

LachLandcare Inc.

2013 - 2014

Annual Report

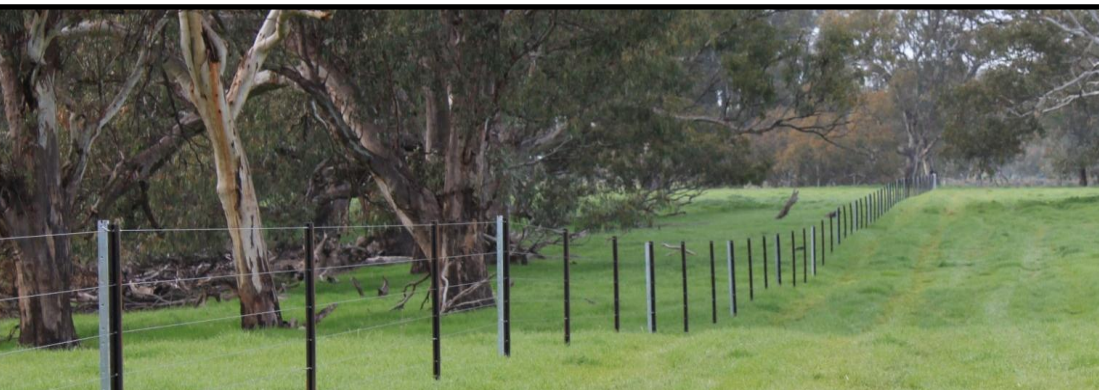
*Creating resilient landscapes and communities
in the Lachlan Catchment*



Tree guards being hammered home at Gooloogong Country Club 2014

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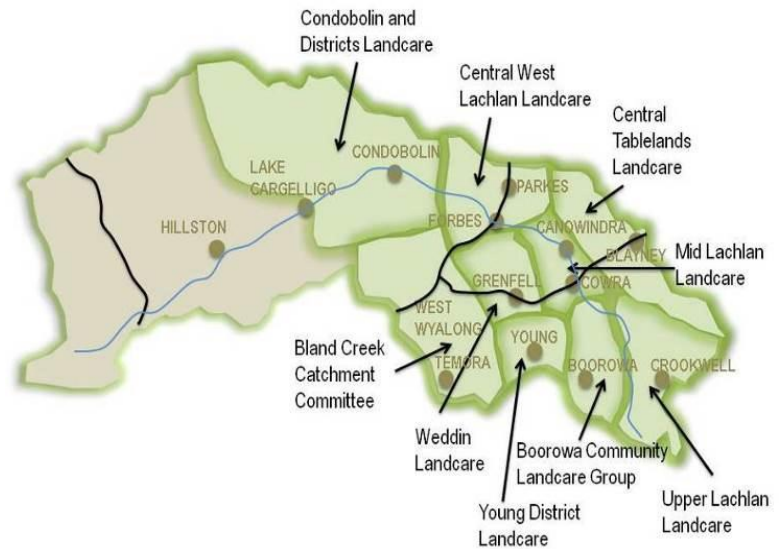
Statement of Purpose

LLi operates a Board of Community Landcare Delegates that provides governance, training and support for all our district Landcare networks

LLi advocates, communicates and mentors the Landcare philosophy, action and outcomes in the Lachlan to create resilient landscapes and communities

LLi facilitates and builds collaborative partnerships, and optimizes resource investments to help community and landholders to restore the health of communities and landscapes

LLi has a proven track record of planning, resourcing and delivery of biodiversity, landscape services, productivity, community and financial outcomes.



Objectives

Create Partnerships: Create partnerships with government and Non Government (NGO programs and business and corporate interests, to co-invest and provide technical advice and support to Landcare projects, and record and present the results Landcare achieves.

Develop Projects: Build and promote catchment-wide projects, ready for delivery by local Landcare groups, that fit local priorities and which align and influence regional state and national NRM strategies.

Advocate and Promote: Advise and collaborate with investors, planners and policy makers on behalf of the Landcare community, and keep local Landcare up to date with policy development and co-investment opportunities.

Secure Facilitation: Secure a sustainable model for facilitation of expanding landcare community networks, and employ landcare support staff, for the long term.

Increase capacity: Facilitate learning between and carers and groups to build knowledge, expertise and capacity so that successful approaches are replicated across the catchment and to proactively expand the landcare network.

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Chairs Report

Throughout 2014 we have built on the successful partnerships established over the past few years and LachLandcare has continued to deliver outstanding services to the community through support of the district groups, to deliver education and on-ground works to the community. Over the past 12 months LachLandcare delivered significant outcomes for natural resource management and community engagement in partnership with Lachlan Catchment Management Authority and Local Land Services. The reporting systems established by LachLandcare in 2012, provide extensive evidence as testament to the capacity that has been built within our network of districts.

Despite these successes, it has been a difficult and challenging year for LachLandcare and our 9 district Landcare groups. The establishment of Local Land Services (LLS) has resulted in a lack of clarity as to where funding for LachLandcare district activities will be coming from in the future. However I feel that Landcare in the catchment has maintained its function and outcomes during this period of change and uncertainty. The strong volunteer base and enthusiastic nature of Landcarers has been critical for the survival of all groups at a time when the tenuous nature of our funding model has been most evident and tested.

