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## Meet your Members' Council!

The new representative body of the National Landcare Network (NLN) met for the first time in Melbourne on 20th September. Louise Duxbury from WA and Karissa Preuss from the ACT were elected as Chair and Deputy Chair respectively.

The Members' Council is made up of passionate Landcarers, including volunteers, farmers and Aboriginal land managers among others, from each state and territory. Their job will be to gather information about what is important to the people who are working to protect Australia's productive landscapes and unique habitats and species. This will be used to guide the future direction of the NLN as it works to make sure community Landcare keeps its place at the heart of Australia's approach to managing its lands and environment.

The Council got down to work without delay, identifying priority areas on which to focus their efforts over the coming months. We will keep you up to date with the projects in future editions of the Fairywren.



### Front row L-R

Louise Duxbury (WA, MC Chair), Karissa Preuss (ACT MC Vice Chair), Rachel Brown (TAS, MC), Camilla Osborn (NT, MC), Jim Adams (CEO) (behind), Sandy Edwards (SA, MC) Gerry Butler (SA, Board Secretary) Sue McKinnon (NT, Board) Glenn Gale (SA, Exec Officer)

### Middle row L-R

Helen Watkins (WA, MC) John Chester (SA, MC substitute for Patrick O'Connor), Beth Ripper (VIC, MC), Anthea Fergusson (TAS, Board), Sonia Williams (NSW, MC), Phil Moran (QLD, MC), Parry Agius (SA, MC)

### Back row L-R

Peter Voller (TAS, MC), Anne Duncan (ACT, MC), Rod Knight (TAS, MC), Jonathan Miller (ACT, Board), John Reghenzani (QLD, MC), Darryl Ebenezer (QLD, MC), Geoff Elliot (QLD, Board), Keith Bradby (WA, MC & Board), David Walker (NSW, MC), Rob Dulhunty (NSW, MC & Board), Anna Boustead (NT, MC), Kaye Rodden (VIC, MC), Terry Hubbard (VIC, Board Chair)

### Absent

Peter Duffy (ACT, MC), Patrick O'Connor (SA, MC)



## Members' Council Representatives

Find out who is representing your state or territory

**ACT** Council Members:  
Anne Duncan  
Karissa Preuss (Deputy Chair)  
Peter Duffy

**NSW** Council Members:  
Rob Dulhunty  
David Walker  
Sonia Williams

**NT** Council Members:  
Anna Boustead  
Camilla Osborn

**SA** Council Members:  
Parry Agius  
Sandy Edwards  
Patrick O'Connor

**TAS** Council Members:  
Rachel Brown  
Rod Knight  
Peter Voller

**VIC** Council Members:  
Beth Ripper  
Kaye Rodden

**WA** Council Members:  
Keith Bradby  
Louise Duxbury (Chair)  
Helen Watkins

The NLN was joined by friends and guests to celebrate the launch of the Members' Council at a dinner on Melbourne's Southbank on 20th September. Pictured are r-l are Terry Hubbard OAM (NLN Chair and VLC President), Camilla Osborn (NT Members' Council member), Sue McKinnon (NT Board member and Landcare NT Chair), Pam Robinson OAM (NLN guest and keynote speaker at the dinner) and Anna Boustead (NT Members' Council member and Landcare NT Executive Officer).

Dr Louise Duxbury from WA and Karissa Preuss from the ACT were elected Chair and Vice Chair respectively of the new NLN Members' Council.



Special thanks to Dr Kaye Rodden and the Victorian Landcare Council for organising and supporting this event.

Did you visit the NLN display booth and **put your group on the map**? There were over 230 pins on our Landcare map by the end of the conference! While the majority of these were unsurprisingly in the more populous eastern states, we also had a good smattering from western, central and northern areas. It was great to see Landcarers from all corners of the country taking this rare opportunity to get together and share ideas. Pictured are NLN Chair Terry Hubbard (r) and CEO Jim Adams (l). If you would like a photo of the map email [communications@nlm.org.au](mailto:communications@nlm.org.au). Well done to Landcare Australia for organising the conference and awards and thanks for supporting the NLN's attendance.

## NLN Meetings and National Landcare Conference and Awards

The week of 19th - 23rd September was an extremely busy one for the NLN! Here is a glimpse of what we got up to.

You may also want to check out the familiar faces in the video that Landcare Australia has posted on its website: <https://landcareaustralia.org.au/>





## National Landcare Awards

Congratulations to all the finalists and winners who were recognised in this year's National Landcare Awards! The Awards dinner provided a perfect opportunity to celebrate these outstanding groups and individuals and showcase the variety of Landcare work that is taking place across the country. A special congratulations to former NLN committee member Jill Richardson who took out the Australian Government Landcare Facilitator or Coordination Award.

