

North Central Chat

Keeping you up to date with all the Landcare and Waterwatch news



June 2022

A message from the Regional Landcare Coordinator

Hi everyone,

May has been all about meetings. This isn't everyone's cup of tea I know, but if there is one thing that comes with being part of Landcare, it's the meetings. Thankfully they were most interesting and engaging.

We start each month off with a Landcare Facilitators meeting, which this month featured a discussion about the review of the North Central Waterway Strategy, as well as a meet and greet session with the CMA's Executive Manager Program Delivery, Rachel Murphy. Rachel was swiftly invited to visit Landcare sites around Avoca.

In mid-May, the Victorian Landcare Team caught up virtually, to discuss the happenings from across the state. Of particular interest was a presentation provided by West Gippsland RLC Kathleen Brack on an Online Membership Portal for Landcare Groups & Networks. This is an incredibly savvy membership management tool, which Kathleen will discuss with our Landcare Network Facilitators at the upcoming June meeting.

Also of interest, was the Caring for Landcarers statewide mentoring pilot program. This initiative is designed to connect Landcare Facilitators with mentors who can support their professional development and provide them with the guidance they need to integrate into their communities. I was so pleased to hear the North Central region had EOI's submitted from both mentees and mentors. We wish those participating all the very best with the program.

Landcare Victoria Inc. hosted its AGM online on May 20. The North Central region retains Paul Foreman as our regional representative and his role is Deputy Chair – Partnerships. LVI is part of the North Central Landcare Chairs Forum, which brings together CMA staff and the chairs/ presidents of Landcare Networks quarterly.



May 27- June 3 is [National Reconciliation Week!](#) The 2022 theme is, "Be Brave. Make Change." a challenge to all Australians— individuals, families, communities, organisations and government—to Be Brave and tackle the unfinished business of reconciliation so we can Make Change for the benefit of all Australians.

Looking ahead, we're expecting a Landcare Facilitator training and support package to soon be available on the Victorian Landcare Gateway, which may also be useful for groups and members looking for extra support.

Finally, I encourage each of you to get to a National Reconciliation Week event near you or jump online to read up on the history of NRW and enjoy the resources that support our collective journey toward reconciliation.

Enjoy the read,

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News...

Introducing the Silver Banksia Project

Article from North Harcourt Sedgwick Landcare Group

Historic maps and descriptions suggest silver banksias (*Banksia marginata*) were abundant in Central Victorian landscapes before colonisation, particularly around Leanganook (Mt Alexander).

Unfortunately, they were not valued and were targeted for removal by early settlers. The combination of isolation of remaining populations and climate change has meant silver banksias have become quite rare north of the divide and have suffered from in-breeding.

NHSE Landcare's Silver Banksia project aims to re-establish as many silver banksias as possible in our Landcare area to bolster populations, genetic diversity, and climate resilience. We aim to plant 1,500 banksias over the next five years from diverse genetic backgrounds, with the eventual goal of natural crossbreeding and regeneration. We aim to create clusters within the region, as pollination is dependent on small birds such as honeyeaters with a limited spatial range.

Silver banksias have a reputation for being difficult to grow. As such, the project will use specialist expertise to choose locations with the best prospect of success, new planting methods will be trialled and refined, and success rates will be monitored.



Ian Lunt's article 'Forgotten woodlands, future landscapes' brings together accounts of the local woodlands and their changes during the 1800s: <https://ianluntecology.com/.../forgotten-woodlands.../>

We are excited to have secured a Biodiversity On-ground Action and Stewardship grant for the first year of planting through the Department of Environment, Land, Water

and Planning. More information about the grants can be found at

<https://www.environment.vic.gov.au/.../community>

Fish release in Spring Gully

Article by Dr Peter Rose, North Central CMA

In mid-May, we took a very welcome delivery at the CMA office. 100 captive bred fish arrived and then were swiftly released into some great wetland habitat, prepared by City of Greater Bendigo and of the Friends of Spring Gully Reserve.

Southern pygmy perch are a threatened wetland specialist fish that have suffered extensive declines over the past ~50 years due to river regulation and loss of permeant floodplain wetlands, habitat degradation, alien fish (such as carp and redfin), and the Millennium Drought. Before the captive breeding and release program was established, SPP were thought to be locally extinct in the Loddon catchment.

