

FROGS (Landcare Inc.) — OBJECTIVE

The main objective of FROGS is to provide a supportive environment that enables local people to help create and maintain the Goulburn Wetlands in accordance with the Fundamental Principles.

These principles are listed below:

Fundamental principles for managing the Goulburn Wetlands

1. The land shall continue to function as an efficient floodplain with flood channels to release water into the Mulwarree Chain of Ponds.
2. Any water entering the Mulwarree Chain of Ponds from this site will be of a much higher water quality than prior to this work. The intention of the wetland is to provide a stable ecosystem that will continue to intercept nutrients, sediments and pollutants. It is anticipated that these ecosystem services and any engineering works (e.g. gross pollution traps and sediment basins) will be monitored and maintained to a high and practical standard.
3. No planting of any exotic nor non-provenance Australian species shall occur on site; rather, plantings shall be of species that are local provenance natives: that is, are indigenous to the biogeographical area of Goulburn City and the LGA bound by Bungonia and Towrang in the east, Tarlo and Pomeroy in the north, Currawang and Inverloch in the south and Pomeroy and Currawang in the west.
4. No exotic animal species shall be allowed to remain or become established on site. This particularly but not exclusively refers to dumped pets such as cats, ferrets, ducks, geese, fish and axolotls. Rather, animal species should reflect those that are native to Goulburn and are able to colonise or visit the site. Exceptions may be considered only with expert independent and Government advice and consent where likely native species that have become locally extinct might be considered for re-establishment.
5. Visitors shall be led to understand that they enter at their own risk in terms of allergies, snakes, invertebrates, water bodies, cliffs and other hazards inherent to the site, as is the case for any largely natural area.
6. No permanent buildings shall be placed inside the zone likely to be affected by one in one hundred year floods.
7. The site should be available and practicable for use as an active and passive recreation area by a wide range of individuals within the community, including but not limited to the young, the elderly and the disabled.
8. The order of priority of uses shall be firstly flood mitigation, then habitat enhancement and conservation, water treatment, education, passive recreation and active recreation.
9. Ecological and structural stability and habitat conservation shall, within the law, take precedence to weed eradication where there may be any conflict between the two.
10. Management of the land should be for the general good of the local human and non-human communities: a Good Neighbour relationship should be maintained with neighbouring land users, including the Goulburn Golf Course and local residents.