**Australian Government Individual Landcarer Award:** Rhonda Williams, WA

**Australian Government Innovation in Sustainable Farm Practices Award:** Southampton Homestead, WA

**Australian Government Landcare Facilitator or Coordinator Award:** Jill Richardson, WA

**Australian Government Partnerships with Landcare Award:** Lake Macquarie Landcare, NSW

**Coastcare Award:** Coolum and District Coastcare, QLD

**Fairfax Media Landcare Community Group Award:** Blackwood Basin Group, WA

**Indigenous Land Management Award:** Crocodile Islands Rangers, NT

**Junior Landcare Team Award:** Wirraminna Environmental Education Centre, NSW

**Manpower Young Landcare Leader Award:** Naomi Edwards, QLD and Ella Maesepp, WA (joint winners)

**People's Choice Award:** Southampton Homestead, WA

**Bob Hawke Landcare Award:** Stephen Burgess, QLD



For a full list of the finalists and more information about their inspiring contributions to Landcare, go to: <http://nationallandcareconference.org.au/awards/>.

**Photo:** Landcare ACT National Landcare Award finalists and their supporters celebrate the at the awards dinner.

### Environment and Energy Minister Confirms Funding for Landcare Networks

NLN CEO Jim Adams and Chair Terry Hubbard met recently with the Environment and Energy Minister Josh Frydenberg. A very successful meeting saw the Minister confirm that he had signed off on the NLN funding of \$2m over 2016-18, a commitment made by the previous government. Minister Frydenberg Tweeted after the meeting, *'Terrific meeting today with Terry Hubbard and Jim Adams from the National Landcare Network on their role in Landcare across the country'*.

### National Landcare Programme Review

The Government's review of the National Landcare Programme is underway, with the public survey closing **today**. The NLN encourages as many people as possible to complete the survey, which can be found here: <https://environment.au.citizenspace.com/biodiversity-conservation/nlp-stakeholder-survey>.

The NLN will also be seeking to input into the review in more detail, and anticipates there will be a range of opportunities to do this through projects underway in our Members' Council and with partners. **If you have any feedback about the National Landcare Programme which you don't feel the survey was able to capture, or if you missed the chance to fill in the survey, please let us know by emailing [communications@nlm.org.au](mailto:communications@nlm.org.au).**

## Around Our Network: Ginninderra Catchment Group, ACT



GCG's Frogwatch program monitors populations of amphibians like this dusky toadlet.

Ginninderra Catchment Group (GCG) is a community-based natural resource management organisation and Landcare network with more than 20 years' experience in coordinating community environmental management in the north-west ACT Region. GCG supports 15 Landcare Groups including urban, rural, Parkcare, junior and Aboriginal groups. It also supports two key citizen science programs that feed into local and ACT Government planning: 1) Waterwatch that involves coordination of monthly water quality monitoring, 2) the ACT and Region Frogwatch Program, which coordinates an annual census of frog data and more recently monthly data to identify the impacts of climate change on frogs.

GCG has demonstrated significant achievements in integrated environmental activities across all tenures (rural, urban and reserve) and landscape types in the ACT region. Examples of their diverse successes include extensive restoration of creek bank habitat, Aboriginal Landcare events run in partnership with local Ngunnawal custodians, catchment wide-blackberry control and the grassland restoration through fire project, which is examining management regimes for grassland (led by a retired CSIRO scientist and landcarer).



Ginninderra Catchment Group's Waterwatch Coordinator hard at work surveying macroinvertebrates.

### Protecting the Roper River catchment: Landcare and Aboriginal Rangers Working Together in the NT

The Roper River Landcare Group is fortunate to work closely with the Mangarrayi Working on Country Ranger Group from the Jilkminggan Community. This longstanding collaboration has seen many benefits throughout the Roper catchment. In 2016 the rangers have controlled priority Weeds Of National Significance -listed weeds including *Parkinsonia*, bellyache bush, rubber vine and lantana, as well as the regionally invasive neem tree. The rangers commenced the 2016 burning season with collaborative burns with the NT National Parks and Wildlife Service and adjoining pastoral stations. This collaboration also enabled the rangers to undertake an aerial survey of the Mangarrayi Aboriginal Land Trust, monitoring saltwater crocodiles, feral animals, soil erosion, weeds and fire fuel loads. Recently the rangers received training from staff from the North Australian Indigenous Land and Sea Management Alliance (NAILSMA) in I-Tracker technology. I-Tracker uses freely available Cybertracker software that combines GPS technology with icon-driven data collection, greatly streamlining the collection and processing of field data.



Rangers learning field mapping skills



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