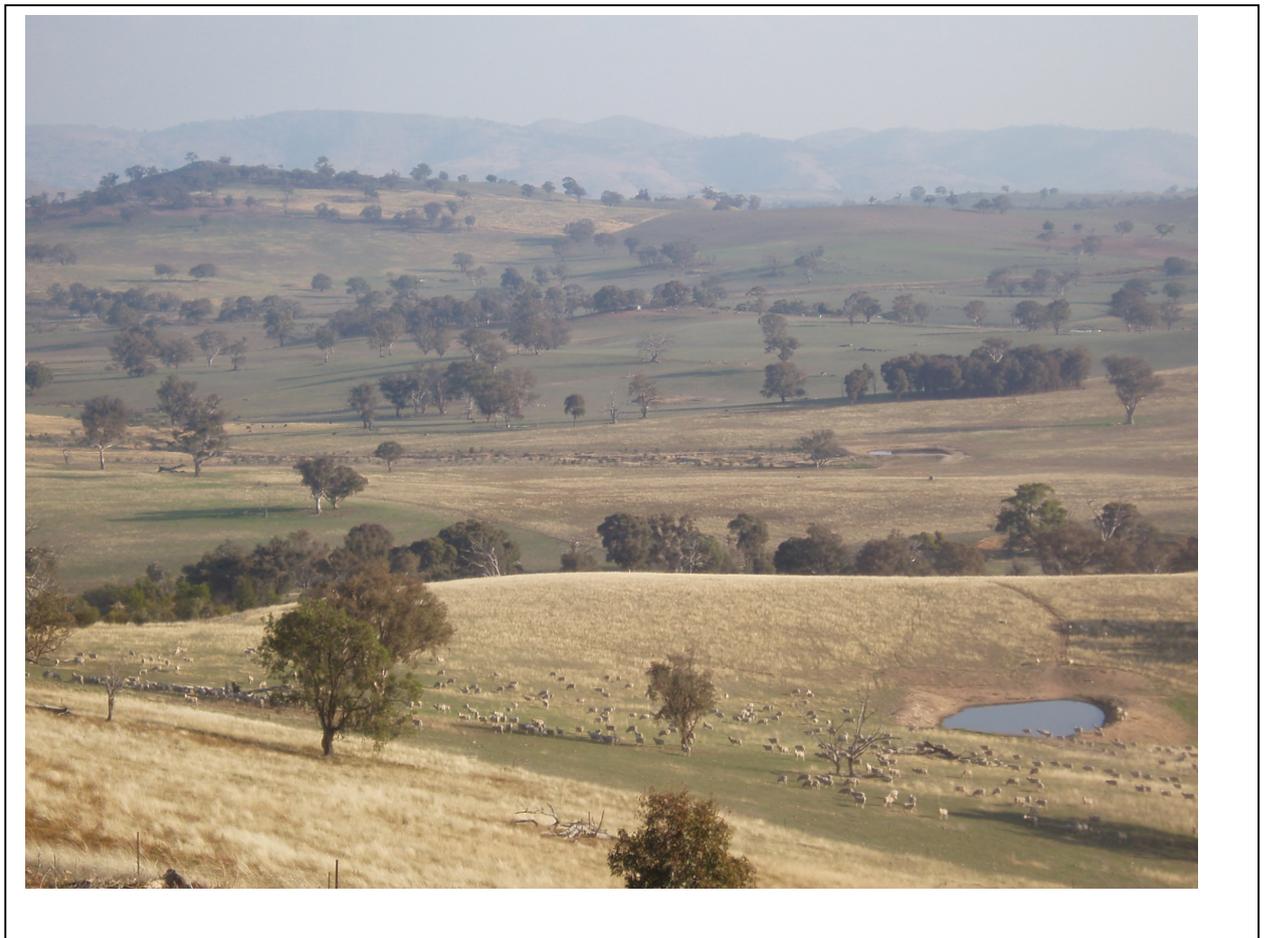


HARDEN MURRUMBURRAH LANDCARE GROUP

FINAL REPORT

Galong Mine Revegetation Project



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PROJECT DETAILS

- Title:** Galong Mine Revegetation Project
- Partners** Boral Blue Circle
Bobbara Pastoral Company Pty Ltd
- Participants:** Members of Harden Murrumburrah Landcare Group & its sub group Binalong Landcare Group in the immediate vicinity of the Galong Mine
- Supporting organisation:** Murrumbidgee Catchment Management Authority
Australian Government Envirofund
- Project Duration:** December, 2004 - December, 2007
- Location:** Jugiong Creek Catchment, land surrounding the Galong Kiln, Harden Shire
- Acknowledgments:** The participants would like to acknowledge and thank these organisations for the tremendous support and assistance they have given this project
- Assessment committee:** David Cusack (Harden Murrumburrah Landcare Group), Anthony Guinness & Neil McColl (Bobbara Pastoral Company), Alan Starr, Peter Richardson, Jerry Fitzpatrick (Boral _ Blue Circle Cement) & Sean Robinson (Binalong Landcare Group)
- Technical support provided by Chris Howarth, Louise Hufton & Matthew Walker (Murrumbidgee CMA)

Project Objectives

To assist landholders in the immediate vicinity of the Galong Mine rehabilitate land and improve water quality in the Limestone Creek and surrounding sub catchment of the Jugiong Creek.

PROJECT

To provide support for landholders wishing to undertake on-ground environmental works on their property with the aim of rehabilitating land degradation issues for them and the wider Jugiong Creek catchment– these might include revegetation and fencing recharge sites, gully and stream bank erosion control, sowing of salt tolerant pastures on saline discharge sites. Fencing that would manage stock access to streams and the provision of alternate watering points, replanting and protection of high conservation remnant and riparian vegetation.

The project is a partnership between Boral_Blue Circle, Bobbara Pastoral Company Pty Limited, Harden Murrumburrah Landcare Group (HMLG), Binalong Landcare Group & the Murrumbidgee Catchment Management Authority (MCMA).

HMLG called for applications amongst the neighbouring landholders to the Kiln (see [appendix](#)) and applications were accessed and ranked against criteria set by the committee (see appendix). The nominated committee assessed and allocated funding according to these criteria and after discussion and prioritisation.

OUTCOMES

1. Plantings have increased the biodiversity across the region
2. Increased opportunity for landholders to carry out catchment conservation, protection and rehabilitation