Highlights of the last 12 months include:

- Progressing negotiations with all Local Land Services boards with varying degrees of engagement and success. A standout being the prompt commitment from South East LLS to fund our 2 Landcare Support Officers (LSO) in their area for 12 months on 1 day a week.
- Representation to the other 3 LLS's has taken place and negotiations for short and longer term funding continue.
- LachLandcare has been able to maintain a degree of stability for the districts to continue their extensive on ground works and projects.
- Emma Thomas taking on secretary role with gusto and effectiveness has made a huge difference to the governance and general communication of the organization.
- We put forward our case at the Landcare NSW forum in Dubbo in May. The conference set some good standards for funding negotiations. That said, it was disappointing that one particular LLS whom strongly suggested that cooperation and communication with LachLandcare would be a priority for them, but this has not been our experience since the Dubbo conference.
- LLI continues to attract and deliver an outstanding return on investment on community, industry, business and government investment in Lachlan catchment Landcare projects and people.

Opportunities we will embrace in the future include:

- It is a matter of fact that securing funding to continue this good work in supporting individual district Landcare groups to achieve their local on ground projects is critical, and the next 12 months will be geared towards establishing a sustainable funding model to share the responsibility of landscape scale management with the wider community.
- This model includes establishing a Lachlan Network Executive Officer to identify and implement projects at a regional scale with relevance to the districts and natural resource management.

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- Discussions and negotiations will continue with all Local Land Services Chairs and General Managers to clarify and establish funding for each district under the proposal tabled to each Local Land Service.
- We will continue regular meetings with each Local Land Service Board, as we did with the Lachlan CMA, to highlight the success and continued effectiveness of the work done by the Landcare network in each LLS region; to assist them achieve their targets and our own.
- LLI and our Districts have EOIs and intentions from our representative Landcare networks to deliver in the range of \$1.25m on-ground shovel ready projects a year for the next five years, and beyond.
- We will obtain assistance with a number of the committee administration tasks to make better use of our current resources and time.
- LachLandcare will investigate thoroughly the opportunity to obtain Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status, to strengthen our funding model.
- We are holding a think tank for sustainable funding solutions in conjunction with the AGM to put some meat on the bones of such a model. Les Robinson will be helping facilitate one of these sessions.

I trust that the LLS and districts can see the benefit in securing the future of LLI, as it will greatly enhance districts opportunities to retain long term funding, enhance relationships with LLS, other government bodies and other external sources of funding and NRM resources. It is very healthy and critical for LLI and its districts to be less reliant on the inconsistent and often inadequate funding offered by the traditional state and federal funding bodies.

I must thank the chairs of the districts that we support in the Lachlan. The executive very much appreciate the time you commit to LachLandcare gatherings and events such as the AGM. I know your Landcare Support Officers greatly appreciate your involvement and guidance, and your contributions at our quarterly meetings are invaluable in keeping LachLandcare relevant and supportive to your districts.

And thank you to the Landcare Support Officers and their committee members who keep the district Landcare movement alive and ticking, you make it happen and we wouldn't be here without you. I believe the relationship we have will remain strong and productive.

Thanks again must go to my committee. You have all performed as one might expect of dedicated Landcarers, with diligence and commitment. Thank you to Mark as deputy chair, Margaret as Treasurer, and Keith and Mary as Landcare NSW representatives. Margaret will not be taking on the treasurer's role again this year, and we all thank her very much for her long standing commitment to that critical role.

Emma has done a fantastic job this past year as noted earlier in taking on the secretarial tasks. And also a thank you to our other additional executive committee members Nerida and Margot and Marita. The entire committee's involvement in all matters, from strategic to the mundane is always appreciated.

And a big thank you to Leanne of course, whose landcaring spirit has helped keep the good ship LachLandcare afloat. She always has the best interests of Landcare at heart in all that she sets out to do and has been integral in creating a very successful and strong landcare network not just within the Lachlan, but surrounding production, NRM and Landcare regions. It would be a shame not to build on these very secure foundations.

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In conclusion, LachLandcare doesn't have to reinvent the role that it plays within the catchment, it simply needs to review and establish a sustainable funding model that continues to create sustainable social, cultural and environmental change. Its core role of supporting its districts will not change, it is still highly relevant, it will adapt to the changing funding landscape and tap into any and all opportunities to secure long term funding for itself and its member districts.

Cheers



Charlie Arnott
Chairperson - LachLandcare Inc

Protecting our vulnerable species: Squirrel Gliders taking up residence in the new nest boxes at Crowther



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Lachlan Regional Landcare Facilitator

This past 12 months has proven to be another busy year with a wide range of activities and assistance provided to support the Landcare and sustainable production groups in the Lachlan. LachLandcare was again successful in continuing to host the Regional Landcare Facilitator contract for 2013-14 in conjunction with the Lachlan Catchment Management Authority (CMA), to assist the Landcare groups in the transition to the new Local Land Services (LLS) boundaries, and to continue to build relationships at a regional level with sustainable agriculture and production groups.

The RLF continued to support the engagement and collaboration between Landcare and the Lachlan CMA. January saw the commencement of the Local Land Services with the staff amalgamation of three departments and combining of regional offices. The RLF has been working to build relationships with key staff in the four main LLS regions through regular meetings and attendance at strategic planning meetings, to ensure the needs of LachLandcare districts were adequately represented. Meetings were held with RLFs from neighbouring CMA regions to commence discussions on the best ways for representatives of neighbouring Landcare networks to meet and discuss ways to engage with the Local Land Services regional boards.

