



The **National Landcare Network** is the **voice** of Landcare and Landcarers at the **national** level. The **NLN board** is made up of **representatives** from each **State and Territory**. Find out who represents you:

**ACT** NLN delegates: Karen Williams & Karissa Preuss  
[www.landcareact.org.au](http://www.landcareact.org.au)

**NSW** NLN delegates: Rob Dulhunty & David Walker  
[www.landcaresw.org.au](http://www.landcaresw.org.au)

**NT** NLN delegates: Sue McKinnon & Camilla Osborn  
Website under development

**QLD** NLN delegate: Darryl Ebenezer  
[www.qwalc.org.au](http://www.qwalc.org.au)

**SA** NLN delegates: Gerry Butler & Sandy Edwards  
[www.landcaresa.asn.au](http://www.landcaresa.asn.au)

**TAS** NLN delegates: Matt Pitt and Anthea Ferguson  
[www.landcaretas.org.au](http://www.landcaretas.org.au)

**VIC** NLN delegates: Terry Hubbard & Roger Hartley  
[www.vlc.org.au](http://www.vlc.org.au)

**WA** NLN delegates: Keith Bradby & Jill Richardson  
[www.landcarewa.org.au](http://www.landcarewa.org.au)

Get in touch with your delegate via their website or email [communications@nlm.org.au](mailto:communications@nlm.org.au).

### Welcome to the first edition of the NLN's newsletter, the Fairywren!

Why the Fairywren? With one species or another of found in every corner of Australia, we thought these little birds would do a good job of raising the voice of the national representative body for Landcare across the country. The Wren will bring you quarterly updates about NLN activities, major projects or achievements from NLN members, and national initiatives which are relevant to Landcare.

Please drop us an email at [communications@nlm.org.au](mailto:communications@nlm.org.au) if you have news or stories you would like to see included in future editions of the Fairywren.



NLN board members visit Red Hill Nature Reserve in the ACT during their 2015 AGM.

### National Landcare Network AGM

The NLN AGM was held in Canberra on 23-24 November. The board is largely unchanged for 2016 and State and Territory delegates are listed on the left side of this page.

In an important decision for the network, the board voted for the organisation to become a company limited by guarantee. A steering committee has been appointed from existing members to oversee the transition to the new structure.

Max Kitchell, Chair of Chairs for the NRM Regions, was a guest speaker and highlighted some areas where there are opportunities for Landcare and the NRM Regions to work more closely together. These included the development of an environmental accounting system, and the emerging roles for Landcare and NRM in biosecurity, food supply and rural health.

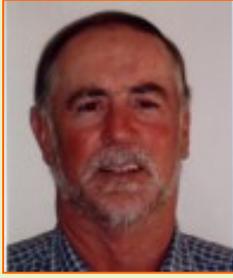
The NLN also heard from hosts Landcare ACT about their work with the Green Army. You can read more about this over the page.

### Photos Needed!



The **NLN website** will be undergoing renovations in the new year and we are looking for photos to include. In particular we need eye-catching images for the banner headings which send a strong message about Landcare and showcase your work across the country. If you would like to see your pictures on show please send them through to Miranda at [communications@nlm.org.au](mailto:communications@nlm.org.au).

## NLN Chair gives Landcare a voice



NLN Chair Terry Hubbard was invited to join Landcare Australia Ltd's Environmental Projects Officer Alistair Jones to present at the *Future Directions for Private Land Conservation in Australia* Forum, convened in Melbourne on 3rd December by the Australian Land Conservation Alliance.

The 'Landcare Team' joined 11 other organisations, including Greening Australia, the World Wildlife Fund and Conservation Volunteers Australia in an afternoon plenary session, entitled *Conservation Innovations And Community Based Initiatives – An Afternoon To Inspire*.

The presentation aptly focused on building partnerships and drawing on non-traditional sources for investment and support for natural resource management on private land. The wildlife tourism sector and recreational fishers were identified among the emerging and influential sectors which could provide opportunities in the future. The argument put was that Landcare is in a unique position to enable strong and enduring partnerships between private land managers and the broader community, including the corporate and investment sector.

## Northern Territory Bushcare's Major Day Out

Landcare NT supported the McMinns Lagoon Reserve Association (MLRA) in organising the Bushcare's Major Day Out at McMinns Lagoon, held on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2015. The day was a huge success with over 60 attendees from around the Top End.

Gerry Wood MLA and Member for Nelson opened the day. Parks and Wildlife presented on how to be 'Croc Wise'; Greening Australia showcased the Land for Wildlife program and conserva-



tion in rural areas; NT Fire and Rescue spoke on fire abatement in the rural area and Top End Birds and Ecology on bird identification. There was also information on weed identification from Coomalie Pest and Weed Control and Waterwatch undertook a macroinvertebrate survey. A face painter was hired to provide some extra fun for the young at heart! Plants were donated by Greening Australia and legacy name tags could be purchased with a gold coin donation for staking with planted trees.

Green Army trainees supervised by CVA graduated on the day, having spent six months working on land management issues in McMinns Lagoon reserve and other urban and peri-urban areas around Darwin. Skills learned at the lagoon include weed management, tree planting, stick picking, irrigation installation and repair, creating and maintaining walking tracks, fencing, wildlife camera surveys and bird surveys.

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The **Landcare NT Draft Strategic Plan** is open for comment. This is an important process to gain feedback from the Landcare community on strategies that Landcare NT will use to support the groups in the Territory. If you would like a copy the draft plan, and the link to the feedback survey, please contact Landcare NT coordinator Jasmine Oakes on 0476 516631 or email [info@Landcarent.org.au](mailto:info@Landcarent.org.au).

On 3<sup>rd</sup> December the **City of Darwin** hosted a **community planting day** as part of the revegetation of **East Point Reserve**. A number of school groups lent a hand, and the wider community were invited with representation from many local organisations. The day was a huge success with approximately 2000 trees planted to extend monsoon vine forest degraded by clearing.



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