

ON FARM ROUND ROBIN

A range of hands-on activities at a series of 8 stations on key aspects of the work and issues involved in SUSTAINABILITY ACTION on farms.

Stage 3 Primary
15th October
"Coombiana"
Downside

Station 1 Farmer Skye Bellamy

- Sustainable farm management
- Farm planning implementation & evaluation.



Station 8 Vegetation & Shelter belts

- Planting to provide habitat for a broad range of flora & fauna

Station 2 Ecologist David Hunter

- Frog friendly habitat
- The role of frogs in ecosystem

Station 7 Cattle muster

- Working dogs - a kid's best friend
- Learning to train a working dog

Station 3 Keeping stock healthy and happy

- Handling cattle
- Pat a calf



Station 6 Beneficial insects Entomologists

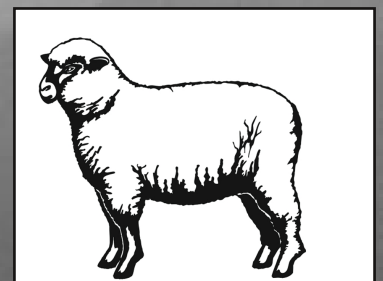
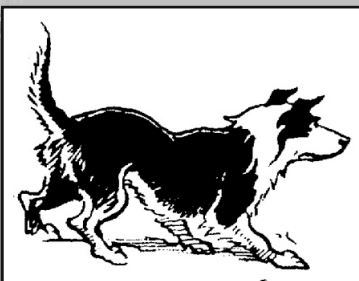
- Insect pit traps
- Identifying pests
- The importance of 'good' insects

Station 4 Birds and their homes

- Bird habitat
- Planting for birds
- Importance of birds in ecosystem

Station 5 Soil health

- Getting down & dirty
- Soil tests



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Murrumbidgee Landcare invites Stage 3 Primary School students to participate in a farm excursion to 'Coombiana'; a working farm at Downside. (18kms from Wagga Wagga) 15th October 2014

The focus of the excursion is the sustainability challenges behind the production of the food and fibre we all use everyday.

The excursion will include a range of activities at a single site on the farm. The event directly addresses the sustainability action processes outlined in the NSW Department of Education Sustainability Curriculum Framework. The Sustainability action processes involve:

- Making a case for change
= the need to balance conservation and production on the farm.
- Define the scope of the action
= investigating options for more sustainable agriculture.
- develop the process for the action
= farm planning.
- implement the proposal
= tree planting, changing production practices, encouraging wetlands.
- evaluate and reflect
= return of wildlife, visits from Superb Parrots, the call of frogs at night whilst maintaining a productive farm.

At 'Coombiana' students, in groups of 15, will participate in a range of hands-on activities at a series of 8 stations. Each activity (approx 15 minutes) will address a key aspect of the work and issues involved in maintaining sustainable farms

FREE TRAVEL

Two time slots to choose from:

Pickup 9.15am TO 12.30pm including travel. (Fruit and water provided), or

Pickup 11.45am TO 3.00pm including travel. (BYO lunch 12.15pm on arrival – fruit provided)

8 groups x 15 students = 120 students per session.

NO COSTS to schools. Murrumbidgee Landcare will coordinate travel.

Fine weather excursion only. In the event of rain, the Round Robin will be cancelled.

BOOKINGS LIMITED– on first-come basis. This opportunity is being offered to your school and only two others. Please confirm acceptance of offer through submitting the booking form, or places will be offered to additional schools. **RSVP 8th August.**

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Joining the Dots: connecting kids, schools, Landcare and farming communities.

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