

GLENRAC

Soils in the Spotlight



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GLENRAC STRATEGIC PLAN 2020-2025 SUMMARY

ABOUT GLENRAC

Established in 1989, GLENRAC is an award winning, grassroots led organisation focused on land management and land conservation initiatives.

GLENRAC aims to represent all key stakeholders in natural resource management in the local Glen Innes Severn district, including land managers, public and private land holders, Landcare groups and industry groups.

GLENRAC is led by a volunteer committee, is incorporated under the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 and is a not for profit organisation.

In 2015, GLENRAC won the NSW Landcare Award for leadership in Natural Resource Management and service to the Glen Innes region.



Our vision is to create solutions for a sustainable and productive landscape.

Our mission is to initiate and coordinate action for landholders and the community to manage and maintain the natural resource base of the Glen Innes region for the improvement of both the social and productive environment.



OUR VALUES

GLENRAC PRIORITIES + GOALS

1. STRONG PEOPLE FOR A STRONG COMMUNITY

- Being a professional organisation with skilled staff and committee members
- Supporting community capacity
- Building strong, robust communities
- Providing a voice for grassroots landholders

2. SUSTAINING LAND

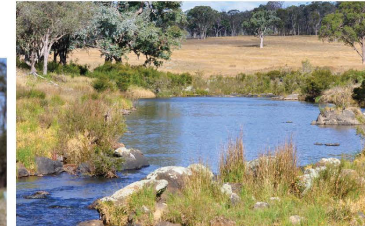
- Sustainable land management
- Healthy soils for healthy landscapes
- Reducing the impacts of weeds
- Reducing the risk of soil erosion and repairing active erosion zones
- Protecting waterways and riparian zones

3. ACHIEVING BALANCE

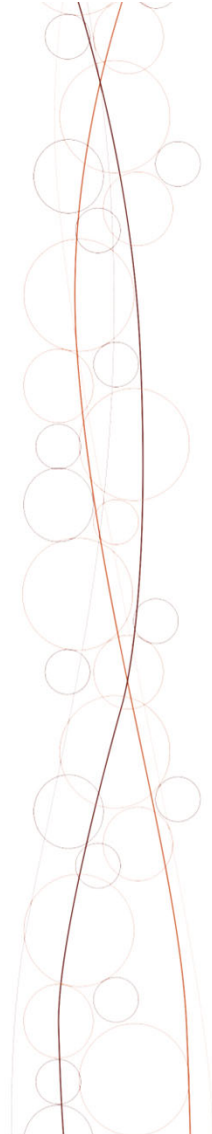
- Biodiversity understanding and enhancement
- Protection of native habitat
- Control of pest animals

4. GLENRAC 2050

- Securing resources for effective implementation
- Ensuring good governance
- Extending GLENRAC's reach
- Building strong relationships