3. Boral_Blue Circle & Bobbara Pastoral Company have been able to work closely with the landcare community surrounding the kiln contributing in a direct & significant manner.
4. A faster application of on-ground works by landholders to environmental planning and management than would have otherwise been achieved
5. Protection of large actively eroding gullies, as they are fenced out and animal impact removed, allowing banks to stabilise and reduce sediment leaving the site and entering watercourses.
6. Provision of alternate watering points as creeks and gullies are protected.
7. Information exchange between landholders on successful methods of native vegetation establishment, gully repair and recovery of bare ground

FINANCIAL REPORT

Project Income (2004 – 2008) \$ 93,000.00

Project implementation

2005	37,862.34	
2006	17,663.39	
2007	16,367.75	
2008	8,400.00	80,293.48

BALANCE 12,706.52 *

*This money was withheld by the Management Committee in 2007 due to the dry conditions and a recommendation to withdraw from planting in July/August, 2007

PUBLICITY, FIELD DAYS & PRESENTATIONS

The project has received wide publicity at each stage of the process mentioned above and copies of the various articles are attached to this report.

The Elms – 16 October, 2006

Binalong Landcare farm walk looking at gully rehabilitation and direct seeding

Hungry Hills – 20 February, 2006

Murrumbidgee CMA & HMLG

TOPIC: Management options for severely eroding gullies & hillsides

Inspection of works recently undertaken

Hungry Hills – several tour groups including Murrumbidgee CMA Board & a number of government departments from Canberra have inspected this site as a demonstration of partnerships between government, community and business working successful towards environmental outcomes.

Project is regularly mentioned in the Harden Murrumburrah Landcare Group Newsletter .

Comments from landholders receiving funding:

“The partnership with Boral & Bobbara has enabled us to complete our environmental works at a much faster rate than we would otherwise have achieved, we are very grateful for the funding”

Don Constable, Beulambil, Galong.

Our property has received funding from Boral over the past few years that has enabled us to improve the sustainability and productivity of The Elms. Without the help that Boral has provided we would not have been able to afford to do most of the things that we have achieved. We are very thankful for your help.

In the future we are hoping to complete our program by fencing off the last remaining gullies and drilling a bore to ensure water supply in paddocks created by fencing the gullies.

