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Local landcarers gathered in Mendooran last month to learn how mistletoe plays a vital role in biodiversity, as BirdLife Australia's travelling roadshow delivered hands-on education and conservation insight.

by CLAUDIA HEANEY

Three Rivers Landcare -Dunedoo, Mendooran and Coolah, hosted the Birdlife Australia Mistletoe Roadshow, 14 November 2025, at the Mendooran-Merrygoen Memorial Club.

The day was one of three stops for the roadshow, giving local communities insight into the important role mistletoe plays in the environment and the importance of protecting and encouraging certain bird species, such as the endangered Regent Honeyeater.

Nineteen people attended the workshop, taking part in the Landcare group's second Bird Life Australia event, delivered by Kristy Peters and Beau Meney.

Three Rivers Landcare local landcare coordinator, Carmel Bundy said the event was highly successful.

"We covered the importance mistletoe plays in local biodiversity, the biology and variety of species in Australia, its valued source of food and habitat for the endangered Regent Honeyeater and many other species," Ms Bundy said.

"Attendees got to see first hand the process of reintroducing mistletoe into trees.

"Kristy showed the participants how to propagate mistletoe and collect seeds. We learned about current projects and studies underway, and busted a few myths about Mistletoe."

Ms Bundy said participants were very engaged in the experience, many expressing a shift in mindset.

"We received really positive feedback. We have seen an increased interest in local bird and plant species and landcare participation," she said.

The event was supported by the Central West Local Land Service through funding and participation on the day.

Ms Bundy said their support allows for these opportunities and others to occur.

"We highly value the support of the Central West Local Land Service for our events and community engagement and for the ongoing support of the Landcare Enabling program," she said.

"The value of these events is not only shown in the knowledge participants walk away with but the connections made.

"As a local landcare organisation, we feel a great sense of duty to connect communities

through educational workshops. They promote networking and connection, provide education and resources, community building, increase awareness, support local businesses, showcase local talent and expertise."

Three Rivers Landcare has had a busy year, delivering and co-delivering over 30 events thanks to the devoted committee.

Ms Bundy said the organisation has no plans to slow down next year.

"We have projects rolling over from this year, including the Biodiversity in Action three-year project, the salinity monitoring project and the Dunedoo Riverwalk project.

"We also intend to deliver more workshops, including ag tech training, feral animal management, homesteading, seed saving, koala monitoring, carp musters, youth education and our Made 'n Grown Market in Dunedoo, community resilience – to name just a few."

Regardless of whether you live on a farm or are just getting your foot in the door within the agricultural space, attending these events is an excellent

way to kickstart your learning and meet like-minded people.

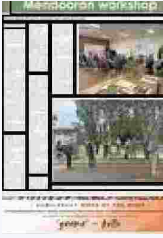
"Don't be shy, come along and take part," Ms Bundy encouraged.

"We are all about community and connection. The more people that come along and support our events and get involved, the more things we can deliver.

Visit our website: www.threeriverslandcare.com and become a member of our organisation. By doing this, you will receive all of the communications and updates with what is on.

"As a not-for-profit organisation, we value our wonderful volunteers and always warmly welcome a helping hand. We are an active committee and strongly believe in the diversity of skills. We encourage new members to join in."

While the organisation is taking the Christmas holidays to recharge, Ms Bundy said next year the team will be back into delivering incredible programs.



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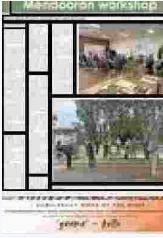
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Attendees at the Three Rivers Landcare Birdlife Australia Mistletoe Roadshow gained hands-on information on the importance of mistletoe to the environment.