

# How to use this Toolkit

**Use this section to find the natural resource information you are looking for.**

What type of person are you?

- If you are a farmer or landholder go to page 1-2
- If you are a Landcarer go to page 1-3
- If you are a student or resident of the Central Tablelands community go to page 1-4

**OR**

What topic are you interested in?

- Community - see page 1-5
- Landcare - see page 1-5
- Climate - see page 1-5
- Geology, Soils, Topography - see page 1-6
- Water - see page 1-6
- Biodiversity - see page 1-6
- Taking Action - see page 1-7
- Your local Sub-Catchment - see page 1-7

The **Sub-Catchment Map** for the Central Tablelands is at the end of this section.

## What type of person are you?

### **Farmers & landholders**

Are you looking for detailed information on the local Climate, Soils or Geology of your property and local area?

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1. Find your sub-catchment from the sub-catchment map at the end of this section.
2. Go to the relevant sub-catchment profile.
3. Detailed climate, soils and geology information for your area is provided here.

Are you looking for detailed information on the water or vegetation & biodiversity of your property & local area?

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1. Find your sub-catchment from the sub-catchment map at the end of this section.
2. Go to the sub-catchment profile.
3. Detailed local information on water, vegetation & biodiversity is provided in the profile.

Are you looking for general information on different aspects our natural resources?

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1. Choose the topic you want to learn about.
2. Go to that section of the Toolkit.

Do you want to contact a Landcare group nearby?

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1. Go to the Landcare section of the Toolkit.
2. Find your nearest Landcare Group using the Central Tablelands Landcare map.
3. Look up that Group's profile and find you can find their contact details in the profile.

Are you planning an environmental project or applying for funding?

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1. Go to the Taking Action section of the Toolkit.
2. See the chapters on "Planning a Project" or "Applying for Funding".
3. Follow the steps as outlined.

Do you want to get further contacts and resources on natural resource management, opportunities and Landcare?

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1. There is a Links page at the end of each section in the Toolkit. Go to the relevant Links page for your topic.

## **Landcarers**

Do you want to plan or carry out an environmental project?

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1. Go to the Taking Action section of the Toolkit.
2. See the chapter on "Planning a Project"
3. Follow the steps as outlined.

Do you want to apply for funding?

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2. See the chapter on "Applying for Funding"
3. Follow the steps as outlined.

Do you want to learn about Landcare in our district and get information on a Landcare issue?

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1. Go to the Landcare section of the Toolkit.
2. Look at the Landcare issues and groups lists to see which groups are dealing with your issue
3. Look up a Landcare group dealing with your issue and give them a call to share information.

Do you need to contact another Landcare group?

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1. Go to the Landcare section
2. Look up the relevant Landcare group using the Central Tablelands Landcare Map.
3. Contact the group by using the contact details provided in each group's profile.

Do you want to form a Landcare/Community group or learn new ideas for looking after your group?

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1. Go to the Taking action section of the Toolkit.
2. See the chapters on "Forming a Landcare/Community group" or "Running a Community/Landcare group".
3. Follow the steps as outlined.

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## **Students & Central Tablelands residents**

Are you looking for general information on the different aspects of our natural resources?

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1. Choose the topic you want to learn about.
2. Go to that section of the Toolkit.

Are you looking for detailed information on the natural resources of a local area or sub-catchment?

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1. Find the relevant local area or sub-catchment from the sub-catchment map at the end of this section.
2. Go to the relevant sub-catchment profile.
3. Detailed natural resource information for the area is provided here.

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## What topic are you interested in?

### Community

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To find information on the people who make up our district go to the Community Section starting on page 2-1. It has information on:

- Our history
- Population statistics
- Social characteristics such as education, ancestry and religion and the economy of our area.
- The government and community structures that manage our natural resources.
- Our thoughts and concerns on environmental issues.

### Landcare

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To find information on the Landcare community in our district go to the Landcare Section starting on page 3-1. This section has information on:

- What Landcare is and its history.
- The Landcare groups, including contact details and what each of them do.
- The Landcare issues and which groups are dealing with them.

The Central Tablelands Landcare Map is at the end of the section.

### Climate

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To find out about the general climatic information for our area go to the Climate Section starting on page 4-1. This section has information on:

- The regional climate influences.
- Rainfall & drought.
- Temperature & frosts.
- Evaporation, wind and solar radiation.

The Climate Map is at the end of the Climate section.

*To find out about detailed climatic information for a location in your local area go to your relevant Sub-Catchment Profile.*

## Land

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To find general information on the geology, soils, topography and land classes in our district go to the Land Section starting on page 5-1. It has information on:

- The geological history, the geological zones and rock units.
- Basic soil types in our district and the major soil associations and the soil landscapes.
- The topography and landforms of the district.
- The different land classes and where they are.

The section contains a Slope Map, a Soil Landscapes Map, a Land Classes Map and a Topography Map for the district.

*To find out detailed information on the geology, soils, land classes or topography for your local area go to your relevant Sub-Catchment Profile.*

## Water

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To find general information on water in our district go to the Water Section starting on page 6-1. It contains information on:

- Water catchments and rivers.
- Streams and riparian areas.
- Groundwater geology
- Ground water suitability.

There is a Surface Water Map and a Groundwater Map at the end of the Water Section.

*To find out detailed information on the surface and groundwater systems in your local area go to your relevant Sub-Catchment Profile.*

## Biodiversity

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To find general information on the vegetation and fauna in our district go to the Biodiversity Section starting on page 7-1. It has information on:

- Our Native Vegetation communities, where they occur and the associated plant species.
- The agricultural landscapes in our area.
- The habitats in the region and their animal species.

There is a Land Use Map at the end of this section.

*To find out detailed information on plant and animal species in your local area go to your relevant Sub-Catchment Profile.*

## Taking Action

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To get information on how to take community action in natural resource management go to the Taking Action Section starting on page 8-1. This section contains useful guidelines if you want to:

- Implement an environmental project such as planting trees.
- Develop an Action Plan.
- Apply for funding,
- Form a Landcare/Community group
- Run a Landcare/Community group.

## Sub-Catchment Profiles

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To get detailed information on the natural resources for the sub-catchments in our district go to the Sub-Catchment profiles at the end of the Toolkit. These profiles contain information on:

- The climate of a location in that area.
- The geology, soils landscapes and topography of that area.
- The surface and groundwater systems.
- The ecological communities of the area. These include species lists for flora and fauna.

There are detailed Sub-Catchment Maps at the end of each Sub-Catchment Profile showing the following elements

- Topography, Localities & Surface Water
- Soil Landscapes
- Slope
- Ground Water
- Land Use
- Land Capability
- Soil Erosion