



LODDON PLAINS LANDCARE NETWORK

2013-16 Strategic Planning Session
Serpentine, Thursday 4 July 2013



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Context

- **Not-for-profit**
- **Volunteers**
- **3-year strategic plan**
- **Four key perspectives**
 - **Network CoM**
 - **Network member groups**
 - **Investors/partners (NWF)**
 - **LPLN area community**



Workshop objectives

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- **Review LPLN's 'Statement of Purpose'**
- **Explore seven themes**
- **Identify priority actions for each theme**
- **Guide LPLN's future role and operation**



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Statement of Purpose (2010)

- (a) Encourage community wide, cooperative approach**
- (b) Promote sustainable land/water management**
- (c) Increase vegetation; create habitat; improve soils; control pests; improve water quality**
- (d) Urge landowners to manage vegetation and improve prospects for sustainable agriculture**
- (e) Support and represent members**



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Statement of Purpose (2010)

- (f) Disseminate Landcare information to members**
- (g) Employ suitable people to advance Network**
- (h) Raise money as CoM sees fit**
- (i) Attain objects of, and exercise powers of, Network**



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Themes

- 1: Landcare Groups and Membership**
- 2: Sustainable Agriculture/Production**
- 3: Environmental Stewardship**
- 4: Education, Communication and Promotion**
- 5: Partnerships and Collaboration**
- 6: Funding**
- 7: Governance**

Membership





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Member groups and membership

Bendigo Creek Floodplain Group
East Loddon Landcare
Fairley Bael Bael Sandhill Lake Landcare
Friends of Kooyoora
Friends of Terrick Terrick National Park
Inglewood Urban Landcare
Kamarooka Landcare
Loddon Vale Landcare
North Central Landcare
Northern Plains Conservation Management Network
Northern United Forestry Group
Salisbury West Landcare
Terricks Ridge Landcare
Wedderburn Conservation Management Network
Wychitella District Landcare

Sustainable Agriculture







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Sustainable Agriculture

- **Promote landscape-scale change across network area**
- **Promote sustainable productive farming**
- **Communicate best management practices**
- **Provide information to land managers**
- **Build land manager capacity**

Environmental stewardship



A large, gnarled, leafless tree stands prominently in the center of a grassy field. The tree's trunk is thick and textured, with a light brownish-grey hue. Its branches are intricate and bare, reaching out against a bright blue sky filled with scattered white clouds. In the background, other trees with green foliage are visible, suggesting a natural, possibly semi-arid or temperate environment. The overall scene conveys a sense of resilience and the passage of time.

Environmental stewardship



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Environmental Stewardship

- **Capture baseline information - Blueprint**
- **Protect and enhance biodiversity across Network area**
- **Facilitate pest plant and animal control**
- **Work towards protecting and enhance water quality**
- **Set priorities for on-ground works**
- **Communicate priorities to Network members**



Priorities

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LPLN Priority Projects

- Mt Buckrabanyule
- Terrick Terrick – Kow Swamp linkage
- Loddon Plains Remnants
- Loddon Foothills
- Northern Wetlands and Woodlands
- Calivil Creek (Black box) project

Collaborative Projects

- Wedderburn-Wychitella
- Kamarooka Wetlands

Extension Projects

- Education Program – workshop series
- Peer Group Mentoring Program

Education





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Education, Communication, Promotion

- **Network identity and profile**
 - Within Network area
 - Outside Network area
- **Schools**
- **General community**
- **Communication products / vehicles**



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FRIENDS OF KYOYOKRA GUM WITH LOCAL SPEAKERS



The Friends of Kyoyokra Gum Annual General Meeting (AGM) is coming up on Sunday July 29th. The meeting is to be held at 10:00am at the Parks Victoria Office in Inglewood. The group will be holding the AGM, then having a guest speaker from a local family to talk about the European history of the Moolalla Caves area. After a BBQ lunch, a history gathering exercise will be undertaken where members can contribute their memories of Moolalla Caves and the Fitzgerald State Park. Visit www.kyoyokragum.org.au for more details.

VICTORIAN LANDCARE GRANTS 2013-14: CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The North Central Catchment Management Authority (NCA) is calling for applications for the next round of the State Government's Victorian Landcare Grants program for (incorporated) community groups to undertake water resource management (WRM) projects in 2013-14.

The Victorian Landcare Grants Program continues to have an emphasis on building community capacity. The program is designed to fund projects that enable NCA community groups, networks and their volunteers to undertake effective on-ground works to protect and restore the Victorian landscape.

