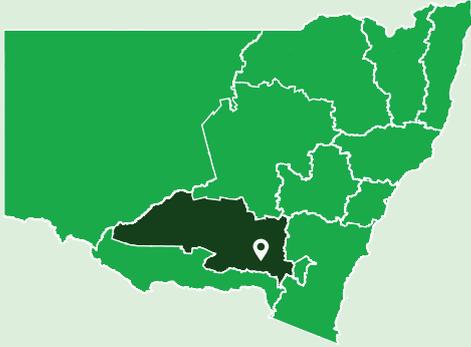


# Natural Capital Profiles: Highfield Farm and Woodland

Case  
study



## Location

Wiradjuri Country, Riverina  
Highlands

## Climate

Cool temperate

## Social structure

Family-owned/operated

## Property size

333ha

## Main enterprises

Paddock to Plate grass fed  
dexter cattle, dorper sheep and  
poultry, eco-farm stay

## Key natural assets

Native pastures, waterways,  
critically endangered  
woodlands, threatened plants  
and animals

## Natural Capital opportunities

(Existing and future)

Existing: Biodiversity  
Stewardship Program

Future: Nature based  
accreditation and certification



David Bray and Louise Freckelton are stewards of their property “Highfield Farm and Woodland” which is situated near Adelong in the Riverina region of NSW. The 335ha property combines the conservation of critically endangered Box Gum Grassy Woodland habitat with a small-scale paddock to plate produce business as well as an eco-farm stay.

Realising that farming cannot thrive without biodiversity, David and Louise are passionate about sustainable and ethical farming practices. Over the past 11 years, they have undertaken conservation initiatives including farm dam restoration, paddock tree succession, riparian revegetation, biodiversity corridors and paddock subdivision.

*“We saw the Local Land Services Natural Capital Project as an opportunity to benchmark and record how we have managed our farm’s natural assets.”*

In May 2024, David and Louise worked with Natural Capital Advisors and the Refreshing Rivers Project from Riverina Local Land Services to develop a Natural Capital Profile for Highfield Farm and Woodland. The Profile documented all the natural assets on the property such as waterways, land classes, soil types, cultural heritage and threatened species and how they are being sustainably managed. It also explored environmental market opportunities, greenhouse gas emissions and sustainability-related issues specific to the property.

In particular, the Profile has helped them to not only start benchmarking their sustainability initiatives but also to invest in measuring their carbon footprint.

*“The Profile has helped us to realise that there are opportunities we could explore to better understand our farm’s carbon emissions and promote our carbon status. As a result, we will now look into utilising carbon tools to refine our data,”* said David.

The main message that David and Louise have for other farmers is: *“As they say, you can’t manage it if you don’t measure it. The Natural Capital Profile is an incredibly informative and detailed tool to benchmark your land stewardship and identify the most crucial areas for improvement.”*

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