Relationships are also being developed with representatives of the Great Eastern Ranges project - Kanangra Boyd to Wyangala Link and the Cowra Aboriginal community to discuss the potential for collaboration on cultural and biodiversity projects of importance to Aboriginals, such as working on Country and Aboriginal Landcare groups.

The RLF provided assistance to LachLandcare through executive support and administrative assistance to the committee such as: extensive support to LachLandcare during the transition and rethinking new relationships as the Lachlan is split into five LLS regions; guidance on governance issues; developing draft proposals to provide continuity to build the capacity of the network; supporting the delivery of the District Landcare Support Officer contracts; assisting the district Landcare groups to identify and develop projects in consultation with their partners; coordinating the RLF Capacity Building and Landcare Leaders project; facilitating workshops and training events; consultation with neighbouring RLFs and regional partners including staff and management of each LLS region; and completion of reporting to state and federal governments.

Again the targets of the one year RLF contract were exceeded, in partnership with the Landcare districts, as shown: Individuals participated in activities delivered or coordinated by RLF to build skills and capacity of community (Target = 45 – Achieved = 321 People engaged); Activities/events/ workshops delivered or coordinated by RLF to build skills and capacity of community: (Target = 8 – Achieved = 22 Activities); Groups assisted by the RLF to engage in NRM activities: (Target = 8 – Achieved = 29 groups assisted).

Workshops and activities undertaken during 2013-14 included: two grazing management workshops (open and closed season); development of podcasts on conversations with Landcare icons; a website for Hovells Creek Landcare; feral animal workshops and training on Pindone use; microbats information night; a dung beetle workshop; a weeds workshop; sponsorship of an Aboriginal community representative from Cowra to

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join a workshop in North Queensland to share the traditional ecological knowledge of traditional burning for habitat restoration; provided support to participants to attend holistic management training; supported an erosion control/land restoration series of workshops at Grenfell, Rye Park and Binda; a Food and Fibre Forum in Boorowa in conjunction with the Lachlan CMA and South East LLS; subsidised seven Landcare representatives to attend the National Landcare Conference in Melbourne with the assistance of the South East and Central Tablelands LLS; provided support to the LachLandcare districts in negotiating new relationships with respective LLS regions, including working closely with the RLFs in Central West and Greater Sydney to support the Landcare groups in the new Central Tablelands region until a decision has been made on the future of the RLF role/s.

The RLF also undertook a pilot canoe trip on the Lachlan River in conjunction with the Great Eastern Ranges Initiative and Central Tablelands LLS to scope out the possibility of hosting future weekends to raise awareness of sustainable natural resource management practices, targeting beneficial cultural, environmental and farming outcomes. This has led to a Cultural Connections program to guide the development of relationships and engagement with Cowra Aboriginal communities.

Thank you must go to the Regional Landcare Facilitator Steering Committee members, and LachLandcare Executive committee, who have provided sage advice and guidance to the position over the years with many having been on the committee since 2010. Also thank you to the district Landcare group committee members and the Landcare Support Officers as Landcare is nothing without your efforts. We have all spent considerable time and effort to increase the capacity and resilience of Landcare. I am proud at how the relationships are developing with consideration and integrity, with everyone looking for opportunities to collaborate as true partners.

Regards

Leanne Leihn
RLF - Lachlan



Erosion Control Workshop with Craig Sponholtz- Binda

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LachLandcare hosted projects for 2013-2014

Lachlan Regional Landcare Facilitator

The Regional Landcare Facilitator (RLF) position was again hosted by LachLandcare and funded through the Department of Agriculture Fisheries and Forestry. The RLF role continues to work with Landcare and sustainable production groups.

The role aims to assist at least twenty percent of farmers within the region to increase their uptake of sustainable farm and land management practices that deliver improved ecosystem service. Increase by twenty percent the number of farmers within the region who adopt stewardship, covenanting, property management plan or other arrangements to improve the environment both on-farm and off-farm. Improve the knowledge, skills and engagement of at least twenty percent of land managers and farmers within the region in managing our natural resources and the environment. Improve by twenty percent the access to knowledge and skills of people in urban and regional communities within the region in managing natural resources sustainably and helping to protect the environment. Increase by twenty percent the engagement and participation rates of people in urban and regional communities within the region in activities to manage natural resources and to help protect the environment. This was the fourth year of a contract with the position managed by a steering committee of representative from regional organisations.

LCMA Landcare Support Officer Support Program

LachLandcare was contracted for a third year by the Lachlan Catchment Management Authority to coordinate the Lachlan Landcare Support Officer program in the 2013 – 2014 financial year. Under the program each of the nine Landcare districts within the Lachlan catchment were given financial support to employ a Landcare Support Officer for one day a week with additional funding provided to manage specific projects. The 2013 – 2014 year was another year of significant activity for Landcare in the Lachlan Catchment.

This support funding has been instrumental in growing Landcare in the Lachlan catchment. It has allowed each of the nine Landcare districts:

- to build and strengthen their networks through attending training and meetings, newsletters, press articles and a presence on social media;
- to deliver a range of training events such as field days and workshops that have engaged a large and varied audience;
- to further support Landcare's involvement in delivering natural resource management activities into our local schools;
- to provide additional support to Lachlan CMA staff projects and activities; and
- to leverage additional funding of projects in the Lachlan through a wide range of grants.

