

Celebrating a 20 year partnership between CSIRO and the Harden Murrumburrah Landcare Group

Since the inception of Harden Murrumburrah Landcare Group two decades ago, the crucial partnership with CSIRO has provided a fundamental link between the invaluable scientific research and the Landcarers on the ground who seek explanations for observations on crop and soil responses under new management techniques implemented on their farms. The tillage experiment at 'Oxton Park' provided a platform for research which not only generated early practical outcomes, but has led to numerous ongoing projects from earthworms to stubble to deep drainage which give feedback to scientists on emerging problems whilst maintaining a link with the farming community.

This site has become a focal point of collaboration and discussion with local farmers, consultants and the HMLG. The project was designed to develop sound research-based management strategies to sustain productivity while reducing soil degradation and at the same time investigate the effects of management on soil conditions and crop performance.

The close working relationship of CSIRO scientists with members of Harden Murrumburrah Landcare Group has ensured that the research is both relevant and practical, and provides a forum for interaction between the farmers, consultants and researchers.

The way we manage our land today has been shaped over the years by this union, one that will continue to prosper well into the future.

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