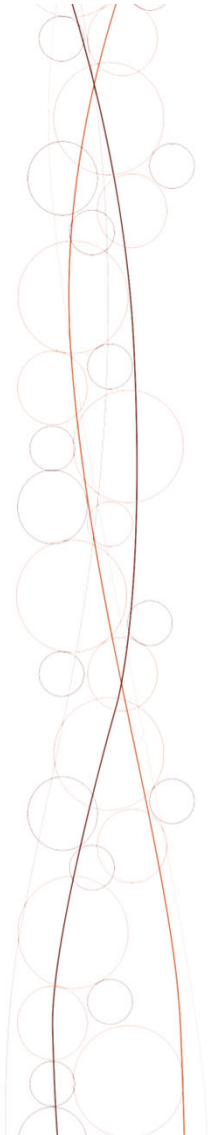
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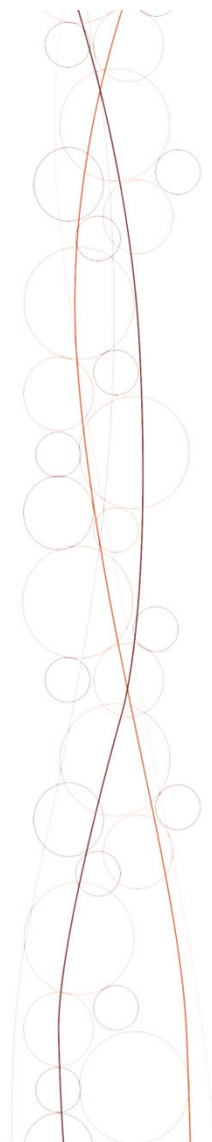
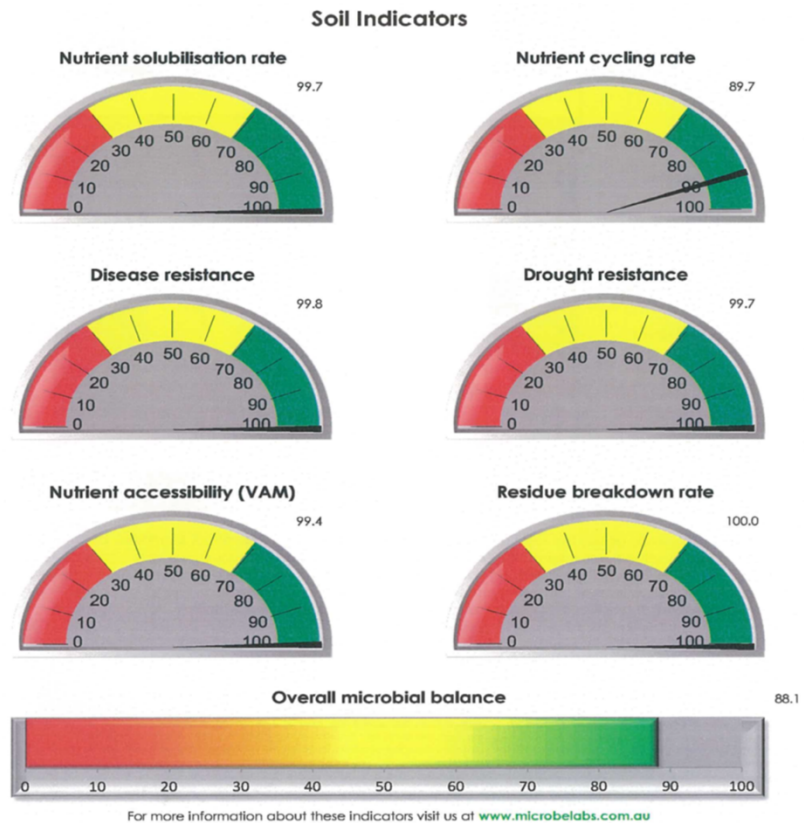
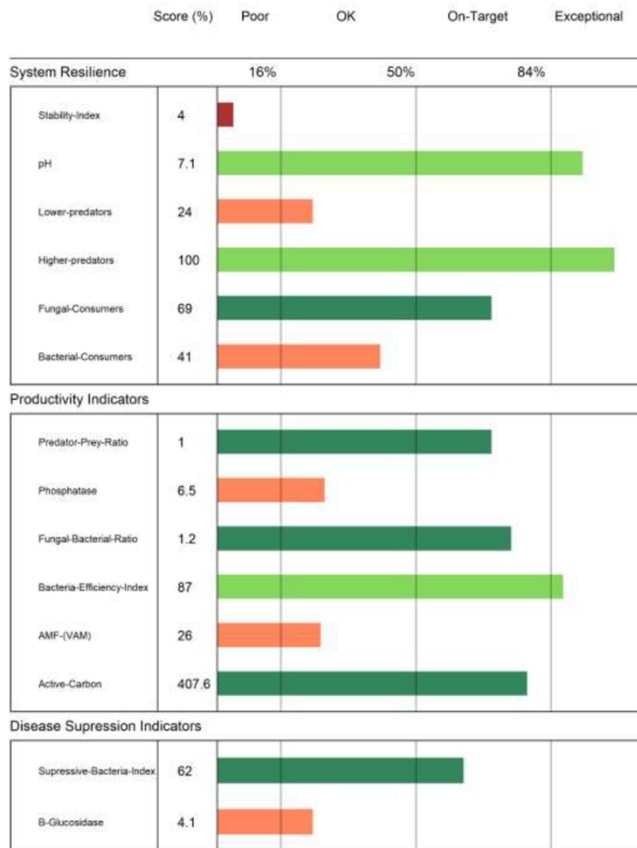
Soils Alive!

