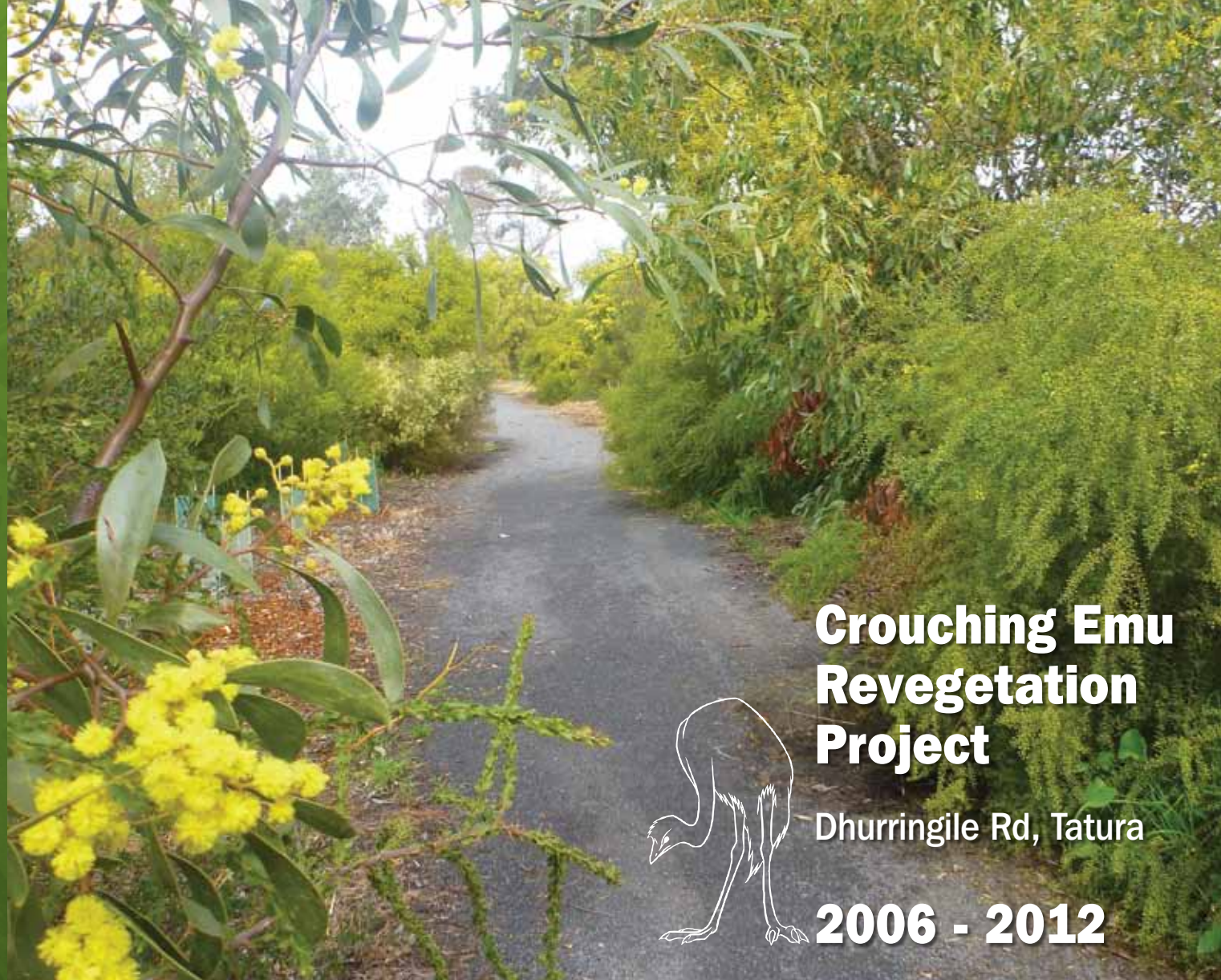


**Map of Planting Sites**  
Colour coded for year planted



# Crouching Emu Revegetation Project

Dhurringile Rd, Tatura

**2006 - 2012**

Photo: Revegetation site, North of the railway line 2012

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## Project Achievements 2006-2012

**The Crouching Emu Project, managed and funded primarily by the Greater Shepparton City Council, achieved the following:**

**Over 13,000 indigenous plants** were planted along 4.6km of roadside along Dhurringile Road over six years to create **over 8 km of environmental corridor**. The corridor extends from the Midland Highway to the Toolamba Rushworth Rd. The conservation value of the vegetation communities has been significantly increased.

