



Practical information, resources and opportunities for north-west Tasmanian farmers and agricultural service providers.

Welcome to the December edition of *Our Natural Advantage*, Cradle Coast NRM's monthly climate-smart farming snapshot.

The theme of this edition is:

2025 Wrap-Up

Looking back on one year of Our Natural Advantage newsletters

Happy New Year and best wishes for 2026 from the Cradle Coast NRM Land Program team!

We want to take this opportunity to provide a quick update on the progress of the Our Natural Advantage project, which has now been underway for twelve months and will continue to deliver activities and resources through to June 2028.

We will also share some of your favourite resources from our first eight editions of this newsletter, including factsheets, apps and ongoing funding opportunities.

Fill out our Natural Capital survey!

What is the Our Natural Advantage project?

As farmers are increasingly exposed to variable climate conditions and changing market expectations around sustainability, it can be hard to decide on the best course of action to ensure they remain productive – Our Natural Advantage (ONA) aims to support farmers to make future-focussed decisions with confidence.

The ONA project aims to demonstrate and communicate practical actions farmers can adopt to support production and resilience, meet changing conditions and capitalise on co-benefits of protecting and enhancing natural capital on farms.

All the key project information can now be found on our website [project page](#).

The ONA project is supported by the Australian Government through funding from the Natural Heritage Trust under the Climate-Smart Agriculture Program and delivered by Cradle Coast NRM, a member of the Commonwealth Regional Delivery Partners panel.



Santa visiting our demonstration at Harvest Moon

What has the project been delivering?

On-farm demonstrations:

The ONA project has established two on-farm demonstrations which aim to drive engagement with farmers and agri-service providers through the delivery of on-farm field walks and produce useful resources to help farmers practically implement practices within their own operations. The demonstrations include a practical implementation of multi-species cover crops demonstration with Harvest Moon at Lillico, and an On-farm Natural Capital Accounting demonstration at the TIA Dairy Research Facility (TDRF) at Elliott in partnership with TIA and supported by Fonterra and Dairy Australia.

Both demonstration are progressing really well, generating some great information and learnings and we hope to share the outcomes more broadly in 2026.

Biological Farm Skills Mentorship:

The Biological Farming Skills Mentorship offers a unique small group learning opportunity for six King Island farmers to work with a supportive and knowledgeable mentor to build skills and confidence in implementing biological farming practices on their farms. The mentorship aims to also build community and peer to peer learning with farm walks and social catch-ups including opportunities to share outcomes with other farmers and the north-west Tasmanian graziers.



On-farm learning through the Biological Farming Skills Mentorship

Natural Capital Incentive Program:

The Natural Capital Incentive Program provides support to farmers to identify natural capital risks and opportunities for their property, with farm visits conducted by Cradle Coast NRM staff and a simple Natural Capital Assessment produced. There is funding available to support some participants to undertake practical actions to support farm productivity while also improving the condition of on-farm biodiversity, with Round 1 now closed and project activities currently being assessed.

Farmers can still contact our team to arrange a site visit and Natural Capital assessment.

Monthly newsletter:

Each monthly edition of this newsletter has a theme related to climate-smart farming and it is intended to provide practical information, resources and opportunities for north-west Tasmanian farmers and agri-service providers. All previous additions are saved on our website and can be accessed through our project page. We welcome feedback and suggestions for all future editions.

Other ONA events and resources:

Within capacity, we will continue to develop and support events and resources that align well with the ONA project and our currently demonstrations.

We organised an evening last week in Wynyard with David Roberts-Thomson to hear about his Nuffield Scholarship on biological priming soils for resilience and production. We plan to deliver some workshops on managing and encouraging Dung Beetles and earth worms early 2026. We will also be aiming to delivering workshops and field walks on managing farm natural capital and emerging drivers and resources to support farm decision making in this area.

We will continue to share events and resources directly through our ONA monthly newsletter and on our project webpage as well as broader media as relevant. If you'd like to have a chat with us, send an email to landprogram@cradlecoast.com or call the office on 03 6433 8400.



Paddocks at Marrawah



Resources

High-resolution 'weather-now' map by NRE Tasmania: this platform delivers near real-time, high-resolution weather monitoring across Tasmania. [Access the tool here.](#)

Soils Alive by NRE Tasmania: Learn to understand and manage soil biology in a Tasmanian farming context. [Read the publication here.](#)

Dung Beetle Information Sheet by Cradle Coast NRM: Learn how to identify and look after your local dung beetles with this handy [information sheet.](#)

Jane's Weather, suggested by one of our readers: Discover how weather impacts agriculture, from crop growth and irrigation to planting, harvesting, and resource management. [Check it out here.](#)

Events and Opportunities

Elliot Dairy Field Day

Hosted by: Tasmanian Institute of Agriculture

Location: Elliot

Date: 17 February

[Get your tickets here.](#)

Farm Business Resilience Program

This popular program will be returning in 2026! Registrations of interest are now open.

[Find out more here.](#)



Missed a previous edition? Browse other topics from *Our Natural Advantage* below.

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If you would like to share a relevant resource, event or opportunity, please email landprogram@cradlecoast.com by 15 January to be considered for the next edition.

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