



# Where the Wild Things Are – Eucalypt Woodlands of the Wheatbelt Project 2018-2023

PROJECT CODE: RLP-MU33-P1

## Overview of Progress: January 2019 to March 2019

We have been busy planning and implementing the initial community engagement program this quarter.

Early site assessments have shown that the mapped - potential extent is not always accurate and has mapped large areas of cleared land. Reducing its value in directing project activity.

- Refining potential extent mapping for the TEC
- Identifying target areas for community engagement
- Contacting landholders who have been on our wait list for engagement since NLP1 completion
- Completing site assessments for both the presence and condition of TEC
- Finalising the electronic TEC assessment tool – likely to be completed in April

## Project Services

- Site condition baseline data set has been synthesised
- 6 media articles have been completed
- 10 community members have been individually engaged
- The Roger's adoption curve survey has been established
- 16 flora surveys have been completed
- The project communications plan has been completed



Project staff have been ground truthing potential patches of Eucalypt woodlands on private property across the region to assess the condition of these remnants and whether they fall under the Threatened Ecological Community classification.

This is also aiding the refinement and development of the woodland survey and assessment tool, before it is due to be released, to allow the Wheatbelt community to survey patches of remnant vegetation on their properties.

Recently Anika was testing the woodland assessment tool on a patch of woodland near Beverley. This landholder has a current 20 Million Trees Project which will improve connectivity.

### Lessons Learnt and Improvements

Spatial Data inaccuracies have hindered and are slowing TEC assessment activities on ground.

Project timetable and reporting have been heavily influenced by landholder activity patterns ie harvesting and the Christmas break and school holidays which has made contacting landholders difficult during those times.

Summer weather patterns have influenced on farm activities and TEC assessments, including vehicle movement bans on farms and OHS issues.

The Assessment Tool is working well and the online tool will provide a user friendly opportunity for community participation.