More details of the achievements of the nine Landcare districts supported through LachLandcare are given in the table on the next page and through a selection of stories from events held across the Lachlan.

LachLandcare continues to support Landcare in the Lachlan to create resilient landscapes and communities and is actively developing partnerships to optimise the use of resources in the catchment.

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Building the capacity of our Landcare districts

LachLandcare secured an additional \$38,000 in funding through the Lachlan CMA in 2013-14 to support the milestones in the Lachlan, through facilitating specific projects and continuing to support the activities of the Landcare network.

The additional contracted activities include: facilitate a Prograze group in the Condobolin district; facilitate Holistic Management Training at Cowra; provide support to the Disc V's Tyne demonstration site at Grenfell; host a community fox baiting program in the Upper Lachlan and a Crookwell River revegetation day; Facilitate a feral pig management forum and plan with Derriwong - Ooma Landcare (Weddin); Facilitate the Food and Fibre Forum at Boorowa and a Boorowa River water quality field day; continuation of support to the Feral Animal Education program with Boorowa Community Landcare Group; Coordinate a Habitat Enhancement field day in the Central West Lachlan area; Facilitate a series of Erosion Control (Landscape restoration) field days in the Upper and Mid Lachlan areas (Grenfell, Boorowa and Upper Lachlan); Support Lachlan Cultural Heritage activities and launch the Reconciliation Action Plan plus two workshop (Bulgandramine and Bushman's Hill) in Central West Lachlan; Mid-Lachlan Landcare delivered the Billy Goat Hill project and lastly a Traditional Burning workshop with Bill Gammage in the Upper Lachlan shire. Many of these are included in the case studies at the back of the document.

A range of additional capacity building activities were undertaken to support the members, with some training workshops being successfully funded through alternate sources such as the RLF Capacity Building budget. As a result LachLandcare was able to: provide a subsidy to nine Landcare representatives to attend the National Landcare Conference in September at Melbourne in conjunction with Central Tablelands LLS and South East LLS; cover meeting costs to consult with the surrounding LLS regions and Landcare networks; and provided reimbursements for committee members to represent the network.

LachLandcare continued to facilitate the building of increased capacity of the nine Landcare districts over the year with the professional development of staff and volunteer Landcare group members.

This year we saw **34 representatives attended training** that was offered to **increase their capacity in Landcare**. This was either attending a facilitated training workshop or the regional meetings to learn from each other, and to share knowledge and experiences. Workshops included:

- Landcare Essentials, Conservation and Land Management workshops
- LachLandcare Meetings
- Additional region wide strategic planning (district and LachLandcare level)
- Attending the State Landcare forum in Dubbo.
- Attending the National Landcare Conference.

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Grazing Management field day at Canowindra.

A snapshot of Landcare in the Lachlan 2013 -2014

As part of the ongoing monitoring and evaluation of funding LachLandcare works with the districts to record a range of information as a way to assess the effectiveness of funds spent in the region. In 2013, the combined results of the reporting is summarised on the following pages as a 'Snapshot of Landcare' in the Lachlan catchment for the 2013 -2014 year.

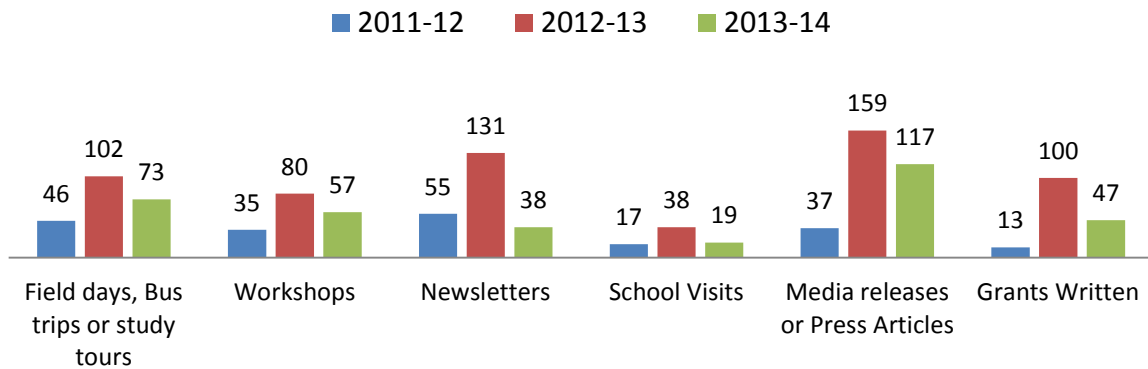
Landcare continues to grow in the Lachlan

When comparing each year the summaries of the delivery of a wide range of events in the Lachlan catchment for the 2011-2012, 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 years in the graph below it is clear to see the changes over the three years.

Overall there was a significant shift in traditional methods of publicity, particularly newsletters and media releases as the use of social media has increased. The strong negotiation for additional project funding from the LCMA was indeed critical to maintaining the capacity of districts in the transition to Local Lands Services at the same time as the introduction of a new federal government. It was interesting to note a considerable easing of grant applications due to the change in government and general lack of funding availability. Whilst field day and workshop numbers have decreased since this time last year, the attendance figures are still rising which indicates a strong connection and understanding by the districts and LSOs in targeting events to meet local needs.

