

The structure of Landcare in the Murrumbidgee catchment

National level

Australian Landcare Council

www.daff.gov.au/natural-resources/landcare/council

The ALC is a national advisory body to the Australian Government on Landcare and NRM matters. It aims to assist the government to reinvigorate Landcare, provide insight into future opportunities and ensure the Landcare movement and Australian community can meet the challenges of food security, responding to climate change, supporting volunteers and maintaining the environment.

The ALC has 17 members, appointed by the Federal Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, who meet quarterly. Current NSW members are: Dr Pamela Brook (a macadamia farmer and Chair of Northern Rivers Food, from Bangalow), Dr Judy Henderson (Chair of the Northern Rivers CMA, from Repton), and Mr Jock Laurie (a grazier and President of the National Farmer's Federation, from Walcha).

National Landcare Network

www.nln.org.au

The NLN is a national representative body which aims to speak for community Landcare, ensure the critical role of community engagement in NRM is recognised, and ensure that NRM policies, funding and structural arrangements benefit the community. The NLN promotes a forum to address strategic and proactive NRM issues, foster strategic partnerships between Landcare and other relevant stakeholders, celebrate the achievements of Landcare, and represent community-based Landcare at the national level.

The NLN consists of two representatives from each State and Territory, as delegates from the relevant representative organization. Current NSW Landcare representatives are David Walker (from New England North West Landcare) and Chris Scott (from Manning Landcare).

Landcare Australia Limited

www.landcareonline.com.au

LAL is a private, non-profit company which aims to raise corporate sponsorship for Landcare, and heighten community awareness of Landcare through media and promotional activities. LAL has a small team of staff, based in offices in Sydney and Melbourne.

Through funding from the Federal Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, LAL organises the National Landcare Directory, the Landcare Awards, Landcare publications and Landcare Week activities, with the aim of increasing the level of community volunteering in Landcare and increasing corporate sponsorship.

State level

Landcare NSW Incorporated

www.landcarensw.org.au

LNSW is the representative body for grassroots community-driven natural resource management in NSW. Its aims are to celebrate Landcare achievements, promote and represent Landcare, organise an annual Landcare Muster, and undertake strategic planning to enhance cooperation and partnerships between Landcare and broader natural resource, environmental and primary industry organisations.

Membership of Landcare NSW is drawn from community-based Landcare groups across the state. The current representative for Murrumbidgee Landcare is Glenys Patulny (from Southern ACT Catchment Group).

Regional level

Murrumbidgee Landcare Incorporated

www.murrumbidgeelandcare.asn.au

MLi is a community-based, not-for-profit umbrella organisation representing the Landcare movement in the Murrumbidgee catchment. MLI's aim is to share knowledge and skills, build community capacity, promote economic and environmental sustainability, and nurture the next generation of Landcarers.

MLi represents the Landcare Networks in the Murrumbidgee catchment to state and national Landcare, government and other associated organisations. MLI also hosts the Murrumbidgee Regional Landcare Facilitators, who work with the Landcare Networks to help the groups address issues of significance, apply for funding, organise or promote activities, and connect with other groups in the catchment.

Local level

Landcare Networks

www.murrumbidgeelandcare.asn.au/networks

Landcare networks represent Landcare groups in their local area. The networks allow members to take a more regional approach to environmental issues, and coordinate activities to achieve wider outcomes. The networks also provide a community link to government, industry and the other levels of Landcare, to feed through knowledge and advice from locals living and working in the area, and also to allow members to better access information and funding opportunities.

There are 15 Landcare Networks in the Murrumbidgee catchment, representing approximately 140 Landcare Groups and over 2,000 dedicated Landcare members across the catchment.