- increase understanding about soil health and soil microbial activity
- series of 4 workshops spread over several months
- baseline soil microbial testing at start of project
- follow up soil microbial testing at end of project

This project is supported by the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment, through funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Program



Soil microbial testing



Making Sense of Soils – Digging Deeper

- building skills and knowledge on soil type, soil health and soil fertility
- 3 opportunities to participate in Digging Deeper program - series of 3 workshops spread over several months
- subsidised soil tests for nutrients relevant to grazing enterprises e.g. pH, phosphorus, sulfur, organic carbon

National Landcare Program Smart Farms Small Grants – an Australian Government Initiative



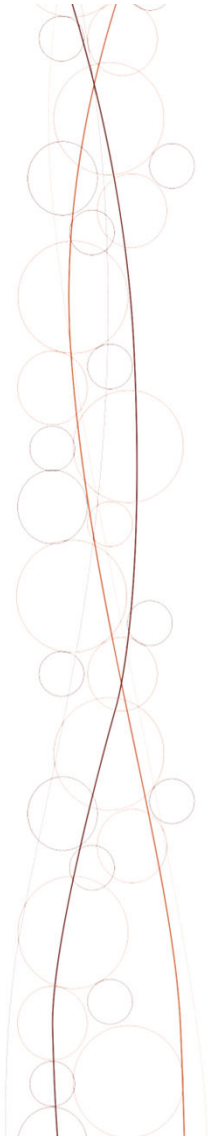
Making Sense of Soils – soil test interpretation

- local small group sessions focussed on making sense of soil tests
- 6 half-day sessions across the district
- subsidised soil tests for nutrients relevant to grazing enterprises e.g. pH, phosphorous, sulfur, organic carbon



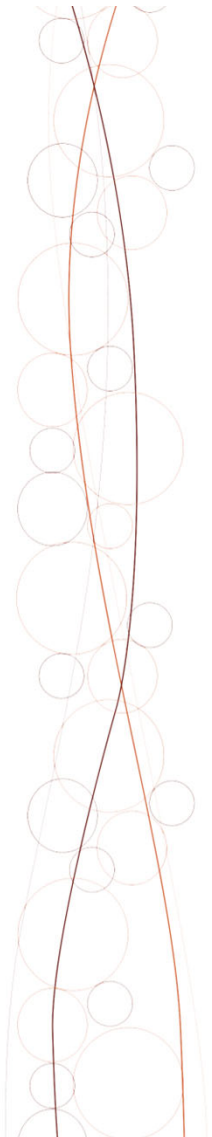
Making Sense of Soils – farm walks

- looking at soil type, soil health and soil fertility in the field
- 6 farm walks across the district
- comparing management practices



Historical Soils Data Capture Payments

- Australian Government is collating soil testing data
- Payments to landholders with eligible data for soil tests prior to 1 January 22
- Each business can receive up to \$10,000 in total
- Payments vary depending on number of soil properties tested
- Between \$50 for 5 soil parameters to \$200 for more than 16 parameters
- GLENRAC will assist with collating and submitting results



How to get involved!

- Sign up at the desk tonight
- EOI link in the follow up email
- EOI link in GLENRAC's coming e-flashes
- Call the GLENRAC Office on 02 67323443
- Email jennie@glenrac.org.au

