



Heather Mitchell Memorial Fellowship

Mal Thompson

Mal Thompson has a passion for the landscapes of the Mallee and puts nearly all of his waking hours into working to restore them. Mal has the special ability to find the connection between planning and implementation. His knowledge of the Mallee and its many local groups and organisations means he is always on the lookout to link projects together and to get as many people as possible involved.

Mal has co-ordinated the Nyah West Landcare Group for over seven years. More recently he has supported the Waitchie, Swan Hill West and Ultima Landcare Groups. He has worked with many youth and indigenous groups within the mid-Murray area on numerous conservation and cultural heritage projects. He is a capable planner and organiser but also someone who loves to get in and do something – whether it is collecting seed, fumigating rabbit warrens or working to reclaim an old landfill site. He is well known and highly respected by all of the Mallee Landcare community.

Mal plans to use the fellowship to strengthen his years of practical experience by undertaking some formal study. He would also like to undertake a feasibility study on developing a local Landcare Environment Centre



Pictured L-R: Paul Weller, President Victorian Farmers Federation, Mal Thompson winner of the Heather Mitchell Memorial Fellowship, John Thwaites, Minister for Environment and John Landy, Governor of Victoria.