This project is a great collaboration between North Central CMA, City of Greater Bendigo Council, Native Fish Australia, Australia and New Guinea Fishes Association, Middle Creek Farm, and the Friends of Spring Gully Reserve.

Hopefully the southern pygmy perch will survive and breed. This would provide a backup population in the landscape, as well as a natural hatchery to disperse juveniles into Spring Gully Creek, and potentially a source of fish for future conservation stocking in the region.



The project is part of the Mid-Murray Floodplain Recovery Reach program, which aims to return threatened and locally extinct wetland specialist fish to floodplain habitats in the Murray River Corridor.

Read more about this species and the work we're undertaking via [Mid-Murray Floodplain Recovery Reach – Finterest](#)

A tale of a few well-travelled trees

Article by East Gippsland Landcare Network

A few weeks ago, East Gippsland Landcare Network (EGLN) had the pleasure of the company and assistance of a group of Rotary volunteers with local revegetation projects.

The group, who consisted of local volunteers and also a group of dedicated members all the way from Kerang Rotary, planted 1800 seedlings over the course of the weekend at Newlands Arm (assisting Romawi Landcare Group) and Lakewood Park (as part of the EGLN Lungs of the Lakes project).

The weekend marked the culmination of a project started two years ago between members of the Rotary Club of Kerang (in Central Victoria), the combined Rotary Clubs of East Gippsland and Landcare. The people of Kerang wanted to contribute to the regrowth of trees following the Black Summer Fires, so the Rotary Clubs of East Gippsland sent them native seeds collected locally and Kerang Rotarians propagated trees to return to our region. Restrictions in 2021 put the revegetation plans on hold, but there was no stopping the group in 2022.



The successful weekend is an excellent demonstration of volunteer groups coming together to make a real contribution to the environment and having a lot of fun while doing it. Thanks for all your help.

Nature’s Playmates

Article from Newham & District Landcare Group

The Nature’s Playmates workshop held as part of the 2021 NDLG Victorian Landcare Grant was held on Sunday 15 May and was enjoyed immensely by all involved.

Children came rugged up for the weather and the event proceeded outdoors as planned. The aim of the group workshop was for primary-school-aged children to explore meditative bush art, movement and sound rituals to connect to self, others, and place. It was an opportunity to listen, sense, feel, move, sound, and co-create in relationship to the natural environment, self, and others.

The workshop facilitators were Charlotte Roberts, a vocal Artist-Sound Ecologist, Musician, Somatic Practitioner, TaKeTiNa Rhythm Process Teacher, the Originator/Facilitator of The Musical Body Process and Jess Szigethy, a Sculptor, Botanist and Farmer who grew up on the land she now owns.

Jess said, “It was terrific to lean into Charlotte’s expertise in holding workshops and guiding kids to express in an authentic and joyous way.”



Billie (age 7) said: “I think nature is really beautiful and it is important to all people. I loved that we got to walk around in nature and I loved making the mandalas” (and Penny’s slice apparently).

Quinn (age 9): “I really enjoyed it and I would love to do it again if I could. I loved that we could get connected into nature and not be on any screens. It was fun to make up the songs and dances.”

Iris (age 10): “It was a great opportunity to get outside, and it expanded my imagination. I liked being creative, and I learnt that every piece of nature can be described in more ways i.e. has its own song.”

Trees for Mum Mother's Day event

Article by Nicole Howie, Northern Bendigo Landcare Group



Trees For Mum is a unique planting event offering families the chance to celebrate Mother's Day by planting a tree together with their mum, for their mum or to remember a mum no longer with us.

Trees for Mum is a series of Australia-wide tree planting events run by Landcare on Mother's Day. These events started in Sydney in 2002 by friends and colleagues, Deena Raphael and Lauren Adlam, as a way of paying tribute to their mums, who they had both lost to cancer.

Trees For Mum is one of our group's favourite events to run each year and what a magical day we experienced on Mother's Day as we held our fifth Trees For Mum and High Tea planting event along Bendigo Creek in the Huntly Streamside Reserve.

Mother's Day means something different to everyone and we are honoured to offer such a special experience for people, including mums who may wish to remember the loss of a child. We truly believe that Mother Nature is a beautiful constant in our lives and offers something special on Mother's Day - a gentle healer, a place of contemplation, a place to bond, somewhere to have purpose, a way to leave a legacy, a place to make memories, an opportunity to ground yourself, an adventure or a venue for fun together as a family.

