

# Mid Loddon Landcare Committee Meeting



# The Four Roles of Landcare

Landcare is a *facilitator of community learning for action*, engaging and inspiring landholders, and supporting practice change through peer-to-peer learning.

## **Facilitator of Community Learning and Action**

Landcare is a *provider of environmental services*, engaging communities in project design, and delivering projects that combine community ownership with delivery against funders' goals.

## **Provider of Environmental Services**

### **Governance**

## **Enabler of Partnerships**

Landcare *builds relationships* between communities and partners, characterised by trust, goodwill and mutual responsibility, with explicit negotiation of roles.

## **NRM Planner**

Landcare is a *NRM planner* from local to landscape scale, integrating local and technical knowledge, and social knowledge of what will and will not work in communities. Landcare creates and supports pathways to sustainable practices and landscape health.

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**Provider of Environmental Services**

**Enabler of Partnerships**

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**NRM Planner**

We have our local priorities, and we have priorities across the Network, but we're swamped with other people's land use plans that don't understand landscapes from an environmental and farming point of view

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*Where has Mid Loddon Landcare got stronger over the last couple of years?*

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Get city-oriented politicians to pay attention.

**Mid Loddon Landcare**  
*Where do we need to break new ground?*

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## Mid-Loddon Landcare's *Question Without An Easy Answer*

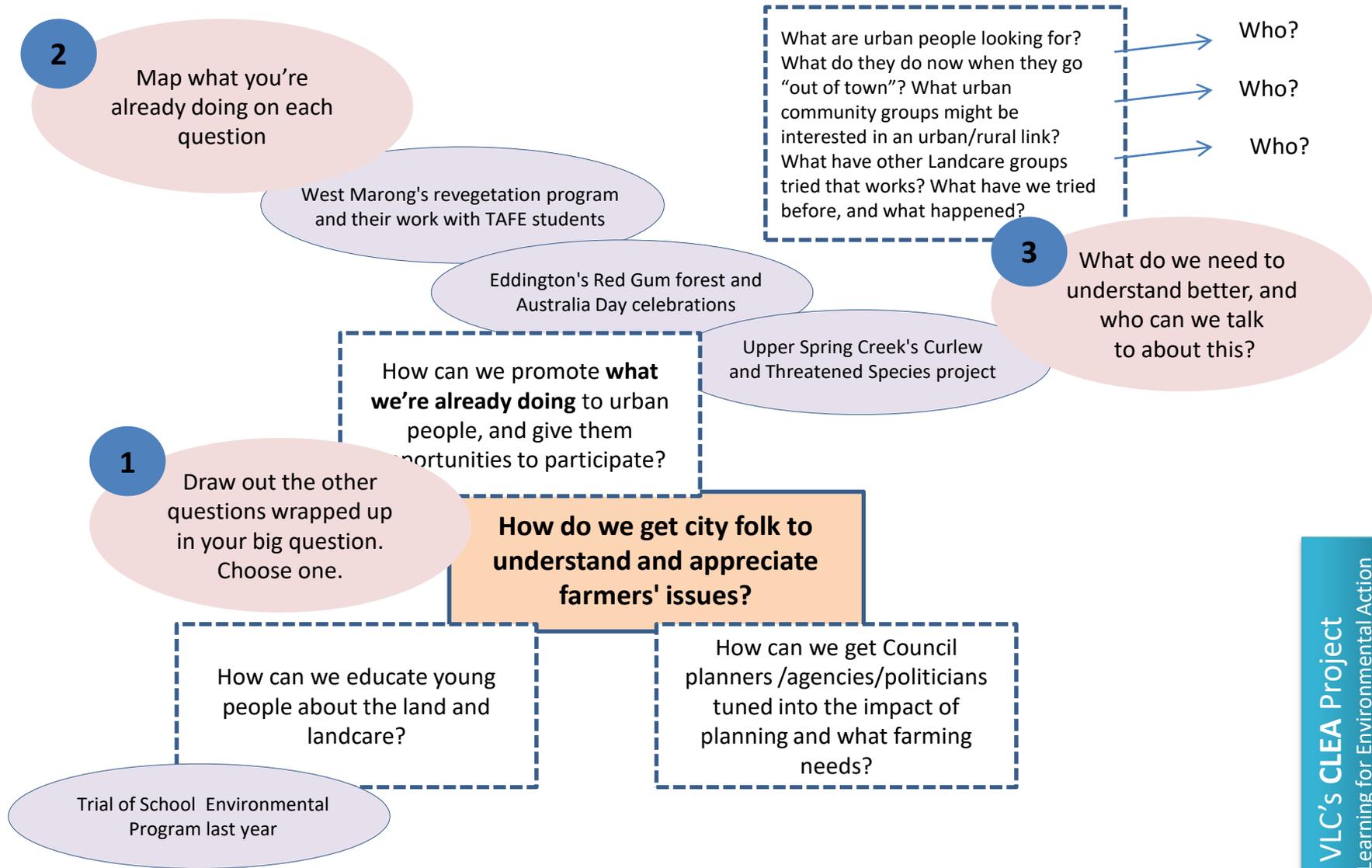
**How do we get city folk  
to understand and  
appreciate farmers'  
issues?**

People in big regional centres don't appreciate  
what's involved in living on the land

Urban sub-division is pushing out into agricultural land

Environmental policies are about protecting nature,  
but without farmers in the picture

Urban environmental groups don't know much about  
farming and farmers



# Untangling Questions Without Easy Answers