

NSW Local Landcare Coordinator Initiative

LLCI Update 11 – June 2018

LLCI Where we are at

Counting down the days and now armed with the LLCI Mid Term Report, we are in the process of promoting the amazing achievements due to all of you, including the lessons emerging and the need to evaluate the key data questions we are asking so that we can answer the following Key Performance Indicators for the Final Report. Importantly evaluating the LLCI contribution to the Landcare NSW vision of Landcare as a valued partner to a range of community, natural resource management and agricultural outcomes and toward the Local Land Services vision of resilient communities in productive healthy landscapes. How do we demonstrate this to our stakeholders? Another aspect is partnerships, are you recording new partnerships? And how are you recording and collating data on your efforts? A recent evaluation workshop in the New England with Jeff Coutts emphasised some key points on evaluating activities and how you need to be clear from the beginning that your activities match your objectives and that you have a plan of how you capture change as a result of those activities.

Financials \$\$

As we move toward the end of the program, we need for you to be considering where you are at with balancing the LLCI budget. Have you factored in leave entitlements for the position/s and that ultimately all monies should be expended at the end of the program. We will review financial reports to see if assistance is needed and provide support as required.

As always, your reporting will be critical to continue to build on this picture of achievement. We are

keen to have feedback on the report contents and input into the Key Lessons going forward. A huge thank you to Chris McCulloch for making this report stand out from the crowd and infusing it with the Landcare feel.



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Report Card 3 becomes an Economic Impact Statement on the \$\$ value of Landcare in NSW



Landcare NSW, with support from Local Land Services, recently commissioned an economic evaluation of four of our regional/district Landcare Networks based on the available data that they had collated since 2016. Aurecon used the following framework to provide a value proposition:

Measuring the benefits of Landcare outcomes in economic terms

The following steps were used to measure the benefits:

1. Identify the economic, social and environmental outcomes achieved by Landcare in a given network.
2. Gather data on the magnitude of the change for each outcome.
3. Gather evidence on the economic value of such changes estimated by others in similar contexts.
4. Adjust the estimates of value from those contexts to suit the context within the network.
5. Sum the estimates to obtain a sum value for Landcare's selected activities within the network.

AND were able to determine the following:

The impact provided by supported district and regional Landcare networks is significant, evidence from the literature and from the networks highlights the importance that Landcare NSW, plays in facilitating, value adding, and maintaining the support that underpins the work of these Landcare networks.

The **annual** net benefit (i.e. net of costs) of a supported Landcare community in Glen Innes, Coffs Harbour and part of Greater Sydney is estimated to be **\$6.5 million**, considering the economic, social and environmental outcomes delivered by the networks.

*As a rough indication of the value across NSW, if these benefits were extrapolated across the state using the ratio of the population of the selected regions to the population of NSW, the net benefits delivered by a supported Landcare in NSW would be **\$500 million per year**. To put this figure in perspective, it represents about:*

0.1 per cent of the size of the NSW economy, which is approximately \$500 billion

\$71 per person in NSW

This suggests that the benefits are likely to be larger than estimated, whilst considering that many of the benefits provided by a supported Landcare are not easily measurable.

This is very compelling statement of the worth of Landcare in NSW to our stakeholders and we will be promoting these findings widely to benefit our campaign to secure further funding. I would like to personally thank the contributions from the networks involved.

National Landcare Conference

If you are considering submitting an abstract or partaking in the conference, we would like to know so that we can consolidate our efforts and support you in submitting your abstract in whatever way we can. Landcare in NSW is achieving so many great things so now is the time to showcase these to the national Landcare community. Please email Natasha

Container Deposit Scheme opportunities

Landcare NSW was successful in winning the Regional Container Deposit Scheme Auditing contract with Exchange for Change. This role will see Landcare representatives perform routine inspections on the many automated and manual collection points that have been installed across NSW since the scheme started on the 1st December 2017, in exchange for a fee. This is another example of how Landcare NSW is working to diversify revenue streams and provide funding opportunities for our member groups.

For more information, please contact Melissa Joseph, Sustaining Landcare Project Manager on 0414 499 666 or mjoseph@landcarensw.org.au.



Gateway

We are continually looking to improve Gateway and have you involved. There are a number of areas that need attention and we have recently discussed this with the administrator to have our wish list completed by June 2018, including a Generic Template for case studies outside of the LLCI. In reality it will continue to be a work in progress and it is important to consider the possibilities this platform can and should provide as a one stop shop for anyone looking for Landcare. This includes those who may know very little about Landcare, particularly as we start to promote our brand and image to attract supporters. We are trying out a News Flash Box to keep the latest happenings up front and

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centre, just under the sliding banner. And, we would like for you to share any high res pictures you may have to keep our banner interesting. Please forward to either Lucy or Natasha.

LLCI Induction Workshop

There are a number of Landcare Coordinators who have joined the program since the initial Induction Workshop at Stockton in 2016. An on-line Induction session was held to help familiarise them with the LLCI program, how the pieces of the Landcare jigsaw fit together, and the help and support available to them. Feedback from the participants has been positive that it really was a useful activity. The workshop was conducted on-line using the Rural Biz Training on-line classroom, the technology worked really well and sincere thanks to Rural Biz for allowing us to use their platform.

State Wide Get together

State-wide workshop for all LLCI Coordinators and host organisations will be held in February 2019, likely in Sydney with the actual date to be decided. Please make note of this as we will be developing a program based on your feedback from other gatherings as well as asking for your input later in the year. We want this to benefit you and to be a worthwhile experience.

Save the Date-State Landcare Conference

SAVE THE DATE - The next NSW Landcare and Local Land Services Conference is just over the horizon... and we are heading west!

With the hugely successful 2017 Landcare and Local Land Services conference in Albury behind us, and the 2018 National Landcare Conference around the corner, we are very excited that the 2019 NSW Landcare and Local Land Services is now just over the horizon.

It is very exciting to announce that in 2019 the NSW Conference will find its way out west to the Silver City itself; Broken Hill.



On everyone's bucket list the Palace Hotel



To be hosted by Western Landcare NSW and Western Local Land Services, the 2019 conference already promises to build on the great momentum of the last few events.

The Landcare and Local Land Services Conference continues to be about empowering all those involved in the Landcare movement; sharing, connecting and learning from each other.

It is now time to pencil the week from **21 to 25 October 2019** into the diary and get ready to visit our amazing western rangelands!

Creating Confident Committees



If you are looking for training for your groups and Network committee Landcare NSW has a package of training modules that might suit. We are looking for Landcare Networks to host new workshops. Landcare volunteers, committee members and employees are all invited to take part in the Creating Confident Committee Workshops. Your organisation

is able to tailor the workshop to your needs by selecting the modules that are appropriate. Workshops cater for up to 20 people. We are currently taking Expressions of Interest to host workshops over the next 12 months. Landcare NSW will provide the presenters and pay host networks \$1,000 to assist with advertising, venue and catering expenses. Talk to your neighbouring networks to coordinate. For more information [click here](#) and for an Expression of Interest Form [click here](#)

Landcare NSW has a new office

Landcare NSW has a new office in St. Peters in Sydney. The office is co-located with Citizen Blue at their new recycling depot. The office is open five days a week. The Ballina office is now closed. The new mailing address is Landcare NSW: PO Box 362, St. Peters NSW 2044, new number is 0458 168 225

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