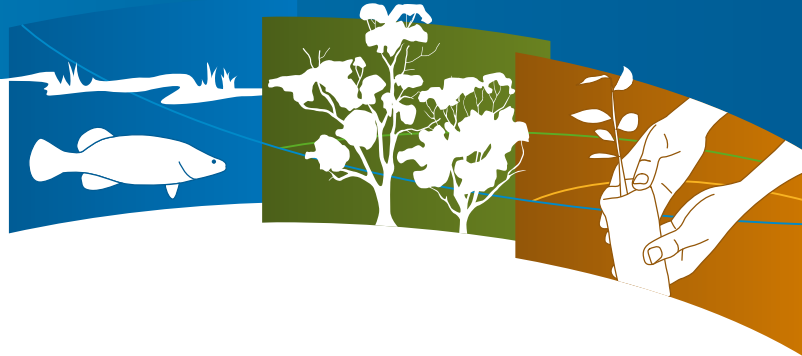


# LANDCARE SUPPORT IMPLEMENTATION PLAN 2009-2010

## February 2010 Update



**NORTH CENTRAL**  
Catchment Management Authority  
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In June 2009, the North Central Catchment Management Authority (CMA) undertook a comprehensive community consultation process in response to the end of the Shire-based Landcare Coordinator model. The consultation allowed the North Central CMA to understand the needs of the Landcare community, and how it could best support them. The Landcare Support Implementation Plan was subsequently developed in July 2009 and acts as a guide for Regional Landcare support. The Board endorsed the plan in August 2009 and it was subsequently distributed to all regional Landcare groups and posted on the North Central CMA website.

The information on the following pages outlines the key activities and tasks identified in the Implementation Plan, and provides an update on progress of those actions. In addition, the following activities are underway:

- The commencement of the 'Box-Gum Grassy Woodlands' project. The project officer working on this is also funded to provide network support to existing, new and emerging NRM networks.
- Local action planning support and Indigenous awareness training for groups.



*Landcare community consultation underway in Axedale, June 2009.*

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The following table provides an update on progress of the plan and further actions to be completed this financial year:

Policy Direction	Key activity / task	Status	End date
Provide relevant, timely and concise information to the community using the most effective approaches.	Produce a report based on outcomes from the Landcare Support review process for the community.	Completed.	July 2009
	Compile an accurate Landcare contacts database with information on preferred method of communication from each group.	Completed, ongoing maintenance underway.	August 2009
	Create an 'agency and other' key contacts list by topic for use by the Landcare community.	In progress.	March 2010
	Produce an annual grants guide for the region.	Completed.	January 2010
	Review and update the North Central CMA website and Landcare Gateway with relevant information bimonthly or as needed. Link from NCCMA Website to the Victorian Landcare Gateway.	Initiated, review in progress, updates ongoing.	Review to be complete in March 2010
	Promote the use of the Victorian Landcare Gateway for community to use as a tool to access information from across the region and post their own information, events and publications.	Currently accessing funding from State Landcare Team to implement.	June 2010
	Produce a bimonthly newsletter with information about events, funding opportunities and updates from groups, networks and agencies.	Monthly newsletter ongoing.	Monthly from September 2009
	Establish regular, ongoing segments in local media, especially newspapers and radio.	Ongoing Media strategy currently being produced.	February 2010

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Policy Direction	Key activity / task	Status	End date
Provide opportunities to Landcare groups and networks to enhance skills and knowledge.	Provide 2 training forums on topics such as: grant application writing, succession planning, Landcare Gateway website training, membership recruitment, Junior Landcare, governance, etc.	Currently determining community needs before training is scheduled.	June 2010
Increase opportunities for Landcare involvement in relevant regional planning processes.	Involve the Landcare Community in the renewal of the Regional Catchment Strategy.	Landcare community engaged in RCS consultation meetings.	September–November 2009
Engage Landcare as a service and information provider to deliver components of CMA programs and projects where local Landcare involvement will add value to the delivery of environmental outcomes.	Commission case study for evaluation of current project that has operated in this manner to learn from process and inform the NCCMA on how to move forward with this type of model.	Case study underway.	March 2010
	Inform Landcare groups of projects in their area at the beginning of project planning stages and liaise with CMA project staff to build partnerships in delivering environmental outcomes with Landcare groups.	Initiated and ongoing; specifically Loddon Stressed River, Upper Loddon & Campaspe Priority Reaches, Kerang, York Plains, Sustainable Soils and Community Delivering Sustainable NRM.	March 2010 and ongoing
Coordinate monitoring, evaluation and learning components of projects delivered through Landcare to demonstrate and promote environmental and social outcomes.	Develop and implement a Monitoring, Evaluation, Reporting and Learning (MERL) plan.  Produce an Annual Landcare Report Card.	Completed.	October 2009
Promote the role and value of community-based natural resource management by Landcare.	Produce a Most Significant Change Stories Booklet.	Data collection currently being undertaken.  In progress. Stories collected, in production.	April 2010  April 2010