**Weed removal** has greatly reduced the density and diversity of weed species.

**Walking paths** have been constructed to encourage pedestrian and bicycle access throughout the planted vegetation and will allow for increased accessibility and appreciation of these enhanced areas into the future.

**The town entrance** now has an attractive green entry with signage highlighting the project.

**Signage, brochures, surveys and media** have increased awareness of the project, its achievements and community involvement.

**Landcare Award:** The Dhurringile and district Landcare Group was a recipient of a Shepparton Irrigation Region Landcare Partnership Award 2010 for its role in the project.

**Tidy Town finalists:** The project was nominated for two Tidy Towns Sustainable Communities 2011 Awards (and was a State finalist in the Community Government Partnership category).

**Plant offer and bird survey** for Dhurringile Road residents: The offer of indigenous plant species that would be suitable for gardens or properties and an opportunity to have a bird survey was taken up by some residents.

**National Tree Day:** An annual event involved the community in planting days including girl guides and scout groups.

**Schools National Tree Day:** Involved children annually from the three primary schools of Tatura in planting over 5000 plants with the help of secondary school students.

**Lake Bartlett Walk, 2012:** A community event to learn about the wetland habitat, ecology and birds of Lake Bartlett and its benefit to the Tatura township.

## Project team

Greater Shepparton City Council  
Goulburn Murray Landcare Network  
Dhurringile and district Landcare Group  
Department of Primary Industries  
Tatura Revitalisation Committee  
Generations Church ACC, Tatura  
Transition Tatura

## Thank you to our main supporters

Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority  
Residents and landholders along Dhurringile Rd  
Tatura Community  
Landcare Volunteers  
Tatura Primary School  
Sacred Heart Primary School  
Bethel Christian College  
Mooroopna Secondary College  
Mission Australia National Green Jobs Corps work crew  
Tatura Area Community Bulletin  
The Tatura Guardian



Photo: Revegetation site, North of the railway line 2007, before planting.

## Plants used in the Project

*These are some of the plants used in the roadside plantings which you may like to include in your gardens or properties. In gardens, prune plants to keep bushy and maintain shape.*

***Acacia acinacea*** (Gold dust wattle) Beautiful sometimes spindly shrub to 2m.

***Acacia genistifolia*** (Spreading wattle) Open spiny shrub to 2m. Creamy flower. Great for small birds.

***Acacia hakeoides*** (Hakea wattle) Large wide shrub to 4m, up to 7m across.

***Acacia implexa*** (Lightwood wattle) Small to medium tree to 15m. Flowers pale yellow to white.

***Acacia montana*** (Mallee wattle) Dense rounded shrub to 3m. Woolly seed pods.

***Acacia paradoxa*** (Hedge wattle) Spreading spiny shrub 2-4m. Great for small birds.

***Acacia pycnantha*** (Golden wattle) Shrub to small tree to 5m. Also our national floral emblem.

***Bursaria spinosa*** (Sweet bursaria) Large thorny shrub to 5m. Fragrant white flowers.

***Callistemon sieberi*** (River Bottlebrush) Tall willowy shrub to 7m. Cream to pale pink brush like flowers.

***Dianella revoluta*** (Native Flax-lily) Tall grayish tussock to 1m high. Long strappy leaves, blue flowers and fruit.

***Dilwynia cinerescens*** (Grey parrot-pea) Small shrub up to 1.5m. Yellow or yellow and red pea flower.

***Dodonea viscosa*** (Wedge-leaf hopbush) Small to medium shrub 2-3m. Reddish winged papery seedpods.

***Einadia nutans*** (Nodding Saltbush) Trailing or climbing groundcover with fleshy red to yellow berries.

***Eucalyptus meliodora*** (Yellow box) Medium to tall tree to 30m.

***Eucalyptus microcarpa*** (Grey box) Small to tall tree to 25m. Scaly grey bark.

***Eutaxia microphylla*** (Common Eutaxia) Small shrub to 1m or prostrate mat to 1.5m across.

***Pittosporum angustifolium*** (Weeping pittosporum) Small weeping tree 3-9m. Pale yellow bell shaped flowers.