

**Property:**

“Wendouree”

**Owners:**

Ian & Theresa Peirce

**Size of Property:**

669ha.

**Average Rainfall:**

525mm

**Main Enterprise:**

Sheep & Wool. (A swing to cropping)

**Soil Types:**

On the flats are sandy loams and had good  
Stands of White Gums, Jarrah, Bluegums and Paperbarks.

Cleared in the 1940's.

We are part of the Lake Towerrinning Catchment Group, winning the 1992 State and National Landcare awards. Our property is the last property in the catchment before Lake Towerrinning.

The farm is 669ha of which 65 ha are prone to flooding.

185ha is salt scold and barley grass affected, this area was at its best in 1968 with a magnificent stand of Albino Clover, “this was the lull before the storm”. The neighbouring hillside on the south side was cleared in the 1960's.

On the north East Side of the flats there is a deep drain and the advancement of the waterlogging has stopped. But on the trial site side, with only minor contour drains established, the salt affected area has spread rapidly over the past ten years. The shire is predominantly a wool area, but there has been an increased swing towards cropping. Phil Nichol, being the most suitable trial spot for perennial grasses has chosen the trial plot.

The lake itself was fresh until the mid 1960's, till salinity increased killing most of the surrounding vegetation. The degeneration increased until the 1990's, when the Cordering redivision was completed.

There is a fault line running North by Northwest, which is causing major noticeable problems within several local catchment groups. We have had farmcare maps done by Dept of Agriculture WA and also Airborne Geophysics.

Vision: To progressively gain back more of the salt affected area for additional farm production.

Ian Peirce

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