

Do you want assistance with how you manage your land?

Council is offering the following programs about regenerative agricultural practices to help you improve your land, soil, water and livestock:

- Individual, free, on-farm advice
- Webinars, workshops and field days
- Holistic Grazing Management short course
- Farmer discussion groups

The program aims to help you identify and implement practical land management practices to:

- » improve your grazing
- » improve productivity
- » improve soil health
- » improve biodiversity
- » improve waterway health

This program is being delivered as a partnership between local councils and agencies including Coliban Water and the North Central Catchment Management Authority through A Healthy Coliban Catchment:



Find your local landcare group at landcarevic.org.au

How to get involved

To book a free property visit or to register for updates, fill out the online form at mrsc.vic.gov.au/healthylandscapes

For more information about the program contact Private Land Conservation Officer **Jason McAinch** on 0455 210 436 or at jmcainch@mrsc.vic.gov.au

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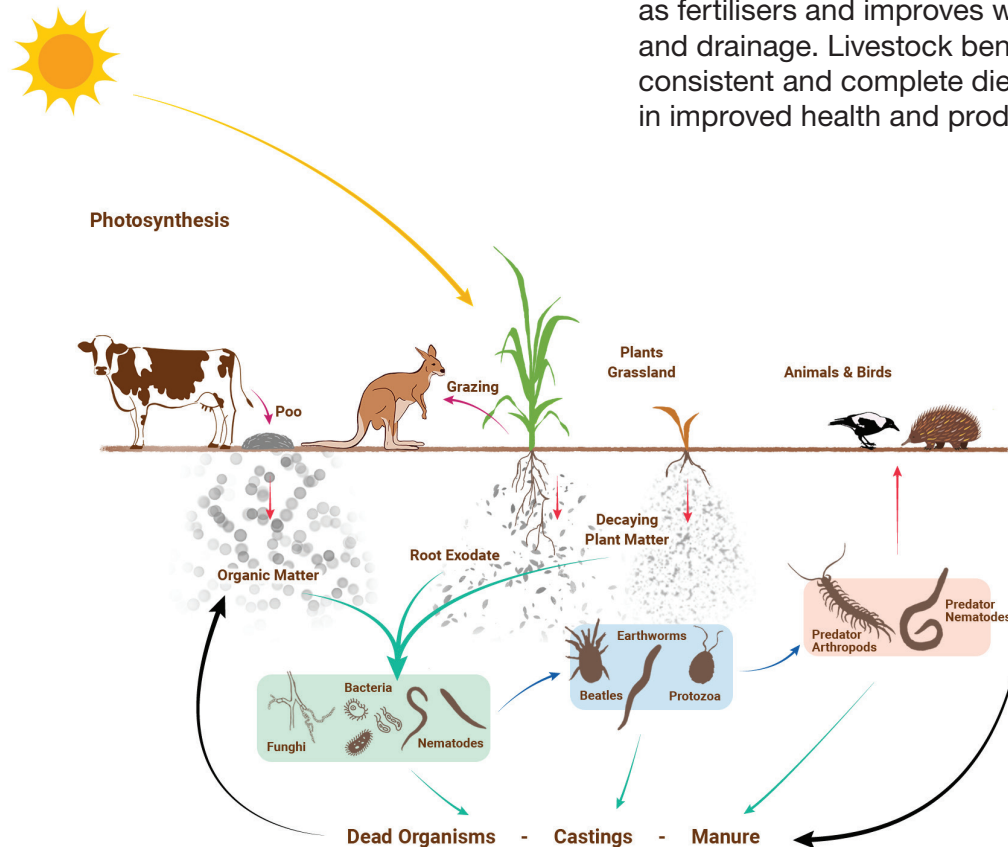
Practical Regenerative Agricultural Communities

What is regenerative agriculture?

Regenerative agriculture is a system of farming principles and practices that increases biodiversity, enriches soils, improves the water cycle and provides a positive benefit to wildlife and humankind. Regenerative agriculture aims to capture carbon in soil, trees and vegetation, contributing to carbon sequestration while also increasing on-farm resilience to climate variability.

What is regenerative grazing?

Regenerative grazing aims to increase perennial pasture species, including native grasses, while also increasing species diversity. Through high intensity grazing regimes followed by long rest periods, the approach increases the organic matter in soils and facilitates all year round ground cover, protecting soils from sunlight and erosion. This approach increases soil health, reduces the need for inputs such as fertilisers and improves water retention and drainage. Livestock benefit from a consistent and complete diet which results in improved health and productivity.



What is on-farm biodiversity?

Biodiversity refers to the diversity of life forms on a property, a locality and your region. This includes the micro-organisms found in soils and water, fungi, plants, insects, birds and all other animals that live on land, in rivers and in wetlands. These life forms interact between themselves and with the non-living parts of the environment to form ecosystems. Healthy ecosystems benefit farms through maintaining soil and water quality, providing shelter and a balanced diet for livestock while assisting with reducing pests and diseases. In turn, on-farm biodiversity has the potential to connect positively with the ecosystems of neighbouring properties and surrounding bushland.

Who is eligible?

All land managers in Macedon Ranges Shire, Hepburn Shire and the City of Greater Bendigo are eligible to participate. Priority for individual, free, on-farm advice will be given to properties over two hectares in area.

Individual advice is practical and matched to any experience level and grazing livestock including, but not limited to, cattle, sheep, horses, pigs and alpacas.