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Kosciuszko2Coast

LANDHOLDERS - LINKS - LANDSCAPES



is a community partnership established to help landholders reconnect isolated woodlands and grasslands between Kosciuszko and Namadgi National Parks and the coastal forests of the Far South Coast.

Over the past 200 years the distribution of native grasslands and woodlands throughout the region has contracted considerably resulting in the fragmentation of vegetation and a subsequent loss in habitat for many native animals.

As a consequence the landscape is under **considerable** stress with its long term **agricultural** and environmental production **capacity** being severely reduced.

Climate change predictions will increase the future challenges for all land managers.

K2C might be ambitious but its goals are achievable. The investment and effort **made by many** landholders over the past 30 **years already** has done much to enhance and **restore grasslands** and woodlands, which have become island havens and refuges for native plants and animals.

K2C is offering landholders in the region help to build a connected landscape with a range of management options that may include advice as well as funding. The K2C project complements existing catchment management goals. K2C combines a broad team of existing community groups and government

agencies with experience in working with landholders to solve environmental and land management issues.

K2C is the primary contact point for those people interested in being involved.





The K2C partnership can help with the following:

- Field training, share information and become part of a community network
- Species identification courses and on-ground plant and animal surveys
- Stewardship payments – resting land with options for grazing
- Voluntary Conservation Agreements – setting aside land for conservation in perpetuity
- Establishing wildlife refuges
- Incentive funding to assist with fencing and revegetation
- Opportunities to sell grassy woodlands with high conservation value

Current K2C partners

Bush Heritage Australia (BHA), Department of Environment and Climate Change (DECC), Friends of Grasslands (FOG), Greening Australia Capital Region (GA), Molonglo Catchment Group (MCG), Nature Conservation Trust of NSW (NCT), Southern Rivers Catchment Management Authority (SRCMA), Upper Murrumbidgee Catchment Coordinating Committee (UMCCC) and the Upper Murrumbidgee Landcare Committee (UMLC).

Kosciuszko2Coast Region

K2C will focus on an east-west band between Queanbeyan and Cooma linking the edge of Kosciuszko National Park with the western edge of the forests that run along the coastal escarpment. The K2C partnership will focus effort on private and public lands where landholders are interested in a cooperative and voluntary arrangement.

An anchor in the landscape - "Scottsdale"

The first great stride towards bridging the ecological gap between Kosciuszko and the coast was the purchase in 2006 by Bush Heritage Australia of the 1300 hectare species rich "Scottsdale" property located south of Canberra, 4km north of Bredbo.

"Scottsdale" has a long history as a working farm and cattle grazing is being used as a tool to restore native grasslands. The property still contains a variety of woodland and grassland communities that are regarded as endangered or threatened. It is now being actively managed to control weeds and re-establish native vegetation.



*Map indicative only



The George Alexander Foundation & Environmental Trust assist the K2C project partnership





Want to know more? Want to get involved?

Scientists now recognise that inter-connected natural habitats are likely to be more resilient to a range of impacts including climate change and will provide the best opportunity for species and ecosystems to adapt. This approach is being developed as part of a new initiative to maintain and improve connectivity of natural habitats along the Great Eastern Ranges Corridor from the Australian Alps to the Atherton Tablelands in far north Queensland.

K2C will contribute to the Great Eastern Ranges Corridor.

If you want to get involved or just learn a little more about **K2C** then tear off this section, complete your details and mail to the K2C Project Facilitator. You can also get in touch via email at facilitator@k2c.org.au, visit www.k2c.org.au or call 0411 402 978.



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