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Number of events delivered by the Landcare districts of the Lachlan - comparison over three years

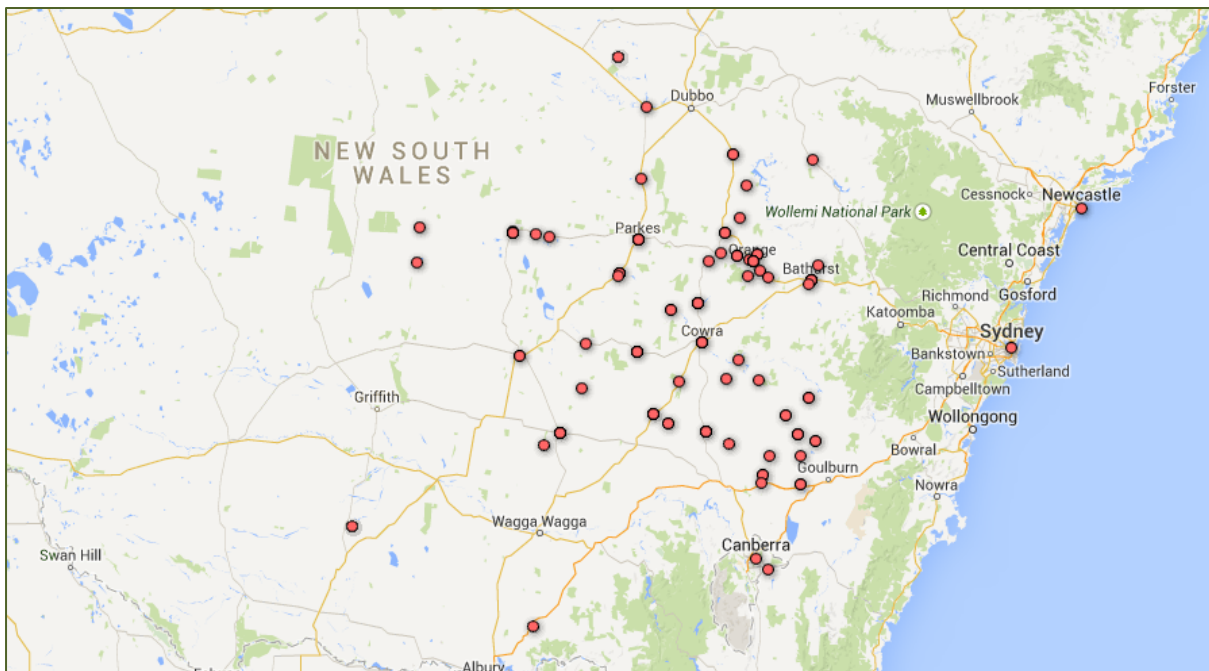


Community native seed collection project - Condobolin

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Broad coverage of events across the Lachlan catchment

The map below shows the location of events conducted by the nine Landcare districts in the 2013-2014 reporting period. The map clearly demonstrates the broad coverage that these nine Landcare districts are achieving in the Lachlan catchment and beyond.



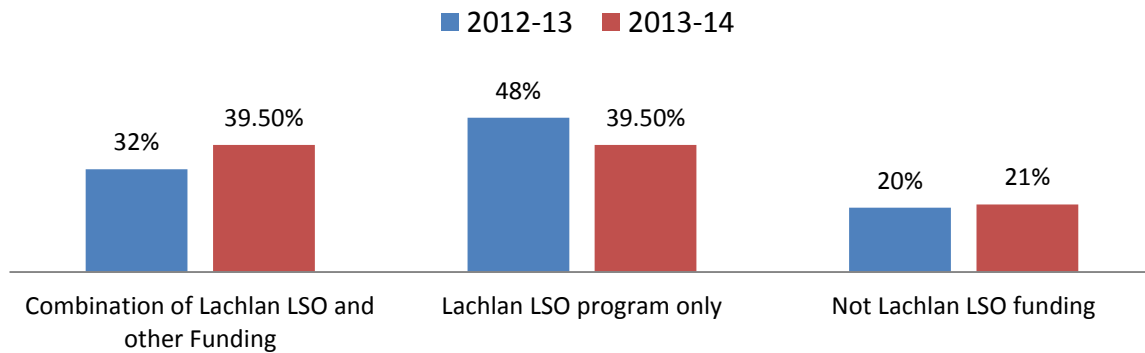
Funding through the Lachlan LSO program is essential

Nearly 80 percent of the activities reported by the nine districts in the Lachlan were reported to have used Lachlan LSO funding – either as the sole source of funding, or in combination with additional funding. Close to 40 percent the activities reported to LachLandcare in the 2013-2014 period relied solely on Lachlan LSO funding for delivery.

Again the Lachlan LSO program has therefore been essential in the building and delivery of Landcare outcomes in the Lachlan catchment in the 2013 – 2014 year with limited funds been obtained from other sources.

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Lachlan LSO funding and other funding used to deliver Landcare activities in the Lachlan



Landcare field days and workshops delivered for 2013 - 2014

In 2013 – 2014 the nine LachLandcare districts hosted a total of **73 field days with a total of 7835 participants** attending. Field day topics were diverse and included:

- Forum: 'Food & Fibre Production into the Future'
- A bus trip to Canberra to learn more about seed production areas
- Site preparation workshop at Blayney Road Common, Bathurst
- Burning For Pasture, Biodiversity and Culture - Traditional Burning workshop with Fullerton Hadley Landcare
- Billy Goat Hill Environmental Restoration
- Barb Busters working bee to remove barbed wire from fences
- Boorowa River Recovery Evaluation Evening
- Reinvigorating Landcare - Dam revegetation day
- Closed Season Grazing Planning Field Day
- Dung Beetle Field Days
- Erosion Control and watershed restoration techniques
- Sustainable Lifestyle Expo
- North Sydney Bushcare Group visit.

