



Where are you going with your property?

# WHOLE FARM PLANNING

## My Farm Our Landscape

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## Outline

- MyFOL program
- How this is used in whole farm planning
- Whole Farm Planning Course
- Where to from here?



Avenel whole Farm Planning group on farm visit, July 2007



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## MyFOL

- Approach property planning with a holistic approach
- MyFOL program used in the Goulburn Broken Catchment
- Uses a series of environmental overlays to identify different issues.
- See examples of Taggerty area.
- This computer program is used by extension staff like Cathy Olive for grants.
- We use this tool in whole farm planning
- Things to keep in mind:
  - Computer model
  - Aerial photo snapshot taken in 2004



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## Whole Farm Planning courses

- Whole farm planning isn't just for 'farmers', it's about understanding key principals that can be implemented on any sized property for any enterprise.
- Encourages landholders to look at their property with new eyes
- Managing the land to its capability
- This assists with management decisions



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## What is involved in a whole farm planning course?

- Attend sessions with guest speakers
- In local venues / field trip locations
- Develop plans on acetate layers on aerial photo
- Complete assessment task
- Share whole farm plan with other course participants



Participant of a Broadford course presenting their whole farm plan, August, 2007



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## Topics covered

- Land classing and land capability
- Soils
- Farm water supply
- Land degradation issues
- Biodiversity
- Fire management
- Grazing management
- Farm Safety
- Pest plants and animals



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## Course cost

- Course cost \$250.00 (subject to change)
- Includes
  - An aerial photograph of your property
  - Overlays
  - Markers, rulers
  - Folder
  - Guest speakers
- Additional family members are welcome at no extra cost
- Additional accreditations \$50 per property
- Whole farm planning is an accredited course, known as training package 'RTE 5516A: Develop a Whole Farm Plan'.



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## Where to from here?

- Happy to run a course here
- Mid April start?
- Weekdays/Evenings/Saturdays
- Location
- If interested please fill in the MyFOL level 2 form and return to me



Participants of Broadford course looking at revegetation on local property, August 2007



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## Thank you for your attention, any questions?

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