

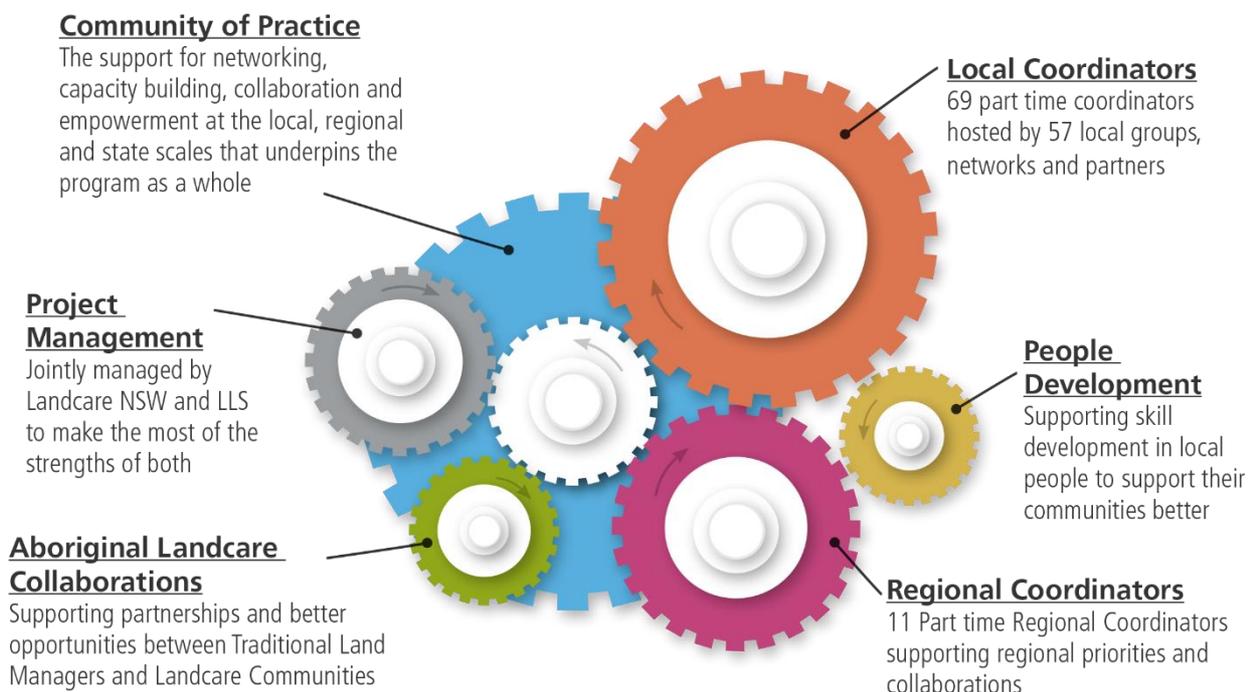


## A partnership between Local Land Services and Landcare NSW Inc. supported by the NSW Government

The NSW Landcare Program 2019 – 2023 is a collaborative endeavour of Local Land Services and Landcare NSW. It builds on the existing partnership between Local Land Services and Landcare NSW, on a number of previous Landcare Support Programs and regional Landcare investments made through the National Landcare Program and Catchment Action Funding over the last four years and beyond.

Funded by the NSW Government to a total of \$22.4 million over four years, the ultimate purpose of the NSW Landcare Program is to “equitably deliver support and resources that empowers volunteer Landcare, leading to the achievement of landscape, community and industry goals”. Ultimately leading to on ground outcomes delivered by an engaged community.

