

Building a Landcare Network in the NT



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History of Landcare in Australia

Started in Victoria 30 years ago by a group of farmers wanting to work together to do something about land degradation in their region.

Grew and evolved across all states and territories of Australia through a diverse movement of volunteers working across public and private lands.

Groups today include Coastcare, Bushcare, Friends, Young Landcare, Indigenous Landcare and Intrepid Landcare groups, led by local communities working together to look after important natural areas.

Landcare Australia raises funds to provide grants to landcare groups across Australia and hosts the annual national Landcare conference and awards.



What is Landcare?

Could include a variety of activities by volunteers and landholders such as:

- Seed propagation
- Tree planting
- Land restoration
- Weed management
- Fire management
- Biodiversity mapping
- Soil conservation
- Planning
- Pest control
- Grazing management
- Advocacy
- Environmental education
- Indigenous cultural education and sacred site protection
- Research
- Events
- Providing advice to governments, land holders and park managers
- Building infrastructure to control access
- School talks and activities





Who is Landcare NT?

- A new community-based network for Landcare groups in the NT
- Incorporated in 2015, overseen by a volunteer Management Committee
- Part of the National Landcare Network
- Funded by the Australian Government (\$190K until June 2018)
- Its mission to represent, strengthen, support and grow the Northern Territory's community Landcare movement to improve the health of the natural environment and working landscapes in the interests of the community and future generations.

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National Landcare Network launches first representative peak body for Northern Territory

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PHOTO: Landcare NT chair Sue McKinnon and National Landcare Network chair Terry Hubbard.
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Landcare groups in the Northern Territory will be represented on a national level by a local peak body for the first time.

Landcare NT has just been created, incorporating 20 environment and pastoral groups, throughout the Territory.

National Landcare Network chair, Terry Hubbard, said the new body is a significant development for local volunteers.

"It's probably the most exciting thing that's happened to us for a long time," he said.

* For the first time in history, the Landcare movement across the nation will be represented in every state and territory.

Management Committee

- Sue McKinnon, Chair
- Elle Ward, Vice Chair
- Camilla Osborn, Treasurer
- Plaxy Purich, Top End
(Holtze Landcare Group)
- Angela Carpenter, Tablelands
(Barkly Landcare and Conservation Assoc)
- Clair O'Brien, Gulf and Savannah
(Roper River Landcare Group)



Objectives

- Represent community Landcare as an advocacy body;
- Demonstrate and promote the Landcare ethic and operate with integrity;
- Promote community Landcare;
- Connect people and organisations with an interest in Landcare;
- Support Community Landcare Groups with administration, information and funding.



Our Members

- Friends of Mitchell Creek
- Casuarina Coastal Reserve Landcare Group
- McMinns Lagoon Reserve Landcare Group
- Rapid Creek Landcare Group
- Friends of Fogg Dam
- Holtze Landcare Group
- Ludmilla Creek Landcare Group
- Friends of East Point
- Roper River Landcare Group
- Alice Springs Landcare Group
- Centralian Land Management Assoc
- Barkly Landcare and Conservation Assoc



How can we help?

- Attracting and maintaining members
- Funding applications
- Coordination
- Governance support
- Communications support and advice
- Insurance
- Planning
- Events
- Networking with other Landcare groups
- Fundraising
- Advocating for Landcare groups
- Connecting with the National Landcare Network





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Supporting Community Landcare throughout the NT

Introduction

Who is Landcare NT Inc?

Landcare NT is the peak body representing Community Landcare groups in the Northern Territory.

Landcare NT aims to represent, strengthen, support and grow the Northern Territory's community Landcare movement to improve the health of the natural environment and working landscapes in the interests of the community and future generations.

Our vision is for a strong, resilient network of community Landcare groups in the Northern Territory with a united voice and influence on local and national environmental planning and policy.

Our mission is to strengthen and build the capacity and membership for community Landcare groups and increase access to a diverse range of dedicated funding to improve the health of our environment.

Landcare NT incorporated in 2015. It is a member of the National Landcare Network (NLN) which consists of the seven peak bodies from each State and Territory across Australia.

The objectives of Landcare NT are to:

- i. Represent community Landcare as an advocacy body;
- ii. Demonstrate and promote the Landcare ethic and operate with integrity;
- iii. Promote community Landcare;
- iv. Connect people and organisations with an interest in Landcare;
- v. Support Community Landcare Groups with administration, information and funding. Landcare NT acknowledges Traditional Owners of the lands on which it works.

Why Join Your Local Landcare Group?

- It is fun!
- Get to know your neighbours
- Learn about your local birds, plants and wildlife
- Discover local natural hidden gems in your backyard
- Feel good connecting with the Earth
- Meet great people
- Get fit!
- Entertain the kids and teach them about the wonders of nature
- Repair and protect the land for future generations
- Join a national network of landcarers.



Landcare NT cordially invites you to attend its

2nd Annual General Meeting

4:00pm arrival for a 4:15pm start

Wednesday, November 23

Mauna Loa Room, Vibe Hotel, Darwin Waterfront

Light refreshments provided

Find out how you can be a part of the Northern Territory's growing community landcare network.



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