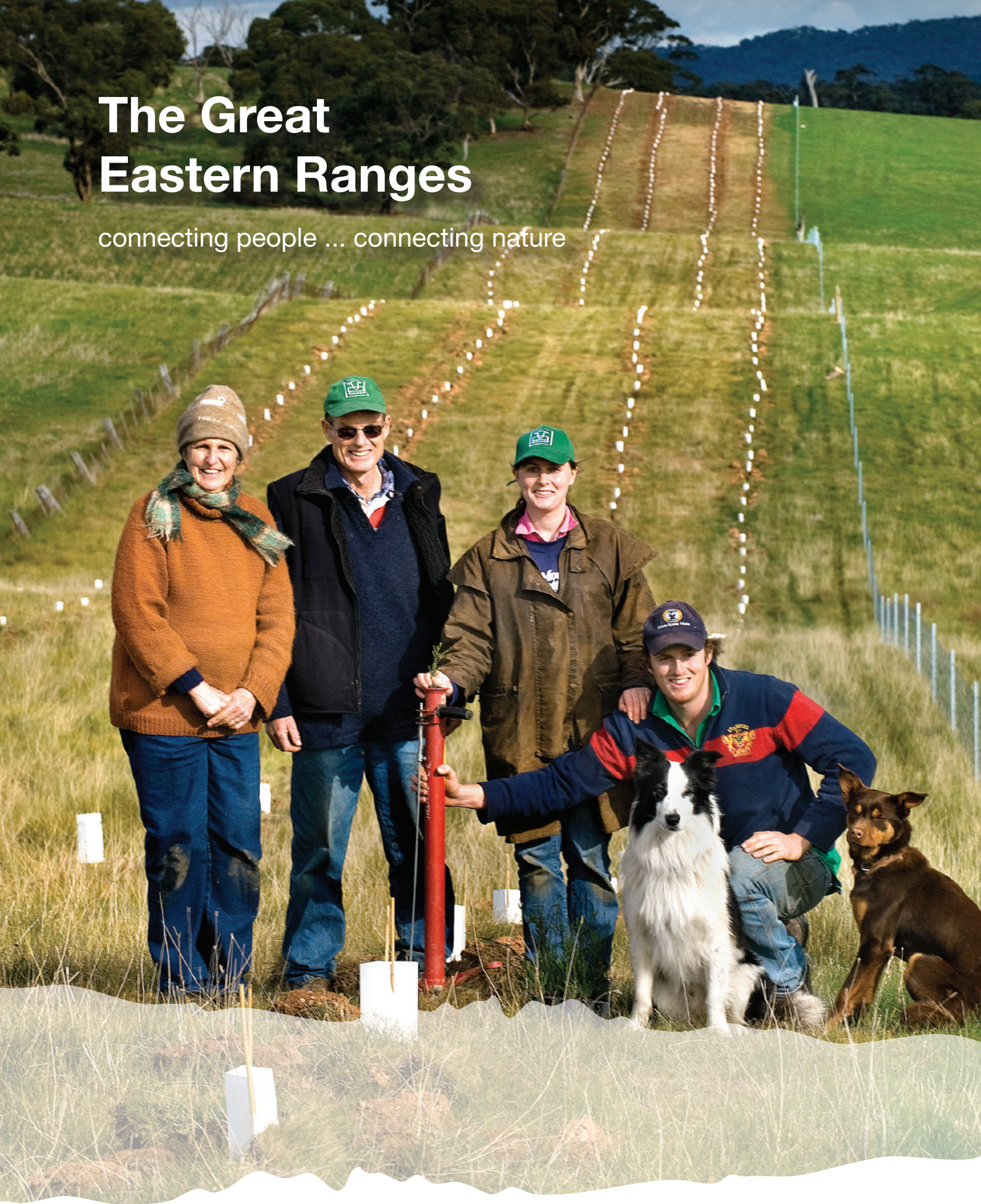


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3600
km of land



2.5
Gt carbon



60%
threatened animals



70%
threatened plants



250
partners



63
water catchments

Where we work

The Great Eastern Ranges works to protect, connect and restore healthy landscapes across a vast 3,600km swathe of eastern Australia - an area we call the GER corridor. As well as being home to over 80% of Australia's population, the GER corridor is a biodiversity hotspot, supporting 60% of our threatened animals and 70% of our plants. Dominating the centre is the Great Divide which separates the coast from the arid interior. This complex series of hills, plateaus and mountains, contain the watersheds and headwaters for the major river catchments of eastern Australia, providing clean water for over two-thirds of our population whilst dense forests and woodlands soak up vast amounts of carbon from our atmosphere. In the future, the GER corridor will provide vital refuges for wildlife, enabling them to move and adapt in response to a changing climate.

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healthy landscapes across
3,600km of eastern Australia.*



What we do

The Great Eastern Ranges provides the bold vision that brings people together to deliver shared conservation goals across public and private land. By building long-term, inclusive partnerships, we provide a platform for delivering a coordinated effort at the regional level, while creating corridors of impact across multiple landscapes. To provide a focus for on-ground activities and funding, we centre our work around four core themes.



Supporting wildlife

Like us, animals need to be able to move to survive. By reconnecting and protecting vital habitat, GER supports the movement of our native wildlife across seasons and landscapes, restores natural migration routes, and links protected areas enabling species to move, adapt and thrive in a rapidly changing climate.



Providing natural solutions

Through protecting and restoring eastern Australia's carbon-rich forests and wetlands, GER provides integrated natural solutions to the interlinked crisis of climate change, biodiversity loss and declining human and environmental health. By protecting significant carbon stores and improving habitat quality, we reduce carbon emissions, mitigate the impacts of climate change, encourage the natural regeneration of our forests and woodlands, and curb the loss of native species.

Our Approach



Connect people to connect nature

Our regional partnership model catalyses action by bringing people together to deliver a coordinated on-ground effort. Our grassroots-driven projects bring together the skills, knowledge and expertise needed to achieve outcomes at the regional level whilst providing the guidance and support needed to link these efforts across multiple sites to create collective impact at the whole-of-landscape scale.



Fill the gaps

Through our regional partnerships, we work closely with landholders, traditional custodians, communities, and organisations to identify needs and gaps in resources and capacity that we can help fill, while tapping into the wealth of local knowledge and skills. By building capacity, we increase community resilience whilst ensuring that conservation efforts can be sustained into the future.



Creating resilient landscapes

By supporting better land management practices and maintaining the health of our ecosystems, whilst managing threats to our environment and rural livelihoods, GER creates more resilient, productive landscapes for wildlife, farmers and industry.



Ensuring healthy communities

Human health and wellbeing are inextricably linked with the health of our environment. By engaging local people directly in activities to restore and reconnect degraded landscapes and ecosystems, support biodiversity, and protect the natural and cultural assets that underpin our identity, sense of place and livelihoods, our work results in healthier, happier, more connected communities.



Share knowledge and experience

GER enables the cross-sharing of critical knowledge, tools, and lessons learnt between on-ground practitioners, researchers, and organisations, to boost the practice and science of connectivity conservation and drive high-quality outcomes on the ground. Through the sharing and nurturing of ideas, we discover new ways of working and create innovative solutions to the complex environmental challenges we face.



Translate science into action

We use an evidence-based approach to achieve what nature needs, using best practice science, robust data and traditional knowledge to prioritise regions and actions to achieve the greatest impacts on the ground. GER's multi-landscape projects synthesise the latest science and translate it into tailored projects that complement and integrate with existing efforts to maximise resourcing and reduce duplication.



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- 13** CLIMATE ACTION
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