



HOW TO REGISTER

Register to participate by contacting Gympie & District Landcare Group on 5483 8866, or book online at www.gympielandcare.org.au

Payment of the course fee will confirm your place in the course. Payment can be made at our office or online with your registration.

Casual participation in particular sessions will be possible if space is available, however, priority will be given to people choosing to register for the full course.

COURSE FEES

Members: \$200 for entire course

Casual sessions \$60 per session

Non Members: \$250 for entire course,

Casual sessions \$80 per session




Course payment includes morning tea and online access to course notes and handouts.

Limit: 25 participants.







Gympie & District Landcare Group is able to host this course at an affordable price to participants through the support of Gympie Regional Council's Envirolevy fund

Gympie & District Landcare Group

Gympie Landcare is a local not for profit community organization. Our vision is to have an abundant, healthy and self-sustaining biosphere. Our core objectives are:

-  To value, protect and enhance the local environment,
-  To promote adoption of regenerative land management practices in the Gympie region; and
-  To foster cooperation & knowledge sharing between land users on land caring strategies and activities.

Gympie & District Landcare achieves these objectives through:

-  A nursery raising mostly local native plants: members and volunteers are involved in collecting seed, propagation and looking after nursery stock.
-  Rearing biocontrol insects to help with management of Cats Claw Creeper and Madeira Vine
-  Supporting farmers to increase dung beetle populations on their farms to manage Buffalo Fly and improve soil health
-  Community land caring activities including bush care, tree planting and weed control.
-  Education through workshops, field days, information stalls and local events.
-  Youth eco-literacy through Junior Landcare & school programs

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Regenerating your rural block

Practical regenerative tools & insights into the management of rural blocks in the Gympie Region

10 consecutive weeks

Starts Friday 23 July to 24 September 2021

Your Rural Block: land caring in the Gympie Region

Owning a rural block gives you the opportunity to start an agricultural venture or hobby farm, maintain habitat for wild-life or create your dream living space. It also brings responsibilities to regenerate soil, manage animals, minimise fire risks, maintain fences and manage vegetation and water resources. Over ten consecutive weeks Gympie Landcare will provide you with tools to manage your property in a holistic way. It is our hope that you will use the tools that are appropriate for your context creating an abundant and vibrant landscape.

Course Delivery: Friday, 23 July to Friday, 24 September 2021.

Landcare reserves the right to change the program if anything unforeseen happens but will as far as is possible keep to the advertised schedule

As far as is possible we will host the sessions on sites that are good examples of the session content. Thus you will see that most of the sessions are hosted off the Landcare site on farm.

For local field trips you will be provided the address of the property at which to meet. Sometimes because of the parking constraints we might ask people to car pool from the office

Light refreshments will also be provided for each session. Where a session is over lunch time we ask that you provide your own lunch, this helps us keep the costs down

What to expect on field trips For field sessions, participants must have the capacity to walk through paddocks and to stand for reasonable periods. Walking will not be arduous nor on particularly steep grades. Please wear walking shoes, a hat and sunscreen. While water will be available at tea breaks for convenience please bring a water bottle. As there is likely to be long grass and weeds, long trousers are recommended.

Your presenters The program will be delivered by professionals, public servants and community members with specialist knowledge in their field. Many presenters have a rural block in the Gympie Region bringing first hand experience of managing a property. In addition to the structured learning sessions, participants have the opportunity to share experience with people in similar situations and to discuss concerns with the presenters over morning tea.



2021 Course Outline

Date	Topics	Content Overview	Venue
23 July (9 am—4 pm)	Regenerate Your Soils Holistic Management	This is a full day session from 9 am to 4 pm. Please bring your own lunch <u>Morning session:</u> This is a hands on session where we will be going deeper into soil particularly soil biology, soil testing made simple and building a good compost. <u>Afternoon session:</u> will give an overview of the Holistic Management framework, its holistic context, ecosystem processes, ecosystem management tools, actions & decision making and much more.	Landcare Facility
30 July (9 am to 4 pm)	Permaculture	This is a full day session from 9 am to 4 pm. Please bring your own lunch At this session you will learn about the permaculture ethics, principles and practices, reading the natural landscape, understanding the sun, slopes, water and wind to help you design and build self-sufficient vegetable and food forests gardens.	On Farm
6 August (9 am to 1 pm)	Pollinators, Compost Worms and Dung Beetles	This session will delve into the unseen world of various pollinators exploring their unique contribution to plant and fruit abundance. Then moving to soil regenerators such as composting worms and dung beetles. We will teach you how to build your own worm farm and make rich microbial teas and amendments to improve both the soil and plant life on your block	Landcare Facility
13 August (9 am to 4 pm)	Seed identification & collection Regenerating your block with native plants	This is a full day session from 9 am to 4 pm. Please bring your own lunch This session will be presented by two legends in the Gympie and Noosa region. You will learn how to collect, handle and store seed and then be taken on a tour of the property which is an excellent example of how natives are used for wind breaks, wood production and much more	On Farm
20 August (9 am to 4 pm)	Introduction to Natural Sequence Farming & landscape rehydration	This is a full day session from 9 am to 4 pm. Please bring your own lunch In this session you will learn about Natural Sequence Farming its practices and the mottos of slow the flow, let all plants grow, be careful where the animals go and remember to filter is a must know. As part of this session you will get to understand how to manage gully erosion, get water to spread & infiltrate and the use of animal diversity to manage the landscape. Forage Farm is a working farm and you will get to see first hand how natural sequence farming is applied	On Farm
27 August (9 am to 1 pm)	Rural fencing, basic maintenance & repairs	If you are wondering how to fix that fence that is down in your paddock or how to fence off your gully then this session will give you all the skills needed not only to do fencing but some basic equipment maintenance and repair as well	On Farm
3 September (9 am—1 pm)	Creek Management	Learn all about your creek, how to manage protect and revegetate it	On Farm
10 September (9 am to 4 pm)	Biodynamics & Agroforestry	This is a full day session from 9 am to 4 pm. Please bring your own lunch <u>Morning:</u> This is a hands on session where we demystify Biodynamics and you learn how to make and apply some of the Biodynamic preparations to your farms and gardens. <u>Afternoon:</u> Here you will learn how to combine trees in pastures for better animal health and use trees to support food production.	On Farm
17 September (9 am to 1 pm)	Biosecurity & Bush Fire Safety	You will learn what your biosecurity obligations are and how to work with the biosecurity team to manage biosecurity challenges. Bush Fire Safety and fire management advice from the Rural Fire Brigade; preparing for fire; how to create an effective bushfire survival plan; and much more.	Landcare Facility
24 September (9 am to 1 pm)	Local Wildlife Preservation	We will look at wildlife habitats and learn about what you can do on your property to provide safe passage for wildlife to travel through. Take a walk through the Victory Park Trails to learn how to identify koala markings; learn how to identify native trees that our wildlife depend on.	Landcare Facility & Field trip