There was a beautiful vibe on the day with over 70 people attending - planting in the glorious autumn sunshine to a Mother's Day Spotify soundtrack and enjoying a delicious high tea in the great outdoors. Many families took the opportunity to explore the Streamside Reserve afterwards which was a lovely and unexpected outcome - discovering the assets of Bendigo Creek and viewing the on-ground work we have done over many

years (revegetation, weed control, nest box installation). Conversations with participants revealed families were very grateful for the chance to do something so unique for Mother's Day. With no obligation to RSVP or stay for hours, families dropped in opportunistically on their way from breakfast / to lunch, etc.



Many thanks for Fifteen Trees for once again donating the 500 plants we got in on the day. We would encourage other groups to consider any new twist to planting events as we find we attract a totally different audience to this planting day each year.

2020-21 Actions and Achievements Report

Catchment Management Authorities (CMAs) are at the front line of natural resource management and side-by-side with regional communities.

The 2020- 21 Victorian Catchment Management Authorities' Actions and Achievements Report demonstrates how our CMAs continue to protect and enhance our natural environment while contributing to social, economic, and cultural community values.

COLLABORATING TO PROTECT OUR THREATENED SPECIES



WITH FUNDING FROM BOTH THE AUSTRALIAN AND VICTORIAN GOVERNMENTS, CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITIES (CMAs) ARE AT THE FRONT LINE OF PROTECTING OUR THREATENED SPECIES. THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT'S PROTECTED SPECIES ACT 2012 (PSA) AND THE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT'S THREATENED SPECIES ACT 2012 (TSA) PROVIDE THE LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK FOR THE PROTECTION OF THREATENED SPECIES. CMAs ARE AT THE FRONT LINE OF PROTECTING OUR THREATENED SPECIES AND ARE WORKING WITH REGIONAL COMMUNITIES TO PROTECT AND ENHANCE OUR NATURAL ENVIRONMENT WHILE CONTRIBUTING TO SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, AND CULTURAL COMMUNITY VALUES. CMAs ARE AT THE FRONT LINE OF PROTECTING OUR THREATENED SPECIES AND ARE WORKING WITH REGIONAL COMMUNITIES TO PROTECT AND ENHANCE OUR NATURAL ENVIRONMENT WHILE CONTRIBUTING TO SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, AND CULTURAL COMMUNITY VALUES.

[Click the link](#) or head to our website to read local and statewide highlights and stories.

Regional Roundtable – Wednesday 15 June



The new [North Central Regional Catchment Strategy](#) has just been released and we are hitting the road to talk with local communities about how to put it into action.

Do you live or work in Macedon Ranges Shire, Hepburn Shire, Mount Alexander Shire or the City of Greater Bendigo?

Are you interested in land, water and biodiversity management?

If so, come along to our next Regional Roundtable where you can

- Hear about current projects in your local area from the organisations involved.
- Discuss local environmental priorities.
- Identify opportunities to work together in the future.

When: 5.45 - 8.00pm, Wednesday 15 June.

Where: Campbells Creek Community Centre, 60 Elizabeth St, Campbells Creek

Dinner will be provided, so please **RSVP and advise of any dietary requirements by COB 10 June** via info@nccma.vic.gov.au or (03) 5448 7124.

Conversations about resilient irrigation businesses

Now is the time farmers should be thinking strategically about their business and having conversations to set their farm systems up to manage more challenging times such as droughts, floods, volatile water markets and variable allocations.

Resilient Farm Businesses is the theme for the Plan2Farm lunch in Pyramid Hill on Thursday 23 June, designed to start the conversations about business planning and building resilient farm systems.

The Irrigated Cropping Council has been working with the North Central Catchment Management Authority to implement the Plan2Farm project over the past 12 months. The program was all about helping farmers take a deep dive into their business and plan for the future.

This lunch is the culmination of the 12-month project that showcases key outcomes from the program and shares key principles that farmers can use in their own businesses.

Keynote speakers include Investment Manager Angus Ingram from Kilter Rural who will share insights into developing resilient irrigation businesses. Farm business consultant Daryl Poole from RMCG will provide a seasonal water update and Paul Blackshaw from Meridian Agriculture will showcase farm businesses that are working towards resilient systems.

The program has allowed farmers to proactively assess their business and think about the future. Some of the key aspects discussed have included using water efficiently, developing irrigation infrastructure, budgeting and strong financial reporting, building a water portfolio to complement the farming operation seasonal cropping plans, diversification of enterprise, and succession planning.