The grants program will fund activities that align to the categories of:

- Mobilise community volunteers and encourage community action
- Proactively influence the management practices of private landholders
- Build the skills and capacity of the community to undertake WRM activities

There are two grant types available:

- Project grants up to \$20,000
- Maintenance and shut-up grants up to \$1,000

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Partnerships





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Partnerships and Collaboration

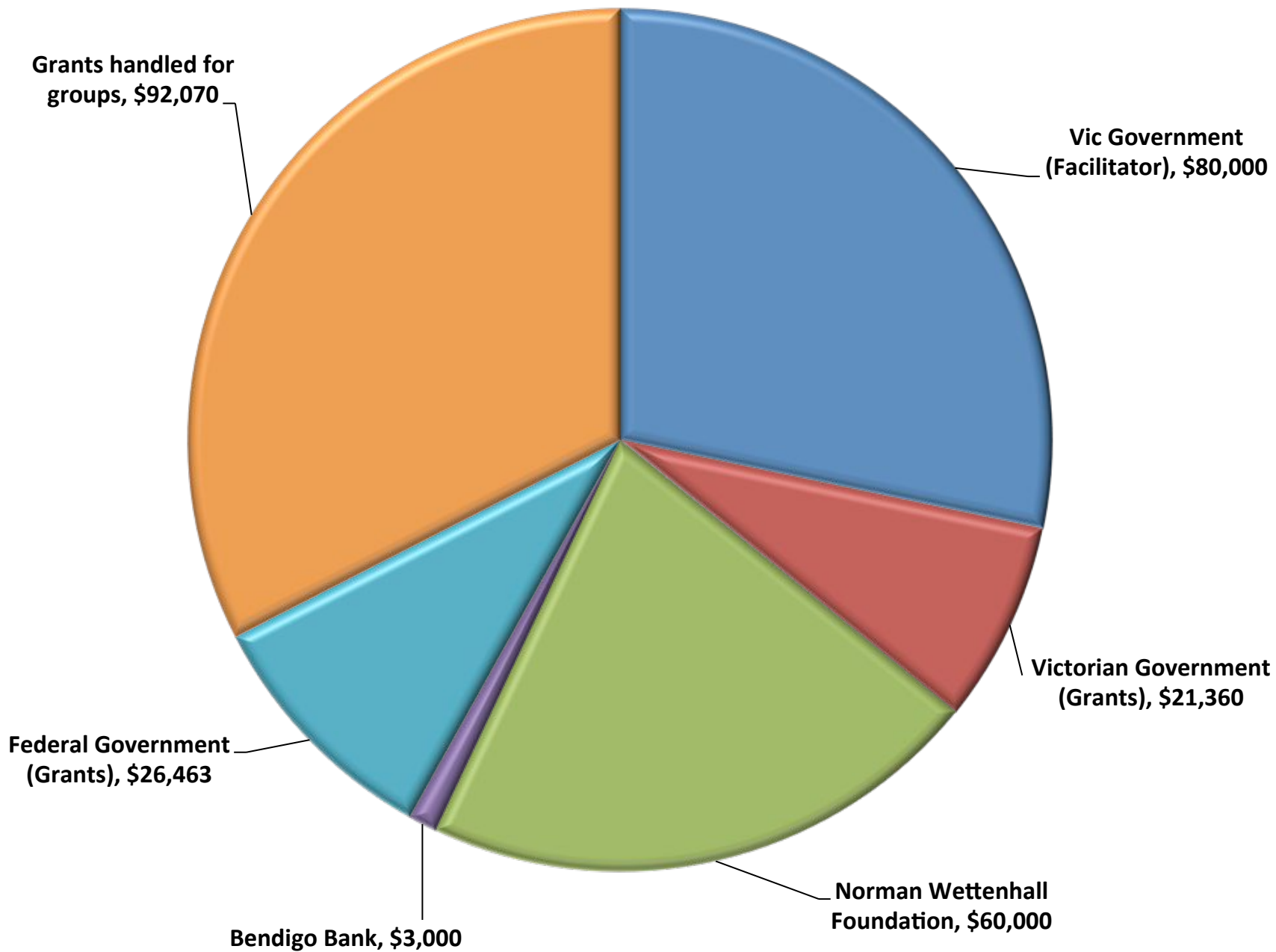
- **NWF**
- **Government**
- **NCCMA**
- **DEPI**
- **CfoC**
- **Other (LSC, DDW, PV, TfN, BH, etc)**



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Funding

- **Aligning priority projects with funding**
- **Current funding sources**
 - **Norman Wettenhall Foundation**
 - **Victorian Government Landcare Facilitator funding**
 - **Vic Government Landcare Grants**
 - **Commonwealth Grants**
 - **Other ?**
- **DGR status**
- **Service provision**



Governance





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Governance

Committee of Management role

- **Organisational governance**
- **Financial management**
- **Strategic direction**
- **Staff support and direction**



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Governance

Committee of Management (June 2013)

- Laurie Maxted (President)
- Andy Hay (Vice-President)
- Michael Moore (Secretary)
- Jean McClymont (Treasurer)
- Fred Belli (Ordinary member)
- Bill Twigg (Ordinary member)
- Ian Penny (Ordinary member)
- Chris Rothacker (Ordinary member)
- Network members send representatives to CoM meetings as observers.



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Governance

Committee of Management

- Role, purpose, priorities
- Member representation
- Skills mix
- Meeting location
- Reporting to investors
- Succession planning
- Financial management and reporting
- Facilitator role oversight
- Sub-committees

Facilitator





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Governance

Facilitator's role

- **Support on-ground NRM delivery**
- **Build local community capacity**
- **Community engagement and partnership building**
- **Assist planning, monitoring, evaluation, reporting**
- **Secure project grants and other funding**



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Actions

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Where to now?





Where to from here?

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- **Write up plan (AG/MB)**
- **Present to August CoM meeting**
- **Circulate to member groups and investors**
- **Review annually**