



Latrobe Catchment  
**Landcare**  
Network

## Latrobe Catchment Landcare Network Prospectus

“Latrobe Catchment  
Landcare is dedicated to  
working with volunteers  
to manage environmental  
issues in our community”

# What is Landcare?

Landcare is a community based approach to managing and protecting our natural resources – creating more productive and sustainable farms, conserving our environment and building more cohesive and resilient communities.



## Network Overview

Latrobe Catchment Landcare Network (LCLN) is one of five Landcare Networks within the West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority's 17685 square kms area. The Network was formed to provide support and resources to local Landcare groups in parts of Central & West Gippsland. Each of its member Landcare groups undertakes a diverse range of projects that reflect the local issues and priorities in their community.

We foster and promote pro-active relationships with our partners and environmental volunteers for the benefit of all.

### Our core focus areas are:

- Habitat preservation, restoration, expansion and enhancement
- Community engagement and involvement
- Sustainable, ecologically focused and regenerative farming practices
- Riparian restoration and enhancement
- Protection of threatened flora and fauna

## We believe in:

### • caring for the land

As a Network we aim to restore local landscapes by encouraging sustainable land management practices from our urban areas through to our rural landscapes. We provide direction and information for landholders in relation to shade and shelter for livestock, soil health, improving water quality, weed control, increased biodiversity and erosion control. We also work with our urban communities to revegetate and reinstate local parklands and wetlands in conjunction with local shires and affiliated volunteer groups.

### • the strength of collaboration and partnerships

We make an effort to build strategic partnerships with local, regional, state and national government departments, agencies and businesses. We feel it is paramount to develop and strengthen alliances with other organisations who have common goals in natural resource management and community programs.

### • education, communication and promotion

The Network acts as an information exchange, sourcing best practice for enhancing our local environment and sustainable farming community. The networks 17 Landcare groups share information through monthly newsletters, social media and the Network website. Annually the LCLN works with local schools to promote revegetation and habitat restoration by involving students with tree planting efforts across the network.



## Our Landcare team

At the heart of LCLN is an active Network Board who oversee the running of the Network and its staff. The Network would not operate without its strong environmental volunteer network who involve themselves in all aspects of environmental projects in their communities.

Through its activities, Landcare plays a vital role in connecting community. Investment in our communities and environmental projects is crucial for the sustainability and enhancement of ecosystems throughout Gippsland and importantly research has shown that for every \$1 spent there is a social return back to the community worth \$3.41 in the form of stronger relationships, inclusion, resilience and connectivity.

## Become Involved

Is your organisation looking for ways to give back to the community and environment that supports them? Partnering with LCLN is an excellent opportunity for your organisation to do just that.

There are a wide range of projects to become involved in and something to suit every budget.

Partnering with us and supporting LCLN with funding ensures that our ability to invest in our community and enhance and protect our local environment is assured.

## Contact Us

Call West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority on 1300 094 262.

(ask for Latrobe Catchment Landcare Network)

*"It is our duty of care to give back to the land that gives us so much and a collaborative effort with the Latrobe Catchment Landcare Network means we can achieve far greater goals than working in silo."*

Nicki Kumar, Senior Environmental Officer - Energy Australia

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## Past Projects



### Protecting Biodiversity of the Gippsland Red Gum Grassy Woodland

Through funding from the Communities for Nature program, LCLN engaged 40 landholders and worked with community groups to protect and enhance remnants of the critically endangered Gippsland Red Gum Grassy Woodland. 40ha of high value remnant Gippsland Red Gum Grassy Woodland was protected through weed control, fencing, direct seeding and planting to connect remnant vegetation.



### Sustainable Soils Program – Grazfert

The LCLN worked with Agriculture Victoria to deliver the Grazfert program which helps beef and sheep producers to better understand their soil and nutrient requirements and make more informed decisions about fertilizer inputs on farm.



### Mid Gippsland Riparian Restoration Project

Through funding from Gippsland Lakes Coordinating Committee (Love our lakes) the LCLN has delivered 17 projects to help reduce sediment and nutrient entering the Gippsland Lakes. With this funding, landholders have erected fences to remove stock access to waterways and planted a minimum 10 metre buffer zone with native vegetation.



### National Tree Day Events

Each year Energy Australia provides funding for National Tree Day activities across the LCLN. Activities primarily involve tree planting with local schools, communities and Landcare groups across the Network. In 2019, over 800 volunteers (including students from 13 local schools) planted 10,000 trees on 20 different sites from Neerim to Rosedale.

## Our valued partners include