This project received funding from the Australian Government's Future Drought Fund and enabled farmers to access professional support and guidance on how to set up their business more resilient into the future.

The lunch is on Thursday 23 June at Pyramid Hill from 11am to 2:30pm. There is no cost to attend, however registration is essential.

More information and to register visit www.irrigatedcroppingcouncil.com.au or contact Mel Mann, Irrigated Cropping Council, mel.mann@irrigatedcroppingcouncil.com.au, 0447 803 305



Waterbugs with John Gooderham

With support from the statewide program, North Central Waterwatch hosted the ever-engaging John Gooderham for a waterbug workshop with our volunteers in early May.

We were lucky enough to accept an offer from the statewide Waterwatch program to host a regional waterbug workshop with macroinvertebrate guru John Gooderham. A bunch of 12 North Central volunteers and students from Bendigo TAFE gathered at No. 7 Park in Big Hill on May 4 for a morning of catching and identifying little beasties from the frog ponds at the park. By identifying the waterbugs that live in our waterways we can learn a lot about freshwater ecology, and how healthy these waterways are.



Photo: Press1 Photography

During the afternoon, the group embarked on some water quality QAQC (quality assurance and quality control) to ensure everyone's equipment was in working order and to ensure that Waterwatch continued to collect quality data.

It was fantastic to finally host an in-person event with our volunteers after a long COVID-interrupted hiatus. We know from last year's volunteer survey such occasions are important for our network to come together, share knowledge, feel connected, and inspire motivation. We are looking forward to providing more opportunities to reignite participation in Waterwatch now that we're able.

For those interested, the 2021 volunteer survey report is now available on our website. [North Central Waterwatch 2021 Volunteer Survey Report \(nccma.vic.gov.au\)](https://nccma.vic.gov.au). Thank you to those of you who completed the survey. Britt and I look forward to acting on the recommendations of the report so that we can strengthen North Central Waterwatch, support our valuable volunteers and continue to collect important data to inform the sustainable management of our waterways.

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Project Prattles upskill teachers

Cohorts of River Detectives teachers aligned with North Central CMA projects have come together to understand their waterways and catchment better.

Twenty-six of our 39 River Detectives schools in the north central region are linked with one of four priority projects for our organisation;

- Caring for the Campaspe (10 schools)
- Bendigo Creek Citizen Science (6 schools)
- A Healthy Coliban Catchment (2 schools)
- Native Fish Recovery and Riverscan (8 schools)

This provides schools with a unique opportunity to contribute citizen science data to the project, to learn about the practical management techniques happening in real time in their community, and to collaborate with other schools in their cohort; sharing results, resources and learning from each other about what's happening in each part of the river/catchment.

The River Detectives program is as much about supporting teachers as it is students. We know the more confident teachers are in their own knowledge of water health issues, the more motivated and effective they'll be sharing concepts with students.

To build the capacity of River Detectives teachers, in late April/early May a series of online and face-to-face Project Prattles were held. Teachers learnt about their specific waterway/catchment and connected with project managers about the work being done on ground with landholders and other agencies.

The River Detectives website is a treasure trove of resources so to support teachers they were provided with a shortlist of resources specific to their waterway/catchment (fact sheets, videos, posters, maps, websites) to use in curriculum planning.



Teachers from schools along Bendigo Creek met at the Wanyarram Dum dancing circle beside Bendigo Creek (above) and heard from Liam Sibly (Senior Water Strategy Officer, City of Greater Bendigo) about the Reimagining Bendigo Creek Project.

Our next Project Prattle will be held in August where teachers will hear from a Waterwatch volunteer and/or landholder about their experiences.

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Water Storages Update

Region	Water Storage	% full at 22 April 2022	% full at 19 May 2022
Murray Storages	Dartmouth Dam	93.25	↑93.58
	Hume Dam	86.00	↑91.00
	Third Lake	NA	↑.26
	Reedy/Middle Lk	93.61	↓88.92
	Kangaroo Lake	98.94	↓92.46
	Kow Swamp	93.79	↓80.73
	Lake Boga	80.97	↓79.97
Loddon Storages	Lake Charm	96.02	↓94.63
	Cairn Curran Res	54.19	↓53.62
	Tullaroop Res	62.88	↓61.93
Bullarook Storages	Laanecoorie Res	46.50	↓44.06
	Newlyn Res	71.55	↓70.65
Goulburn Storages	Hepburns Lagoon	68.23	↑68.64
	Lake Eildon	77.18	↑77.42
Campaspe	Waranga Basin	42.94	↑44.84
Coliban Water Storages	Lake Eppalock	48.54	↓48.38
	Upper Coliban Res	91.00	↑92.20
	Lauriston Res	86.60	↓84.60
	Malmsbury Res	20.70	↓10.40

www.g-mwater.com.au/water-resources/catchments/storage-levels
www.coliban.com.au/about-us/our-reservoirs

