



Sustainability Tour in Mandalong

Morisset Sustainable Neighbourhood Group

Background

The Morisset Sustainable Neighbourhood Group wanted to inspire and assist their neighbours to take up sustainable living and bush regeneration practices at home.

How did we do it?

Group members Margrete and Pip live on a beautiful sustainable property, Yara Balba, at Mandalong, where they have established solar power, rainwater tanks, chickens, vegetable gardens and fruit trees, along with fantastic bush regeneration, and soil improvement works to improve biodiversity and productivity.

The group teamed up with Sustainable House Day (a national event), and the Hunter-Central Rivers Catchment Management Authority, to hold an afternoon tour of the property.



What we achieved

Almost 60 people attended on the day, and enjoyed a stroll around Yara Balba, with commentary from Margrete and Pip. Participants reported that the visit had increased their understanding of sustainability issues and sparked further interest in learning about related topics such as gardening, composting and worm farming.

Participants also reported that they were inspired to get greener at home by:

- planting / improving wildlife habitat
- starting a vegetable garden or fruit orchard
- installing solar hot water
- improving their land management practices

