

Western Port Catchment Landcare Network

STRATEGIC PLAN 2025-2030



Healthy landscapes - Thriving communities



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Our MISSION is to:

- Promote and support activities that protect and enhance our landscapes, members and communities
- Foster and grow partnerships that benefit our communities, members and landscapes
- Secure investment for activities that protect and regenerate our landscapes, and support community adoption of environmentally-friendly practices



We deliver projects and programs that:

- Protect native plants and animals, and deliver healthy ecosystems, waterways and soils
- Help community build landscape resilience against climate change and repair it after extreme weather events
- Support landholder adoption of regenerative agricultural practices, and community uptake of environmentally-friendly behaviours
- Educate people about and connect them with nature to improve the health of both



2025 - 2030 GOALS AND

G1 - Increase community awareness of best management practices and access to reputable information

G2 - Increase the number of people actively engaged in Sustainable Agriculture and/or Landcare activities

G3 - Increase investment in and the protection of biodiversity to restore landscapes and support healthy ecosystems

"Our job is to protect and enhance our region's natural assets so our communities and landscapes can thrive now and into the future."

Ingrid Green
WPCLN Vice-President



KEY ACTIVITIES

A1 - Facilitate connections and partnerships that support research in, and adoption and implementation of sustainable land management and resources use

A2 - Secure funding to promote environmentally-friendly practices and options to urban, peri-urban and semi-rural residents

A3 - Secure funding to deliver training and support to agricultural land managers

A4 - Promote the work of the network, its member groups and key partners

A5 - Secure funding to deliver annual activities that attract and engage new members and facilitate ongoing participation in Landcare

A6 - Align Network activities and messaging with those of key partners to increase reach, impact and uptake

A7 - Support member groups to attract and retain members

A8 - Seek funding and sites that support implementation of biolinks and habitat expansion

A9 - Support key partners to develop and implement Biodiversity Plans and Biolinks

A10 - Support landholders to manage, extend and improve natural habitat on private property



Our HISTORY

Western Port Catchment Landcare Network was established in 1999 and incorporated in 2012. It comprises 14 member groups and covers an area of 129,241 hectares spanning natural, rural, semi-rural, peri-urban and urban landscapes.

WPCLN originally formed to improve farmland through revegetation and soil conservation projects. Guided by a volunteer Board representing member Landcare groups, WPCLN continues to connect community with nature and improve the health of both.

WPCLN values

STRENGTH IN DIVERSITY - Everyone has something to contribute and an important role to play.

COLLABORATION - We achieve more by working together on common goals.

LASTING LEGACY - We aim to leave the landscape in a better condition for future generations.

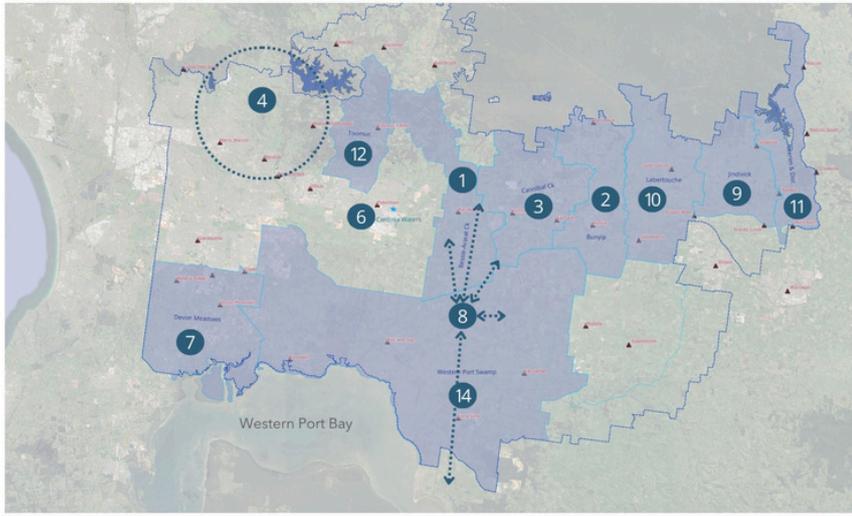
GOOD GOVERNANCE - Best practice and accountability is our foundation.



Our biggest regional challenges:

- Climate and weather changes
- The proliferation of pest plants and animals
- Maintaining waterway, ecosystem and soil health
- Extensive loss of native plants and animals in a highly fragmented and modified landscape
- Changing demographics and societal expectations / ideals / demands
- Expansion of extractive industries and urban areas

WPCLN serves the following area and community groups



1. Bessie / Ararat Creek Landcare Group
2. Bunyip Landcare Group
3. Cannibal Creek Landcare Group
4. Cardinia Deer Management Coalition
5. Cardinia & West Gippsland Equine Landcare Group
6. Cardinia Waters Community Group
7. Devon Meadows Landcare Group
8. Healesville / Phillip Island Nature Link
9. Jindivick Landcare Group
10. Labertouche District and Sustainable Farming Landcare Group
11. Neerim District Landcare Group
12. Toomuc Valley Landcare Group
13. Western Port Intrepid Landcare Group
14. Western Port Swamp Landcare Group

5 13 operate across the entire region

We work closely with regional stakeholders to protect our region



WPCLN project partners:

