

Loddon Plains Future Farming Regenerative Agriculture Group



The Loddon Plains Future Farmers Regenerative and Sustainable Agriculture Group covers a wide area around Bridgewater ranging from Newbridge in the south, Serpentine in the north, Yarraberb to the east and Kingower in the west.

The group has developed an action plan that will guide the group's activities over the next two years. The activities chosen are based on soil types, climate, local knowledge and experience.

The North Central CMA's Regenerative Agriculture Project is funding implementation of the plan to enable the group to build awareness, knowledge and skills in regenerative agriculture. Activities focus on building or maintaining soil carbon, minimising wind erosion and maintaining or increasing native vegetation and biodiversity on-farm.



Soil texturing at a soil health workshop

About the Facilitator



Danny Pettingill is the Loddon Plains Landcare Network's Facilitator and Project Officer. Danny is also a central Victorian apiarist with a passion for collaboration and design. Having made a career as a designer, artist, engineer and educator at the

forefront of innovative practice before moving into land management, he brings this energy into landscape development, restoration and sustainable & regenerative farming projects. Danny was a top 12 finalist for *Landcare Australia's 2020 Bob Hawke Landcare Award in Sustainable Agriculture* and the *2019 Victorian Government's Our Catchments Our Community Leader in Innovation Development*, where he focused on understanding the relationships between water cycles, community dynamics (biodiversity) and healthy flora and fauna populations.

Group Objectives

- To improve knowledge of soil health and structure including how to maximise rainfall infiltration, build soil carbon and build topsoil
- To improve knowledge of growing and utilising grasses for livestock while maintaining ground cover
- To increase native vegetation on-farm.

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Group Activities:

- Soil testing & interpretation workshop
- Soil pit demonstration and workshop
- Pasture cropping for soil health – workshop and demonstration
- Grazing management to maintain ground cover – workshop and demonstration
- Climate adaptation workshop
- Native vegetation on farm – information session
- Group Documentation platform - website for documentation, trial progress, results and resources
- Grazing Management for Nutrition
- Dung beetle's workshop and property visit

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