We also would like to extend an invitation to you to see the works that we have undertaken with your help. We will gladly assist you in the event that you would like to document the work that we have done.

Ken Jacobs, The Elms, Binalong

“This partnership has enabled farmers in the immediate area of the Galong mine to access extra funding to enhance and increase their ability to undertake their planned rehabilitation works and HMLG is pleased to be able to be part of this partnership supporting projects in the area”

John McGrath – Chair Harden Murrumburrah Landcare Group

The generous Boral/Bobbara funding was timely, appropriate and was of substantial environmental benefit not only to Glenroy but to the community.

Financial assistance much appreciated.

Geoff Henderson, Glenroy, Binalong

Letter from Janice & Micheal Schultz

APPENDIX to this report

- ❖ Examples of Press coverage received
- ❖ Harden Murrumburrah Landcare Newsletter
- ❖ Example of landholder plan for environmental management prior to applying for funding
- ❖ Example of letter advising landholders of funding opportunity and application form
- ❖ Assessment criteria sheet
- ❖ Letter of offer & 'terms and conditions' of funding
- ❖ Map showing where funding was allocated in relationship to Galong Mine
- ❖ Project activities & funding

Dear

Galong Mine Revegetation Project

in conjunction with

Harden Murrumburrah Landcare Group

2005 Submission

MUST BE RETURNED BY

Tuesday 8 February, 2005

Bobbara Pastoral Company Pty Ltd and Blue Circle Southern-Minerals have joined with Harden Murrumburrah Landcare Group (HMLG) to provide you, as a neighbouring property to the Galong Lime Kiln, with the opportunity to carry out land rehabilitation and water quality restoration works on your 'patch'. They have generously provided approximately \$30,000/pa for the next three years with the possibility of a further two years to assist farmers undertaking these works.

Attached is an application form that needs to be completed prior to Tuesday 8 February, 2005. If you need any assistance with this document please do not hesitate to contact either Chris Howarth (69424977-Cootamundra away until 10/1/2005) or Louise (63863954-away until 17/1/05). Please be aware that this project can be used to supplement the plans you may already have with the Jugiong Creek Water Quality and Salinity project currently operating in the Limestone, Douglas Creek & Boorowa Flats Catchments.

Applications will be assessed by a nominated committee of Alan Starr (Blue Circle Southern), Anthony Guinness (Bobbara Pastoral Company), David Cucask (HMLG), Shaun Robinson (Binalong) & Chris Howarth (Catchment Management Authority), priority given to activities closest to the mine site.

If you hear of a neighbour not receiving this letter please contact me, I have made every effort to know who they are.

Wishing you a safe and merry Christmas and all the best for 2005.

Louise Hufton,
Community Support Officer – HMLG
22 December,2004

	Funding 05	PAID	Funding 06	PAID	Funding 07	PAID	Project activities in partnership with landholders, MCMA & Australian Government Envirofund
Don Constable	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00	\$3,084.00	\$2,803.64			Labour for fencing, trees
Glenroy	\$3,432.00	\$3,089.40	\$5,930.00	\$3,500.40	\$5,400.00	\$5,400.00	Gully control structures & labour
S Woodhead	\$3,000.00			\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	Trees & labour
Hungry Hills	\$6,200.00	\$318.75	\$3,551.00	\$337.50	\$5,610.00	\$1,017.75	Gully control structures & stockwater
Hungry Hills		\$4,690.92				\$3,550.00	Bobcat hire & labour for fencing
The Elms	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$6,400.00	\$5,818.18	\$6,600.00	\$5,829.00	Alternate watering points & labour
The Elms				\$971.00			35km direct seeding
S Robinson					\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	Labour for fencing
HJ McCormack	\$4,400.00	\$4,400.00			\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	Labour for fencing
LT & DM Shea	\$3,740.00	\$2,970.00					Labour for fencing & gully protection
Balgala Past	\$4,280.00	\$3,837.59	\$7,925.00	\$5,747.96			Fencing materials & direct seeding
IJ & AM Walters			\$5,658.15	\$5,611.39			Fencing materials & direct seeding
Bill Stanley			\$2,500.00				Willow removal & fencing
	\$34,452.00	\$28,706.66	\$35,048.15	\$27,790.07	\$25,610.00	\$23,796.75	

