

# Planting for people and the planet

## Welcome to the ImLal Biorich Demonstration Project - a new model of revegetation that integrates conservation with production

Planted in the paddock behind this sign is the 'missing link' in revegetation — a plantation that is wildlife-friendly and self-perpetuating for 200 years or more, while providing a source of income or useful products for the landholder.

This 10 hectare biorich plantation consists of a multi-layered, diverse array of over 40 different species of grasses and herbs, shrubs, understorey and canopy trees. While mimicking the design of a natural forest, the biorich plantation incorporates clumps of forestry species for farm use (firewood or fence posts) or for the harvesting of sawlogs for sale.

Biorich plantations like this do more than connect and expand habitat. They offer shelter to livestock. They protect water quality and streamsides. They help people to live sustainably within rural landscapes. They are pleasing to the eye and a joy to the human spirit.

### The ImLal Biorich Demonstration Project has wide community support:

#### **Imerys Minerals Ltd**

#### **Ballarat Region Treegrowers / Australian Forest Growers**

project leaders, with site design by Stephen Murphy.

#### **Ballarat University**

monitoring the plantation over the long term.

#### Koala Connect

sees global potential in reclaiming mining sites. bird surveys are measuring the return of wildlife.

#### Caring for Our Country

major sponsor: Community Action Grant.

#### Central Highlands Water

sponsored plant purchase.

Local farmers, landholders and Landcare members planted this site in October 2010.

To learn more about biorich plantations, contact Ballarat Region Treegrowers AFG (www.afg.asn.au), buy the book Recreating the Country or view the video Recreating the Country on Youtube.