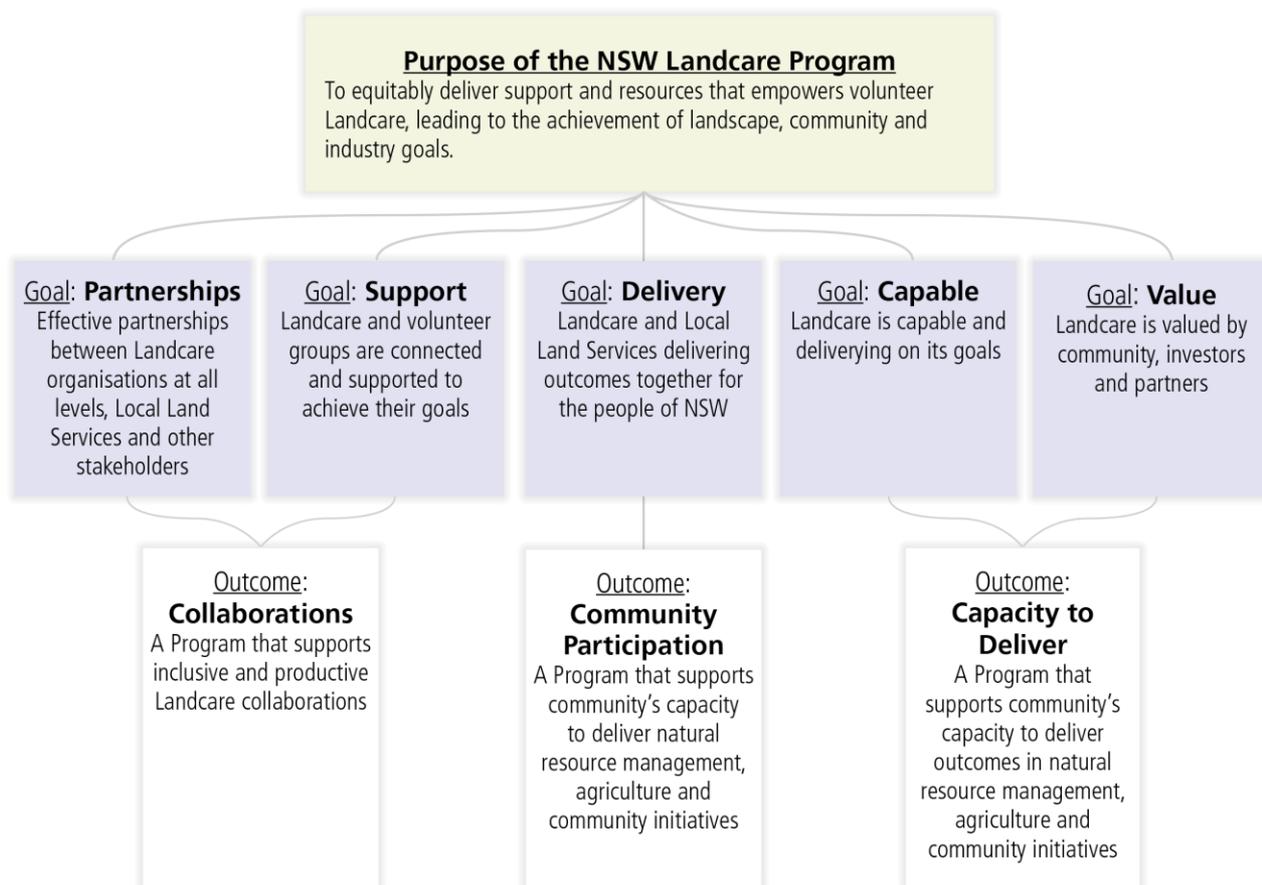
Designed to consider local contexts and diversity in order to address current and future challenges, the Program is built around six core components as shown in the diagram below. Each component is designed to support the others, this “machine” like approach is critical to the success of the program as a whole.



*The NSW Landcare Program and its core components. All designed to interact, support and empower each other.*



The Landcare movement is built on foundations of people coming together to participate in on ground action, to collaborate, to support the adoption of practice change, sustainability, advisory service uptake and capacity building. The NSW Landcare Program aims to underpin and empower those foundations now and in a manner that supports them well into the future.



*The NSW Landcare Program Purpose, Goals and Outcomes – designed to guide the strategic delivery of the program.*

## Local and Regional Landcare Coordinators

The backbone of the Program is its network of currently 69 Local Coordinators and 11 Regional Coordinators. Hosted by local organisations such as Landcare groups, Councils and industry organisations, they are a key resource that underpin local and regional communities of practice and the capacity of Landcarers to participate in on ground actions.

They share resources and knowledge, they foster efficient and flexible responses to current issues, and support the coordination of local and regional activities and partnerships. The Regional Landcare Coordinators play an important role in growing the effectiveness of the network of Local Coordinators. They are a separate, but complementary role, to the federally funded Regional Agriculture Landcare Facilitators and other support structure in the Landcare space.



## Community of Practice Component

The Landcare movement in NSW is a diverse community. This diversity is one of its biggest challenges, however the Landcare Program recognises that it is also one of its biggest strengths.

The Community of Practice component will build on that diversity, it will be the connecting thread between all aspects of the program. Facilitated primarily by a central team at Landcare NSW, the Community of Practice will link the work being done by Local and Regional Coordinators, other stakeholders such as Regional Agriculture Landcare Facilitators and the Aboriginal Landcare component. It will support the delivery of improved knowledge sharing, collaboration, communications and services that empower all participants.

This component is about connecting existing groups with networks in ways that magnify peer support outcomes, collation and sharing of knowledge, practices and learnings across a range of topics at a range of scales.

It will invest in state and regional scale forums designed to bring Landcarers together to do what they do best... connect as a community.

## Aboriginal Landcare Program

The development and implementation of actions to build engagement between the Landcare movement and Aboriginal people is a key strategic action for Landcare NSW and a top priority for community Landcare in NSW.

The incorporation of the Indigenous voice into the Landcare movement has been an ongoing priority at the grassroots level for over the last 10 years or more, particularly as Landcare activities naturally overlap and often incorporate Aboriginal practices and ways of managing country.

The Aboriginal Landcare component will build relationships, set the groundwork and develop principles to deliver much broader outcomes including appropriate education/training opportunities that will be delivered by or aligned with other Aboriginal support and engagement programs.

The component will support the network of Local Coordinators to better link with Aboriginal Communities in their areas, it will support case studies that showcase great opportunity and it will endeavour to break down the barriers that exist between Landcare and Traditional Land Managers.



## People Development Component

This is an opportunity to build on and invest in the professional skills of our Local and Regional Coordinators and to recognise that they are often highly qualified people who are passionate about the ethic and the value of Landcare.

This program component aims to invest in the working people of the NSW Landcare Program, to support training, capacity development and other good modern workplace practices.

This component will be developed and delivered by the Program Team in consultation with identified goals highlighted in the regional and local priority plans. We envision this kicking off in March 2020.



*The cohort of Local Coordinators, Host Organisations, Landcarers and Partners at the 2019 State Landcare Community of Practice gathering in Redfern, Sydney.*

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