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Landcare ready for growth

Landcare NSW welcomes the announcement of a new \$15 million Landcare Support Program to be jointly delivered by Landcare NSW and Local Land Services.

The new Landcare Support Program consists of a network of up to 60 part-time local coordinators who will be supported by a “community of practice” and an initiative to pursue options for Landcare’s future financial sustainability.

The Minister for Primary Industries, Lands and Water, Niall Blair, announced the program at the *NSW Landcare and Local Lands Services Conference*, delivering on a policy the Liberals and Nationals took to the 2015 NSW State Election.

A Memorandum of Understanding between Local Land Services and Landcare NSW was signed at the Conference by chairs Rob Dulhunty from Landcare NSW and Alex Anthony from Local Land Services. It provides a framework and guiding principles for collaboration at the state, regional and local levels.

“Landcare is an Australian success story with a 25 year history,” said Landcare NSW Chair, Mr Rob Dulhunty. “This recognition and support from the State Government will see us enter a new period of growth and unlock the potential of thousands of volunteers in the Landcare network.

“It’s through partnerships with Government, corporates, philanthropists and other groups that Landcarers can get on with the vital work they do to develop sustainable agricultural practices, conserve the environment and build strong communities,” said Mr Dulhunty.

Applications from community organisations interested in hosting a local coordinator open on 14 September 2015.

Fact sheets on the Landcare Support Program are available:

<http://www.landcarensw.org.au/news-details.php?nid=34>

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