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Sustainable Lifestyle Expo held at McCann Park in West Wyalong.



Dick Richardson explaining grazing charts.

An additional **57 workshops** were facilitated for **1,192 attendees**, averaging 21 participants per event. Whilst the number of workshops had decreased this year, there was an increase in the average attendance at events by 10%. Workshops topics were varied and included:

- Direct Seeding and site preparation
- Soil health and human health
- Land Restoration workshops
- Cultural Heritage and working on Country.
- Healthy farm dams
- Building Soil Biology & Soil Carbon
- Feral animals prevalence in the Weddin shire
- Microbats
- 1080 training and certification
- Regional Meeting with the Local Lands Services
- Landcare NSW Hot House training
- stress free stock handling & grazing management
- Youth Leadership
- Biological Farming
- Plant ID and seed collection

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Barb Busters - Young



*Grazing management and Edible Shrubs -
Narromine*

Landcare supporting local groups and community groups

Landcare in the Lachlan was active in supporting existing Landcare groups and community groups as well as forging new NRM partnerships in the 2013 – 2014 year.

A total of **17 activities with 1,090 participants were undertaken to support local groups** through plant identification days, support with funding applications, native seed collection workshops and through attending local Landcare group meetings.

A further **20 community groups were assisted with over 850 participating in the activities** over the year.

Community groups assisted included:

- South East Local Lands Services
- Central West Farming Systems
- Bathurst Regional Council
- Boundary Road Landcare Group
- Bushfire Brigade
- Derriwong Ootha Landcare Group
- Weddin Shire Council
- Orange ELF Community Garden and Central West Permaculture Group
- Tablelands Farming System group (TFS)
- Friends of Ingalba
- Kiamma Creek Landcare Group,
- Upper Lachlan Shire Council,
- Lachlan CMA,
- St Mary's Primary School,
- Crookwell Public School and Crookwell High School

An additional 544 general enquires were addressed. As this information was only contributed by two group. Therefore we could estimate this figure could be significant in future years.

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Billy Goat Hill Restoration Launch (Mid Lachlan Landcare)

Forming new NRM partnerships

Local Landcare district **established a total of 10 new NRM partnerships** over the 2013 – 2014 year with a range of projects developed with a diverse range of NRM partners. Some of the NRM partners Landcare worked with over the year include:

- National Parks Association to run remote camera workshops at Fullerton
- Great Eastern Ranges Project, Kanangra Boyd to Wyangala, Forum at Wyangala
- Cowra Woodland Bird Group to address decline
- Partnership to improve remnant woodland vegetation on Billy Goat Hill
- RLF for Murrumbidgee Landcare - future collaboration with the Squirrel Glider Project
- Fungi Foray workshop organised by Holbrook Landcare Network.



Squirrel Glider in a nest box - Cowra 2014

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Engaging with Schools

School visits continue to be an important role of Landcare in the Lachlan catchment.

Over the 2013 – 2014 year Landcare **undertook 19 school visits – engaging some 1400 students and teachers** in a range of NRM topics including:

- National Youth Science Forums
- StreamWatch macro-invertebrate survey
- Barb Busters working bee and nature walk
- Soil biology School Tree Planting Days
- High School agriculture classes with vegetable gardens
- Mentored and assisted development and presentation of Kids Teaching Kids Project with Caragabal'
- Weed and plant identification field tour



Mentor development and presentation of Kids Teaching Kids Project with Caragabal Public School students.



National Youth Science Forums - Cowra

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Sharing our stories

Landcare in the Lachlan continue to develop their capacity to spread the Landcare message across the Lachlan catchment. Over the last year we have seen a total of **38 electronic or hard copy newsletters go out – with our Landcare messages reaching a total of 5251 letterboxes or inboxes over the year.**

On top of this, we have seen a **decrease** in on the previous year of the number of press articles or media releases developed with a **total of 117 media releases or press articles** being produced over the year with a combined audience of 67350 in the Lachlan and surrounding regions.

Facebook and website updates have been **very positive across the catchment with 1344 updates being achieved reaching over 96000 hits, likes and shares.** This has been a very positive uptake of technology following a range of training activities in the previous 12 months.

The combined reach of all media over the past 12 months achieved 72835 points of contact. These figures should continue to rise as adoption of new social media technologies are embraced by LSOs, members and the general public.



Tree planting day with Crookwell public and high school and St Mary's School as part of the Cleaning up Crookwell River project

W**ITNESS**THE YOUNG

Thursday November 6, 2014

TV Guide 
What's on the box
this morning?

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Who are you gonna call? Barb Busters!

July 7, 2014, 9:54 a.m.



Concerned at the number of native animals becoming caught in barbed wire on fences, Young District Landcare decided to try and do something practical to help.

Treasurers Report

LachLanTreasurer's Report as at 30th June 2014

CLOSING BALANCE Working Account (BSB: 032-834, A/C: 178-442) = \$3,965.75

CLOSING BALANCE Reserve Account (BSB: 032-834, A/C: 178-450) = \$91,207.75

Term Deposit (BSB: 032-834 A/C 206-378) = \$28,012.50 Interest \$1,012.50

All accounts have been audited.