Upcoming Events and Special Days

June	
World Environment Day	5 Jun
World Oceans Day	8 Jun
Sustainable Gastronomy Day	18 Jun

July	
Plastic Free July	1-13 Jul
Schools Tree Day	29 Jul
World Ranger Day	31 Jul
National Tree Day	31 Jul
August	
Landcare week	TBD
National Science Week	13-21 Aug
Keep Australia Beautiful Week	TBD
World Humanitarian Day	19 Aug

Farewell Felicity...

After five years with the North Central CMA as a Project Manager for the Sustainable Agriculture team, Felicity Harrop will be taking on a new opportunity with Soil Science Australia.



During her time at the CMA, Felicity has shown outstanding passion for the management of several sustainable agriculture projects including Reporting and Accounting for Salinity, Regenerative Agriculture and more recently the new soil extension project. Her exceptional project management skills and dedication to working with landholders will be hugely missed.

Thank you for many years of contributions to the Chat Felicity, your support for Landcare and agriculture across the catchment. We wish you all the best on the next adventure with Soil Science Australia.



Camille White and Felicity Harrop (pictured right) supporting the 2019 Chicks in the Sticks event in Moonambel.

Sustainable Ag Snippet...

Darren Bain - Regional Agricultural Landcare Facilitator

I attended the Regional Agriculture Landcare Facilitator (RALF) Conference at Canberra in last month. This conference is usually an annual event but has been cancelled the past two years. RALFs travel from all over Australia to attend the conference. This year the conference was held face and live streamed to RALFs who were unable to attend.

The conference is an opportunity for RALFs to get together with many networking opportunities and listen to some great presentations. This year I presented on one of our Regenerative Agriculture farmer groups who are breeding dung beetles. This has been a fantastic program for the farmers to be involved in. The dung beetles are currently inactive but will become active towards the end of winter. Hopefully if the dung beetle numbers are high enough the farmers will start releasing them on their paddocks.

Other presentations provided an insight into what other RALFs were doing in the patch and reinforced all the great project happening around the nation.

Some great young people involved in agriculture informed us how they engaged with the farming community. One such presenter was a young farmer, Jack Cresswell, who works on the family farm at Dubbo. In his spare time Jack produces podcasts on anything to do with agriculture. Through his podcast, he hopes to encourage workers, both young and old, into essential farming jobs.

It was great to catch up with most of the Victorian RALFs. It was a busy two days with plenty to follow up over the next few months.



Victorian RALFs in Canberra for the 2022 National Conference.

Events...

Landcare Link-up - Getting to know Connecting Country

Join Connecting Country staff and other local Landcare, friends groups, and network representatives for an evening of discussion and a soup supper.

Learn more about the work Connecting Country does and step up to the mic during the Landcare open mic session to talk about an area or interest to your group. A soup supper will follow.

When: Thursday 2 June, 2022 6pm to 8pm.

Where: Chewton Town Hall, 141 Main Rd., Chewton.

RSVP: Book in now via [Landcare Link-up - Getting to know Connecting Country | TryBooking Australia](#) or contact Connecting Country (03) 5472 1594

Managing emerging risks - Crop disease and climate

To help prepare for the season, Agriculture Victoria invites you to come to the following workshop to hear from and talk with:

Dale Grey (Seasonal Risk Agronomist, Agriculture Victoria) discussing:

- Climate past, present and future
- What does the rest of 2022 look like?
- How does the present compare to the past?
- What might the climate in Wedderburn become in the future?

Luise Fanning (Project Officer Grains Pathology Services) discussing:

- Crop disease
- The potential disease impact of early sown crops

Proof of COVID-19 vaccination* will be required to attend.

When: Wednesday, 8 June, 2022, 9.30am for 10am start.

Where: Wedderburn Golf Club
Morning tea on arrival and a light lunch at the conclusion of the presentations will be provided.

