



# beyond soilcare

## Setting the scene

*Healthy, resilient and increasingly productive landscapes supporting vibrant communities*







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# Community Directed Action Learning to Enhance Soil Ecosystem Services

A green seedling with two leaves and roots growing from a dark brown, textured soil mound.

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Australian Government

National  
Landcare  
Program



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## **Increased number of farmers**

- adopting sustainable land management practices
- conducting trials
- attending events to improve their knowledge & skills
- improving management practices to deliver better soil ecosystem services
- meeting regional groundcover targets
- meeting regional pH targets

## **Increased number of regional groups engaged in natural resource management activities**

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beyond soilcare activities

workshops  
seminars  
bus trips  
discussion groups  
demonstration trials  
field days  
short courses

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**water budgeting**  
**soil biology**  
**managing soils in wet conditions**  
**cover cropping**  
**managing soil in dry conditions**  
**soil test interpretation**  
**holistic farm management**  
**nutrient management**

# soil management

**composting**  
**soil compaction**  
**fungi** **improving groundcover**  
**air and water quality**  
**reducing soil acidity**  
**soil carbon**  
**visual soil assessments**

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Soil Fertility and Soil  
Chemistry  
Nutrient Management  
Soil Health  
Crop Rotation  
Fertilizer Use



# beyond soilcare works with



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Murray  
Landcare



Caring for Mansfield's Environment



Victorian No-Till Farmers Association



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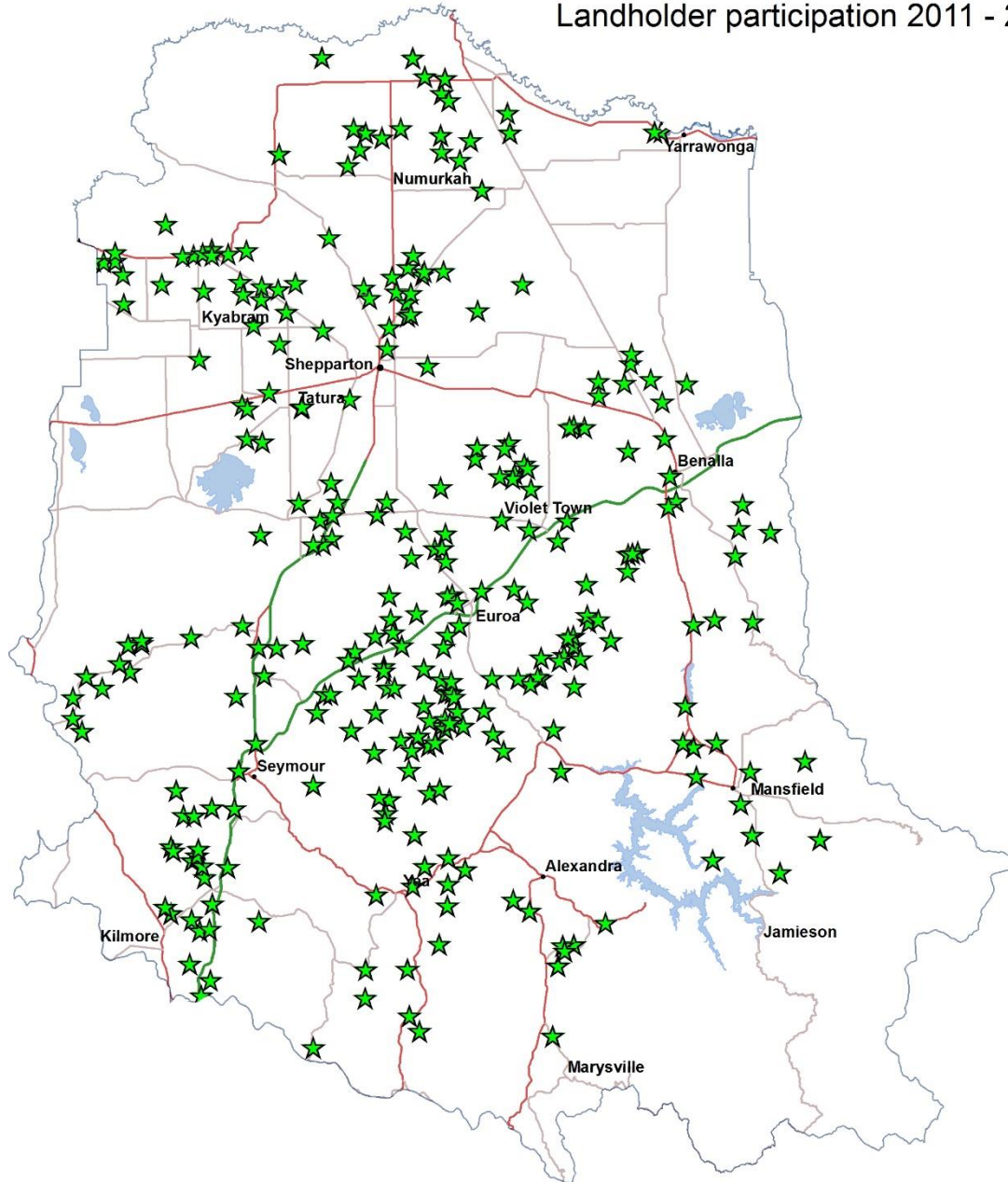
# beyond soilcare achievements

- 266 events attended by 5,622 people to improve knowledge & skills
- 36+ demonstration trials
- 436 farm businesses improving practices over 31,728ha
  
- 101 regional groups supported
- 23 groups funded \$800,000+ to deliver 44 projects

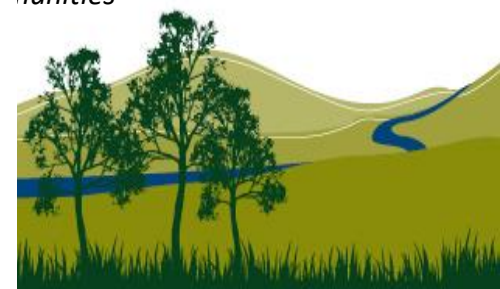
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*Beyond SoilCare*  
Soil Test Interpretation  
Landholder participation 2011 - 2017



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# What's worked well

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communities



- **From the ground up** project part of National Landcare Program 2 tender
- Building further on this project
- First year – 14 community/industry group projects
- Focus still on community-directed learning

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