Some projects were carried over:

Disc v Tyne

Mid Lachlan Cultural Heritage

Ooma Feral Pig

Prograze



Margaret Haddin

Treasurer

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Independent Auditors Report

To The Members of LachLandcare Inc.

Report on the Financial Report

I have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of LACHLANDCARE INC. (the association), which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2014, and the income and expenditure statement, a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory information and the statement by members of the committee.

Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The committee of LACHLANDCARE INC. is responsible for the preparation of the financial report, and has determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 is appropriate to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The committee's responsibility also includes such internal control as the committee determines is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on my audit. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used, as described in Note 1, are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. I conducted my audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that I comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the committee, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

Auditor's Opinion

In my opinion, the financial report of LACHLANDCARE INC. presents fairly, in all material respects the financial position of LACHLANDCARE INC. as of 30 June 2014 and of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, and the Associations Incorporation Act 2009.

Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Distribution

Without modifying my opinion, I draw attention to Note 1 of the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist the association to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 2009. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

Name of Firm: AR Williams & Co (Parkes) Pty Ltd
Certified Practising Accountants (CPA)

Name of Director: Matthew Christopher Gaiter

Address: 19a Church Street, Parkes NSW 2870

Dated this 15th day of September 2014

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Income and Expenditure

LACHLANDCARE INC. ABN: 25 956 426 818			
INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014			
	Note	2014 \$	2013 \$
INCOME			
Funding			
LSO Funding		203,250.00	29,417.00
RLF Funding		150,000.00	199,190.65
CFI Funding		(16,458.37)	14,322.32
Sundry Funding		2,141.80	-
		<u>338,933.43</u>	<u>242,929.97</u>
Membership Fees		150.00	96.54
Donations			
General Donations		100.00	-
Donation - AR Williams & Co (Parkes) Pty Ltd		454.55	-
		<u>554.55</u>	<u>-</u>
Reimbursement Conference Fees		-	2,000.00
		<u>339,637.98</u>	<u>245,026.51</u>
OTHER INCOME			
Interest Received		5,995.85	3,956.36
		<u>345,633.83</u>	<u>248,982.87</u>
EXPENDITURE			
Auditor's Remuneration		1,454.55	1,000.00
Bank Charges		17.25	196.30
Interest		-	3.12
Licensing Fees		52.00	75.00
Meetings and Workshops		3,000.00	21,805.78
Program Costs			
Meri Plan		-	9,961.40
RLF Contract		137,963.34	144,201.66
LSO Payment		157,091.68	140,139.90
CFI Expenses		-	454.55
Landcare Support		-	23,767.76
Resources		-	14,149.93
Reimbursements		-	12,077.82
		<u>295,055.02</u>	<u>344,753.02</u>
Printing and Stationery		-	660.93
Strategic Planning Costs		2,446.95	-
Travelling Costs		-	805.88
		<u>302,025.77</u>	<u>369,300.03</u>
Profit (Loss) before income tax		<u>43,608.06</u>	<u>(120,317.16)</u>
Profit (Loss) for the year		<u>43,608.06</u>	<u>(120,317.16)</u>
Retained earnings at the beginning of the financial year		91,868.94	212,186.10
Retained earnings at the end of the financial year		<u>135,477.00</u>	<u>91,868.94</u>

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Balance Sheet

LACHLANDCARE INC. ABN: 25 956 426 818			
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 2014			
	Note	2014 \$	2013 \$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	2	121,334.00	148,097.12
Accounts receivable and other debtors	3	14,143.00	17,086.88
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>135,477.00</u>	<u>165,184.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>135,477.00</u>	<u>165,184.00</u>
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accounts Payable and Other Payables	4	-	26,166.78
Lease Liabilities	5	-	47,148.28
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>-</u>	<u>73,315.06</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>-</u>	<u>73,315.06</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>135,477.00</u>	<u>91,868.94</u>
MEMBERS' FUNDS			
Retained earnings	6	135,477.00	91,868.94
TOTAL MEMBERS' FUNDS		<u>135,477.00</u>	<u>91,868.94</u>

Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 2009. The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historic costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following significant accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless stated otherwise, have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report.

Impairment of Non-Financial Assets

At the end of each reporting period the association determines whether there is an evidence of an impairment indicator for non-financial assets.

Where this indicator exists and regardless for goodwill, indefinite life intangible assets and intangible assets not yet available for use, the recoverable amount of the assets is estimated.

Where assets do not operate independently of other assets, the recoverable amount of the relevant cash-generating unit (CGU) is estimated.

The recoverable amount of an asset or CGU is the higher of the fair value less costs of disposal and the value in use. Value in use is the present value of the future cash flows expected to be derived from an asset or cash-generating unit.

Where the recoverable amount is less than the carrying amount, an impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss.

Reversal indicators are considered in subsequent periods for all assets which have suffered an impairment loss, except for goodwill.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

Revenue and Other Income

Revenue is recognised when the amount of the revenue can be measured reliably, it is probable that economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the entity and specific criteria relating to the type of revenue as noted below, has been satisfied.

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable and is presented net of returns, discounts and rebates.

Interest revenue

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest rate method.

