

# Be Part of something magnificent

# Our Regional Parklands

# Growing Green Carbon Offset Program

**Our Vision:** A restored and diverse bush parklands, supporting the spiritual and physical well-being of current and future generations, achieved in partnership with the Albury Wodonga regional community.

**Our Mission:** parklands will engage the regional community in the planned and cost effective development of the regional bush parklands with a recreational and conservation perspective and will assist in the creation of the linkage of major parks, trails and facilities throughout all bush parks to enhance the lifestyle for everyone

**Who is Involved:** parklands is a not-for-profit community organisation. Parklands has worked in partnership with the local community for the past 15 years in developing and managing eight key bushland reserves. Over \$12.1million worth of time has been contributed by friends groups, volunteers, indigenous groups, schools, disAbility groups, service clubs, workplaces, work for the dole teams, Green Corp teams and Community Service Order participants.

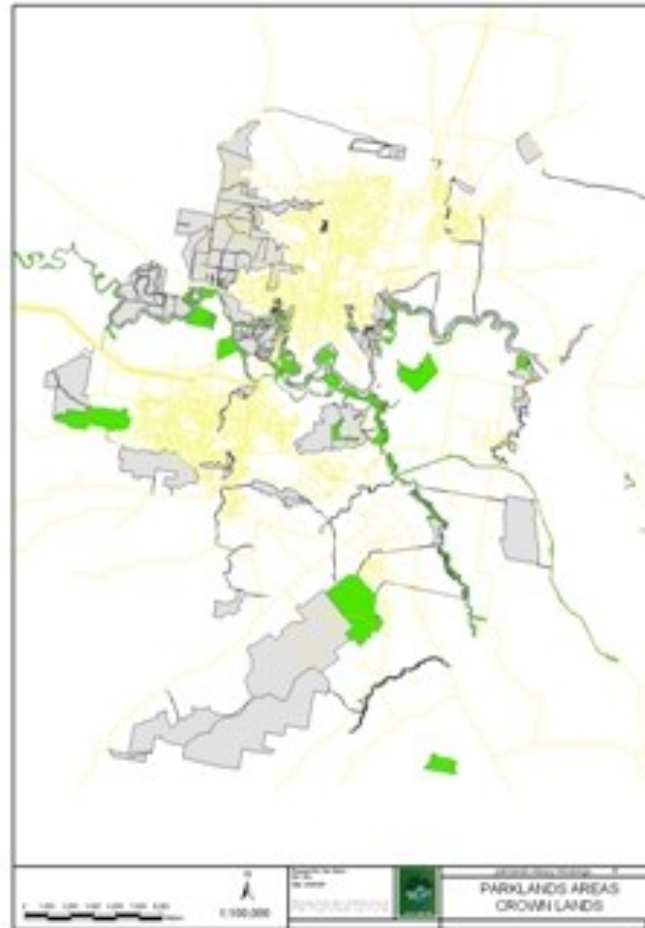
**Our Bush Parks:** the riverine environments along the Murray and Kiewa Rivers, tributary creek valleys, hills and ranges as well as some culturally historic sites.

**The Lungs of Our Cities:** The regional parklands have the capacity to become the "lungs" of our cities, cleaning our environment and refreshing our collective spirits by contact with nature.

Nature can't clean all the pollutants from our air, but it can help, and our regional parklands can play an important role.



*Hume Building Society staff, family & friends "Growing Green" at Gateway Island*



## More information

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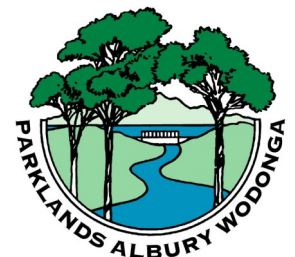
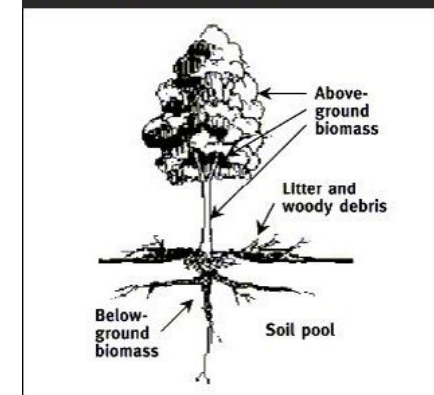
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Figure 4. Carbon pools in a forest.



**The benefits are endless ...**

## Why "Grow Green" ?

Now and in the future, Australia faces many natural resource management challenges to maintain its healthy landscapes and sustainable use of its natural resources. Climate change presents challenges, as well as opportunities, for activities that target complementary greenhouse and natural resource outcomes.

**Kyoto Protocol targets:** Developed countries have agreed to targets and mechanisms to limit greenhouse gas emissions. The increase of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases in the atmosphere are believed by most climate scientists to be gradually warming the planet. These increases are projected to be between 1-6 degrees Celsius, over the next 70 years.

**Carbon sinks:** Revegetation to enhance biodiversity and repair degraded lands can make an important contribution to reducing global warming.

**Invest locally:** Businesses and organisations are offered the opportunity to offset their car emissions through helping to revegetate the regional parklands through the Forest and Woodland packages.

**Act locally:** We offer the added benefit of involving the members of the program in undertaking the planting, to provide a sense of ownership of OUR regional parklands.

**Accreditation versus biodiversity bonus:** We are not accredited with the recently established national accreditation scheme called "Greenhouse Friendly™". Other accreditations have been for single species plantings. We propose multi-species plantings that reflect the original vegetation on the site which is vital for restoring biodiversity

## Growing Green Options

### Who can be a member?

Any organisation who would like to offset its carbon emissions through helping us to revegetate the regional parklands.

### Woodland

This involves planting an additional 85 understorey plants, so that the planting provides a carbon sink and a balanced revegetation of the project area.

Allows the organisation or business to undertake further beneficial action for the environment.

A one year membership is \$220 (+ GST) per vehicle with 15 trees and 85 understorey planted per vehicle.

If the business or organisation assists, membership is \$170 (+ GST) per vehicle.

### Forest

This package covers the basic requirements to satisfy the carbon offsets required per vehicle per year.

As such the planting will be in a forest-type project where one year membership per vehicle @ \$37.50 (+ GST) will see 17 trees planted.

If the business or organisation assists with the planting, membership is \$30 (+ GST) per vehicle.

## Membership Form

### Woodland

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### Forest

\$37.50 (+ GST) per vehicle  
If the business or organisation assists with the planting, membership is \$30 (+ GST) per vehicle.

**Contact Name**.....

**Business / Organization Name**

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**Address** .....

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**Phone No** .....

**Email** .....

**Our organization is pleased to be part of the Parklands Growing Green project.**

**We wish to offset \_\_\_\_\_ vehicles.**

- Woodland**
- Forest**
- We wish to assist with the planting**

**Please find enclosed a cheque for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ made payable to:**

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