Protection and Connectivity for Endangered Wagga Wagga Squirrel Gliders project

The project
Riverina Local Land Services has received funding from NSW Governments Environmental Trust for the Protection and connectivity for endangered Wagga LGA squirrel gliders project. This project aims to improve breeding and foraging habitat through the planting of new corridors and further protect core breeding habitat.

This area has been significantly cleared for agriculture and as a result there is limited ability for this population to disperse into the broader region. When squirrel glider habitat is in poor condition they are at greater risk of predation.

While squirrel gliders have natural predators in owls and goannas, introduced predators such as foxes and cats can have a devastating impact.

What are we doing?
This project will work with land owners within the project area to restore existing vegetation and create new vegetation corridors that will provide new and improved foraging and nesting habitat. Revegetation works will be organised through cross property planning workshops.

This project will also help coordinate pest control activities for foxes. A coordinated approach to baiting will lead to a greater reduction in their numbers and reduce the impact of predation.

In conjunction with these on ground works we will also be running community based monitoring in the form of spotlighting events.

Squirrel Gliders can travel distances of up to 50m

Squirrel glider (photo courtesy of Mason Crane, Australian National University)

Why protect our squirrel gliders?
Squirrel gliders are considered vulnerable in New South Wales (NSW) however; the Wagga Wagga local government area (LGA) population is considered endangered. The local population is small and isolated. Current records show that there is a significant population in the Livingstone National Park area, south of Wagga Wagga.

Project area

The project area (see below) is located south of the city of Wagga Wagga and centred around Livingstone National Park and Nest Hill Nature Reserve.

Do you have property in the project area?

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Map of project area

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