



Yarra Ranges
Landcare
Network



VISION

Connected Communities, Healthy Environment

MISSION

Connect, grow & support our community to
promote environmental stewardship

OUR PRIORITIES

Support our Member Groups

Grow awareness of Landcare

Foster Strategic Partnerships

Practice and promote sound management and governance



Inclusiveness



Respect



Honesty



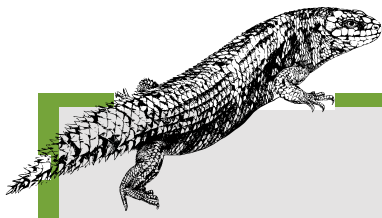
Integrity



Evidence based
decision making



Cultural
sensitivity



OUR MEMBER GROUPS

- Community Weed Alliance of the Dandenongs
- Friends of Sassafras Creek
- Mt Toolebewong & District Landcare
- Montrose Upper Landcare
- Olinda Creek Landcare
- Southern Dandenongs Landcare
- Upper Yarra Landcare
- Yarra Ranges Intrepid Landcare.



**Further information regarding our member groups can be found on our website.*

ABOUT US

The Yarra Ranges Landcare Network was formed in 2007 to support Landcare Groups operating in the Shire of Yarra Ranges and northern parts of Cardinia Shire, east of Melbourne. We are situated in the Port Phillip and Westernport Catchment Management Area. In late 2010, our inaugural AGM was held and the first Committee elected.

The landscape in our area supports extensive areas of remnant forest, a rich diversity of flora and fauna, as well as grazing, agricultural, viticultural and horticultural businesses. Properties range from commercial enterprises, to smaller lifestyle acreages within rural townships and peri-urban sub-divisions.

By December 2020, the Network had grown to fifteen Member Groups, and in early 2021, six left to form the Nangana Landcare Network to concentrate on activities around Yellingbo.

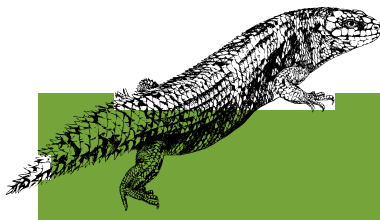
Our groups reflect the diversity of the landscapes in which they operate, the communities they serve and goals of their membership base. Members operate on public and/or private land to preserve and restore depleted habitats, minimise the negative impacts of climate change, improve biodiversity and demonstrate sustainable land management.

This five year Strategic Plan takes effect from September 2021. It will be reviewed in 2026 or earlier if required, to accommodate changing priorities or circumstances.



CONTACT





Action Plan

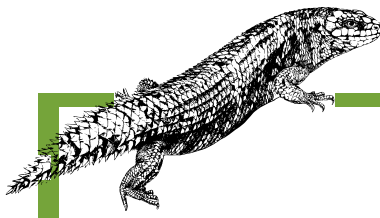
1. SUPPORT OUR MEMBER GROUPS

Strategy	Action	Responsible person	Date Due	Measures of success
Bring groups together	Convene meetings with guest speaker	Facilitator Committee	At least 2 per year	Members from each group attend Zoom option offered
	Hold or promote planting event in a member group's area	Facilitator Committee Group	Winter	Plants in ground, volunteer numbers recorded and are from groups and the community
Respond to groups' needs	Survey groups	Facilitator	Annually	Project pipeline updated Funding sources identified for projects Funding received and projects delivered
Collaborate with agencies and land managers	Identify problems or issues and relay to appropriate authority	Committee	As occurs	Agencies act on new information and deliver solutions
	Communicate regularly with local govt. & state agencies	Committee	Annually After elections Annually	At least one meeting held with state agencies per year YRLN information sent to new local govt. councillors and state members of parliament Network & all members complete PPWCMA Group Health Survey
Publicize members' events	Maintain up-to-date website and Facebook page	Committee Administrators	As occurs	Promotion of events, issues and calls to action

2. GROW AWARENESS OF LANDCARE

Strategy	Action	Responsible person	Date Due	Measures of success
Monitor and prioritise issues	Lobby politicians and authority representatives on relevant issues	Committee	As occurs	Submissions/letters sent Engagement with other environmental groups to support relevant action Responses received
Support sustainable land use	Inspect and comment on planning & policy issues	Committee	As occurs	Meetings held with councillors and staff Submissions made to local and state policy development & reviews
	Hold workshops/ training sessions for members and the community	Committee Facilitator	Min 1 /yr	Workshop/training session held
Promote network	Attend Silvan-Wandin Field days, YRC ROG property visits in network area	Facilitator, group members	Min 1 /yr	Displays erected, information exchanged
	Produce & distribute information postcard	Facilitator Committee	As required	Annual review and updates made
	Maintain a Facebook presence	Administrators	Min 1 post per week	Relevant information posted and shared Report views every 2 months
	Maintain a website	Administrators	Monthly	Updates/new site published by 2022





3.FOSTER STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

Strategy	Action	Responsible person	Date Due	Measures of success
VLFP funding accepted from DELWP	MOU with Yarra Ranges Council	Committee	2021-June24	Facilitator position managed according to MOU, VLFP KPIs & council regulations
Represent network on key community committees	Attend Yarra4Life meetings	Facilitator Committee	As required	Some meetings attended and minutes forwarded to committee & members
	Attend PPWCMA Leaders/Facilitator Forums	Committee Facilitator	As occurs	Forums attended and reports submitted to committee
	Attend LVI AGM	Committee	May	Meeting attended
Partner with like minded organisations	Co-ordinate activities with other landcare networks or similar groups	Committee, Facilitator	As occurs	Duplication omitted, attendance numbers maximised
	Develop closer relationship with Agribusiness Yarra Valley	Committee Facilitator	2022+	Joint meetings held 2 x /yr Issues of mutual concern identified Min 1 joint workshop/training session yr delivered and funded by grant(s)
Encourage active membership	Provide members with network agendas & minutes	Secretary, Chair	As occurs	Zoom option used for meetings Attendance recorded at all events Regular contributions received to discussions One new committee member gained every two years

4.PRACTICE AND PROMOTE SOUND MANAGEMENT & GOVERNANCE

Strategy	Action	Responsible person	Date Due	Measures of success
Follow LVI rules & other regulations	Hold AGM	Secretary	Nov	AGM held
Update membership structure	Keep records for legislated timeframes	Secretary, Treasurer		Hard copy/digital backups held in several locations All to be held digitally from 1 July 2021
	Maintain PLI through LVI	Secretary Treasurer	June	Cert of Currency received July
	Review committee eligibility	Members	Sept 2021	Documents updated to reflect number of groups and committee structure
Maintain relevance	Review Strategic Plan	Members	Oct 2023	Workshop held and plan updated
Fund activities & maintain positive bank balance	Apply for grants	Treasurer Committee	Annually or as occurs	Grants received
	Collect annual contribution from member groups	Treasurer	Sept	Invoices sent Aug & members paid by 30 Sept
	Accept donations from like-minded individuals or groups	Treasurer	As occurs	Donations recorded in AGM report
Provide opportunities for committee professional development	Offer committee members training	Committee	As occurs	Courses attended as appropriate and paid for by YRLN
	Remain aware of changing governance procedures	Committee		Subscribe to ourcommunity or similar NFP websites

