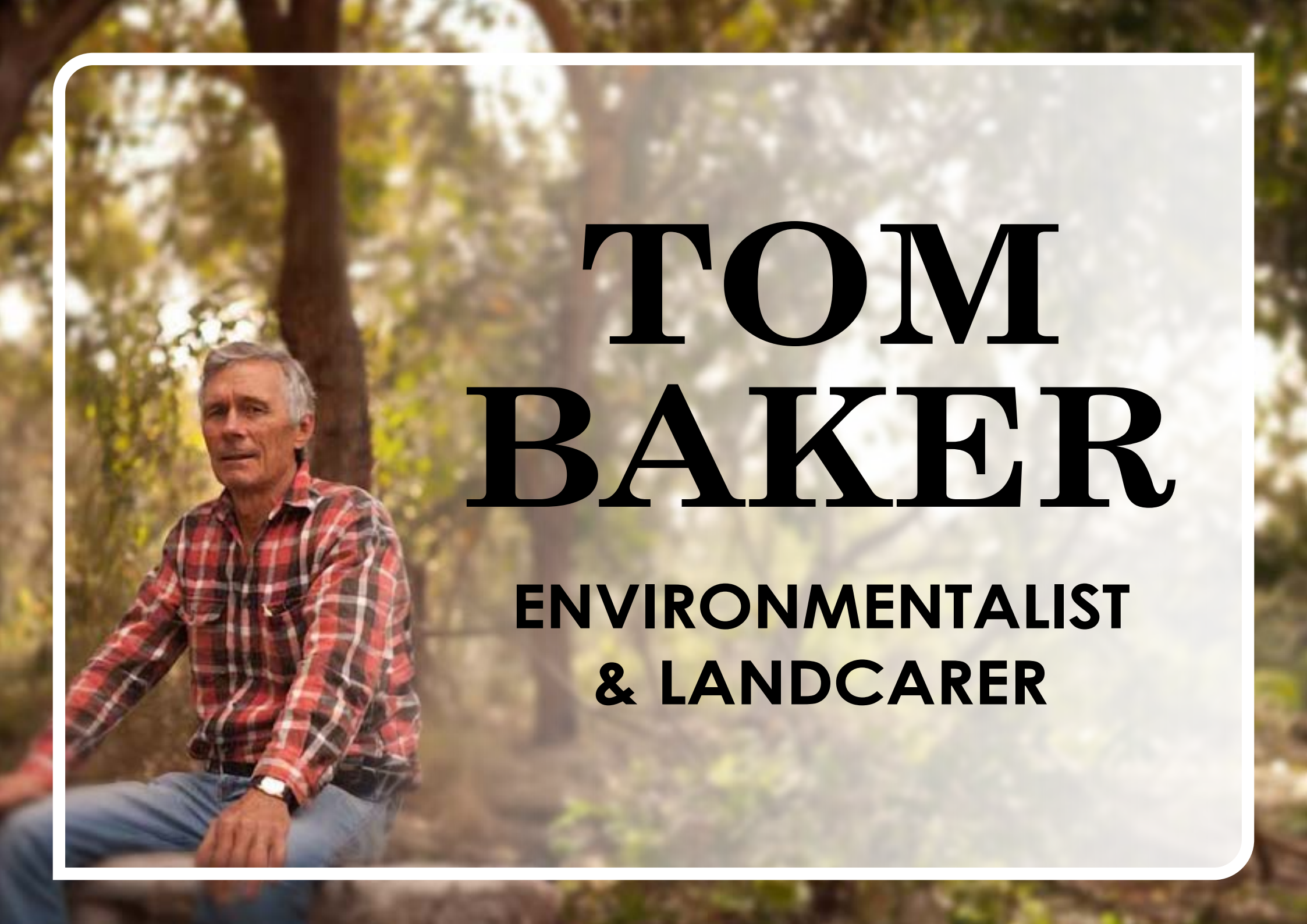


A photograph of Tom Baker, an older man with grey hair, wearing a red and black plaid shirt and blue jeans, sitting in a forest. The background is a soft-focus view of trees and foliage. The image is framed by a white border with rounded corners.

TOM BAKER

**ENVIRONMENTALIST
& LANDCARER**



Queanbeyan Landcare Neighbourhood and Bushland/Grassland Projects 1985 to 2016

Including those carried out in collaboration with Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council, Trees for Queanbeyan, Greening Australia, Friends of Grasslands and the Monaro Conservation Society and Scouts

1. Planting at Community Gardens and Railway land, on Henderson Road
2. Maintenance of railway station grounds - ongoing
3. Native Plant-planting
4. McCree Street Bushland Reserve (part of Lachlan Regional Park)
5. Gully Creek Park Looked plantings
6. John Paul Street Bushland Reserve - plantings
7. Monahat Street Urban Bushland Reserve (second Landcare project, rehabilitation and planting)
8. Bushland Park rehabilitation and interpretation
9. Plantings near Riverside Cemetery
10. Plantings adjacent to railway bridge on Oak Estate
11. Plantings near Town Hall in Elm Street
12. McCree Street low level planting, late 2001
13. Peace Park Rehabilitation, in Peace Street
14. Buffers Creek rehabilitation, native plantings from 1988
15. Molonglo Gorge Recreation Reserve plantings
16. Park Park rehabilitation project for woodland
17. Old Sydney Railyard Park
18. Outdoor Classroom at State Park, off Temple Avenue
19. Boreas Park and Boreas Creek
20. Clinton Road Bushland rehabilitation
21. Boreas Park Neighbourhood Park
22. Palerang Fauna Reserve River Drive - ongoing management of Aprasia parvicornis population
23. Boreas Creek land to former Street Plantings
24. Poplars private property, Bush Cemetery to Tony's Drive weed management
25. Mt Jamieson private weed management
26. Molonglo, defended native plantings at Hobart quarry
27. Palerang Park Rural Residential area bush recovery for improvement of small native birds
28. Fencing of vegetable gorge, Boreas land property - Private Property
29. Rehabilitation of Gully Creek, off Oak Estate, west of Hobart quarry
30. 12,000 Aboriginals contribute trees to Olney Black Country Bush - Queanbeyan to Corbin
31. Long Term management of Oak Forest Creek land (with Conservation - Reserve)
32. Rehabilitation of indigenous forest Molonglo bushland and west of Cooma Road
33. Greening Australia revegetation
34. Whitehorse Place Reserve
35. Boreas Creek Forest



1991



2000

Mt Jerra should be turned into botanic gardens: Baker

A SECTION of Mt Jerrabomberra should be transformed into a native botanic gardens, according to the Monaro Conservation Society.

Society spokesman Tom Baker said the mountain offered the perfect setting for establishing the gardens as a Centenary of Federation project.

Mr Baker said a public meeting called "Queanbeyan City Council in 1998 recognised the privately owned upper part of the mountain as a heritage item for the region.

Council has since taken further steps to purchase the section of the mountain and is expected to make a decision in the next few weeks.

"The 1998 meeting also recognised that council is not equipped to manage this natural feature in the long term without the involvement of the community and therefore considered ways that this landmark could be acquired and managed," Mr Baker said.



TOM BAKER: Mountain a perfect setting for botanic gardens.

"There was a general agreement that a partnership is needed involving council and community groups such

as Queanbeyan Landcare and the Jerrabomberra Association with technical advice from the National Parks Service."

Mr Baker said the botanic gardens idea had merit with many management models available to copy, including the Brooks Hill Crowe Land Reserve on the Kings Highway.

The gardens could also be modelled on the Eurobodilla Regional Native Botanic Gardens where the local council and a garden group have combined to care for and regenerate natural bushland outside Barmah River.

"There is an exciting future for the mountain and a fitting gift and investment for the present and future community to mark the centenary of our country's Federation."

"If only council can show its commitment to our bushland heritage, as it has done for the Queanbeyan River."

Poplars development rejected

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could no longer plan beyond the next five to eight years as that was all the land supply left in the city.

"It may have been a popular decision for the minute, but not for Queanbeyan."

Canberra International Airport group executive chairman Terry Snow said the government's decision was good news for Queanbeyan and Canberra residents.

"I was not surprised by the decision due to the overwhelming disapproval of the proposition by Queanbeyan City Council."

"In surveys done over there 70 per cent of the people said they didn't want the development to go ahead. "I think the decision was made in line with the wishes of the Queanbeyan people."

Mr Snow said the airport would now be able to continue with its

future direction as outlined in its master plan.

"It won't compromise the future of the airport."

Meanwhile, Cr Pangallo said he was not ruling out the possibility of council appealing the decision.

"We will have to have a good look at it and see where we can go from here. Whether council would want to appeal or not is something we will have to decide."



2005



1997

1999

BIG AWARD: Lynton Bond, Chair, Molonglo Catchment Group; Tom Baker, Queanbeyan Landcare and Deputy Chair, Molonglo Catchment Group; Ian Frakes, Chair, Queanbeyan Landcare with their awards.



2011



2021



2022

ENVIRONMENT

Guardians sought for new plantings

By Kimberley Lal Lando

From Gundahbeyan Landcare, an on-site guided walk in the Jerrabomberra woodlands and grasslands on National Trust Day, Sunday, July 31.

From then on, the volunteer group will lead a walk to encourage new participants to volunteer to the area, as part of a bigger project to connect Mount Jerrabomberra with Yagginawang.

Gundahbeyan Landcare publicity officer Tom Baker said a "Friends of" group was needed to be guardians for the new plantings, as it was part of a bigger project to reconnect native vegetation.

"We're desperately looking for people in Jerrabomberra, especially people living near the edge of the natural areas, to become involved in this," Mr Baker said.

He suggested a name like Friends of Jerrabomberra, "or whatever they want to call themselves".

"They'd be people who live near it and they'd really care for that part and watch over it."

He said Landcare would be doing some thing and leaving something for people who live near the area of interest, to ask them to keep an eye out for vandals.

"We think a lot of people probably wouldn't have thought to join Landcare, but if they are prompted to think about it they might."

"We want to give them the opportunity and encouragement to take this step with some other people," Mr Baker said.

He said the Jerrabomberra area was part of a bigger, a bigger story.

"The long term aim is for a protected wildlife corridor," Mr Baker said.

As National Trust Day looms, Gundahbeyan Landcare members Tom Baker and Bill Willis are encouraging Jerrabomberra residents to help keep an eye on new plantings of native vegetation.

Photo: Jay Cronan

"We're not in it for money years, but we have made a start with this project."

The project, a collaboration between Landcare, Murrumbidgee Catchment Group, Gundahbeyan Planning Regional Council, local landowners and the NSW Environment Trust has seen the land donated back to the service for conservation to offset the land used for development near Gungahlin.

"If we do well here in this project, we're likely to get some more money down the track, but we need the community element in the region to long term to do that," Mr Baker said.

The walk will start from the roundabout where Bakers Street and Environmental Drive meet in Jerrabomberra.

Mr Baker recommends taking a hat, sturdy shoes and any food or drink that you may need. Walking difficulty is between easy to moderate.

For more information visit murrumbidgee.environment.com.au

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