Rendering of services

Revenue in relation to rendering of services is recognised depends on whether the outcome of the services can be measured reliably. If this is the case then the stage of completion of the services is used to determine the appropriate level of revenue to be recognised in the period. If the outcome cannot be reliably measured then revenue is recognised to the extent of expenses recognised that are recoverable.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST), except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of GST. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included as part of receivables or payables in the balance sheet.

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Notes To the Financial Statements

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	2014 \$	2013 \$
2 Cash and Cash Equivalents		
Cash at Bank - Working	2,113.75	-
Cash at Bank - Reserve	91,207.75	121,097.12
Cash at Bank - Term Deposit	28,012.50	27,000.00
	<u>121,334.00</u>	<u>148,097.12</u>
3 Accounts Receivable and Other Debtors		
Current		
Input Tax Credits	14,143.00	16,519.00
GST on Creditors	-	567.88
	<u>14,143.00</u>	<u>17,086.88</u>
4 Accounts Payable and Other Payables		
Current		
Trade Creditors	-	6,246.78
GST Payable	-	19,920.00
	<u>-</u>	<u>26,166.78</u>
5 Lease Liabilities		
Current		
Cash at Bank - Working	-	47,148.28
	<u>-</u>	<u>47,148.28</u>
Total borrowings	3 <u>-</u>	3 <u>47,148.28</u>
6 Retained Earnings		
Retained earnings at the beginning of the financial year	91,868.94	212,186.10
Net profit (Net loss) attributable to the association	43,608.06	(120,317.16)
Retained earnings at the end of the financial year	<u>135,477.00</u>	<u>91,868.94</u>

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Committee's Report

Your committee members submit the financial report of the LACHLANDCARE INC. for the financial year ended 30 June 2014.

Committee Members

The names of committee members throughout the year and at the date of this report are:

Margaret Haddin
Charlie Arnott
Mark Shortis
Emma Thomas
Nerida Croker
Margot Jolly
Marita Sydes
Lawrence Balcomb
Clinton Smith
Andrew Norton
Ken McAlister

Principal Activities

The principal activities of the association during the financial year were:

LachLandcare Inc is an advocate, communicator and mentor for Landcare ideas and actions in the Lachlan. It aims to support the creation of resilient landscapes and communities through the optimal use of resources.

LachLandcare is a networker, facilitator, broker and catalyst for Sustainability (Production and Environmental) and Natural Resource Management.

Significant Changes

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

Operating Result

The profit after providing for income tax amounted to \$43,608.06.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Committee.

President:

Charlie Arnott

Treasurer:

Dated this 11th day of November 2014

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Event Summary's

Following is a selection of event summaries or stories from a range of events hosted by the Landcare districts within the Lachlan over the 2013 - 2014 financial year. These case studies highlight the diversity of projects that Landcare is involved in, the grass roots connection that Landcare in the Lachlan achieves and the additional sponsorship and support that Landcare districts have been able to bring into Landcare in the Lachlan Catchment

1. Bland Catchment Creek Committee - Sustainable Lifestyle Expo 2013
2. Bland Catchment Creek Committee - Hillview Park 2013
3. Bland Catchment Creek Committee - Temora Fisherama 2013
4. Boroowa Landcare Groups - Chilean Needle Grass ID day 2013
5. Boroowa Landcare Groups - Community Fox Bating Program
6. Boroowa Landcare Groups - "Food and Fibre Production into the Future" - Forum
7. Boroowa Landcare Groups - Land Restoration - Rye Park
8. Boroowa Landcare Groups - North Sydney Bushcare Group
9. Boroowa Landcare Groups - Rehabilitating Degraded Farmland
10. Condobolin Districts Landcare - Grazing Management
11. Condobolin Districts Landcare - Revitalizing Lachlan Catchment Riverine Environments
12. Condobolin Districts Landcare - Seeds for Survival
13. Central Tablelands Landcare - Australian National Field Days 2013
14. Central Tablelands Landcare - Developing better group Governance
15. Central Tablelands Landcare - Soil Trivia Night
16. Central Tablelands Landcare - Tree Planting Days - Biodiversity Fund
17. Central West Lachlan Landcare - Sustainable Futures School Education
18. Central West Lachlan Landcare - Biological Control of Weeds Workshop
19. Central West Lachlan Landcare - Bulgandramine Working Bee
20. Central West Lachlan Landcare - Dung Beetles with John Feehan
21. Mid Lachlan Landcare – Billy Goat Hill Restoration
22. Mid Lachlan Landcare - Community Bush Regeneration
23. Mid Lachlan Landcare - Dung Beetles Field Day
24. Mid Lachlan Landcare - National Youth Science Forum
25. Mid Lachlan Landcare - Squirrel Glider Project
26. Mid Lachlan Landcare - Grazing - Closed Season
27. Mid Lachlan Landcare - Grazing Field Trip to Narromine and Molong
28. Mid Lachlan Landcare - Grazing - Open Season
29. Upper Lachlan Landcare - Crookwell River schools revegetation day
30. Upper Lachlan Landcare - Burning for Pasture Biodiversity and Culture
31. Upper Lachlan Landcare - Erosion Control Workshop with Craig Sponholtz
32. Weddin District Landcare - Feral Animal Seminar
33. Weddin District Landcare - Caragabal School Kids Teaching Kids in Parkes
34. Young District Landcare - Barb Busters
35. Young District Landcare - Microbats
36. Young District Landcare - Squirrel Gliders

