



GROWING KNOWLEDGE: FARM TOUR SERIES

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OBJECTIVES

To increase knowledge about sustainable agriculture practices amongst project participants in Loddon Shire by 30 June 2026.

To increase skills in sustainable agriculture practices amongst project participants in Loddon Shire by 30 June 2026.

To increase confidence in sustainable agriculture practices amongst project participants in Loddon Shire by 30 June 2026.

WHAT WE DID

In June 2026, two farm tours were held in Loddon Shire to showcase sustainable farming practices, environmental restoration, and landscape management. This project was delivered in partnership with Loddon Plains Landcare Network.

The first tour, held on 4 June at Bear and Twigg in Loddon Vale, attracted 23 participants. Attendees visited a flood runner and wetlands area, a native grassland paddock with a soil pit, and the shearing shed, where lunch and a panel discussion were held. Key topics included working with natural landscapes, floodplain restoration, holistic grazing, biodiversity, soil health, drought resilience, and long-term farm sustainability. Healthy Loddon Campaspe (HLC) facilitated a Q&A panel featuring the host farmer and two local farmers, encouraging knowledge sharing and discussion.

The second tour, hosted by Tiverton Global at Orana Park, Fiery Flat, was attended by 8 participants. The tour included visits to a liquid biofertiliser facility, a 200-hectare predator-free wildlife reserve, and an olive grove supported by a large irrigation dam and pumping station. Participants learned how commercial farming can successfully coexist with environmental restoration initiatives.

Both events provided a healthy morning tea and lunch supplied by a local caterer using locally sourced ingredients where possible. Participants also received native plant seedlings, sourced by LPLCN from a Bendigo nursery, as a take-home gift.



77%

of participants were interested in attending similar events in the future.

OUTCOMES

The project successfully increased participants' **knowledge, skills, and confidence** in sustainable agriculture through practical farm tours, peer learning, and networking opportunities. Participants gained insights into soil health, biodiversity, regenerative farming, and conservation practices, while also sharing experiences and learning from local farmers. Feedback showed strong engagement and interest in applying learnings, with 77% of participants interested in attending similar future events, highlighting ongoing demand for farmer-to-farmer learning and sustainable agriculture education.

FEEDBACK AND QUOTES

"Gain knowledge on new soil management practices"

"Interest in native grasslands with multispecies and regenerative farming"

"More opportunities to connect with like minded people."



SCALEABILITY

There is strong potential to expand this initiative across the broader Loddon Campaspe region. Future farm tours would give farmers and agricultural community members more opportunities to see regenerative farming in action, hear real experiences from landholders, explore both the benefits and challenges, and connect with like-minded people.



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