RSVP: Please [register by 5 June, 2022](#) or contact Martin Hamilton (Agriculture Victoria, Bendigo)
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The Australian Sheep and Wool Show 2022

More than 5000 farmers, the best fleeces in the country, and more than 25 different breeds of sheep, goats and alpacas make their way to Bendigo, which hosts the largest event of its type in the world.

The best of the best sheep breeders compete and some of the country's most passionate food, fashion and fibre lovers gather to celebrate the mighty Australian sheep.

With more than 20 events across the weekend, including the Women of Wool lunch and Bendigo Festival of lamb, market stall, producers and growers, there is something for everyone.

When: July 15 to 17, 2022

Where: Bendigo Showgrounds

Cost: \$18.95- \$25.88. one, two, and three-day ticket bundles, and car parking available.

Full events program and ticket purchase is available via: [Buy Tickets - Australian Sheep and Wool Show \(sheepshow.com\)](#)



The Mt Alexander region Intrepid Landcare Group has created a calendar of events for 2022.

If you know of 18-35 year-olds who are keen on environmental or outdoorsy adventures, link them up with the group via [Intrepid Landcare | Mt Alexander | Facebook](#). You can also check out what the group gets up to via Instagram: [@intrepidlandcare_mar](#)

Funding opportunities...

Recycling Victoria Organics Markets Fund

Sustainability Victoria is supporting end markets for recycled organic products through the Recycling Victoria Organics Markets Fund, which aims to remove barriers and accelerate a sustained increase in the adoption of these products.

Through kerbside reform and the improved recovery of commercial and industrial organic waste, there is an increased supply of recycled organic products. This fund supports the sustainable growth of end markets including agriculture, urban and amenity (for example, parks and gardens), and roadside amenity (for example roadside rehabilitation) to utilise the increased supply of better-quality recycled organic products.

For the purposes of this grant, the terms organics and organic refers to organic waste diverted from landfill.

This grant is funded through the government's circular economy policy, [Recycling Victoria: a new economy](#).

Funding availability: Grants from \$15,000 to \$400,000 are available per project.

Examples of projects that will be funded include, but are not limited to:

- Purchase processing equipment and infrastructure required to access markets for eligible products (for example, equipment to blend gypsum or lime with compost)
- Develop information resources or decision-making tools to overcome a knowledge-based barrier to adoption
- Focus on increasing the adoption of recycled organics in agricultural, urban and amenity and roadside amenity markets directly (for example, field days and developing a business case for using recycled organic products in parks and gardens)
- Purchase eligible agricultural machinery to increase the adoption of recycled organics by farmers (for example, a compost spreader owned by a farming organisation and shared amongst farmers).

Read the full list of eligibility criteria and funding conditions via [Sustainability Victoria | Recycling Victoria Organics Markets Fund](#).



Nominations for the 2022 Bob Hawke Landcare Award remain open until June 5. The winner will be announced on August 24, 2022 at the 2022 National Landcare Awards.

The Bob Hawke Landcare Award is a prestigious national award that publicly recognises an individual involved in championing Landcare and who inspires others to take action on their own property or as part of their involvement in a landcare group.

The Bob Hawke Landcare Award is open to individuals who have demonstrated a commitment to natural resource management and sustainable agriculture through being a Landcare champion, a remarkable leader, and a sustainable farm practice innovator.

The Bob Hawke Landcare Award acknowledges the role that former Australian Prime Minister, the Hon. Bob Hawke AC, played in elevating Landcare from a grass-roots community initiative to a national movement with bi-partisan government support that endures today.

The Bob Hawke Landcare Award recipient will be awarded a prize package to the value of \$50,000 for further development of their knowledge and skills in sustainable land management to enable an even stronger contribution to landcare. The award recipient will be required to submit a project proposal, in 300 words or less, outlining how they plan to spend the prize money to champion Landcare and share knowledge about sustainable agriculture practices with others including landholders, farmers and communities.

To be eligible for the award, nominees must be an individual, an Australian citizen, and actively involved in Landcare and natural resource management or sustainable agriculture

The Bob Hawke Landcare Award is funded by the Australian Government's National Landcare Program. Landcare Australia Limited administers the Bob Hawke Landcare Award on behalf of the Australian Government.

Nominate NOW!: [Bob Hawke Award | Bob Hawke Award \(bobhawkelandcareaward.com.au\)](#)