

### Corangamite



#### Kevin O'Connell

*Southern Otway Landcare Network*

*Nominated: Dr Kaye Rodden (Barrabool Hills LG) & Peter Greig (Upper Barwon LN)*

Kevin is President of the Southern Otways Landcare Network and lives in the hills near Apollo Bay. He has a deep interest in fostering the development of community leadership with a focus on stewardship of the environment. Kevin spent many years working in Europe in a variety of different roles in the print/publishing industry before returning to Australia four years ago.

### East Gippsland

#### Dawn Parker

*Far East Victoria Landcare*

*Nominated: Rose Maher (EGLN) & May Leatch (Snowy West LG)*

I have been an active Landcare member since ....oh gosh...around 1992, originally helping form a group in a fairly remote farming area called Wangarabelle, in Far East Victoria.

Helping out with local on-ground works in the home space was the original direction but it wasn't long before the wider needs were obvious and I was drawn in to the ongoing need to advocate for local resourcing, recognizing the importance of the local group support people and the difference they could make in bringing knowledge, contacts and encouragement.

To pursue those sorts of things, about 10 years ago we formed the Far East Victoria Landcare network and have maintained the community centred flavour of Landcare. It's a nice taste and I have enjoyed being at first secretary and then president of the network over those years.

I believe that the formation of the VLC as a peak advocacy body has filled a great hole and has already achieved essential practical outcomes and provided continuing hope for community volunteers.

If accepted as a Landcare Victoria Council member I will be proud to try to contribute to the continued recognition of this great volunteer organization, the need for it and of the wisdom and vast knowledge of community members.





## Goulburn-Broken

### David Ince

*Burnt Creek Landcare Group*

*Terry Hubbard (Upper Goulburn LN) & Dr Kaye Rodden  
(Barrabool Hills LG)*

Conceived June 1946, Born 1947

Grew up in Burwood, primary school, technical school to form 5, then completed Diploma of Agriculture, Dookie College.

Taught agriculture science at Cunderdin Agricultural High School, Western Australia for 10 years

Went farming at Southern Cross, Western Australia, for 10 years.

Returned to Victoria, commenced teaching Farming Trades Apprentices at Charlton in 1983.

Became State Industry Planning Officer for Agriculture, for the TAFE Board in 1985, which lead to me becoming the Curriculum Maintenance Manager for Primary Industries, for the State Training Board.

Became School Manager, School of TAFE, University of Melbourne.

Became Manager, Primary Industries Division, Goulburn Ovens Institute of TAFE.

Now retired

Member Burnt Creek Landcare Group for 20+ years.

Member of the former VLC Members Council

Still alive, just.

### John Gilson

*Up2Us Landcare Alliance*

*Nominated: Terry Hubbard (Upper Goulburn LN) & David Wakefield (Strath Creek LG)*

I grew up in the Yarra Valley and having left university, worked in a number of Ministry and private schools for 47 years. My involvement in Landcare began in Mansfield as a member of the Fords Crk Landcare Group and then the Delatite Landcare Group (President).





I am also President of the Up2Us Landcare Alliance (network) and chair the Goulburn Broken Catchment Community NRM Chairs meetings. I have also been a Delegate of VLC for a number of years.

My wife (Trish) and I own a rural property in Mansfield on which we breed cattle and which we have been improving for nearly 20 years. The property is occasionally used for Landcare field days.



### Patricia Lele

*Longwood Plains Conservation Management Network*

*Nominated: Rhonda Robinson (Longwood Plains CMN) & Sandy MacKenzie (Burnt Creek LG)*

I joined the Nagambie Landcare Group in 2005, when I took over the management of my parent's property at Locksley, Victoria. It had been badly affected by over-stocking and the Millennium Drought, and my husband and I were keen to embark on an ambitious program of protecting remnant trees and re-vegetation, especially along the three watercourses that intersect the property. As well, we felt it was important to establish wildlife corridors and shelterbelts in a strategic plan that would enhance productivity and take advantage of our property's location between the Strathbogie Ranges and the Longwood Plains. As a member of the Nagambie Landcare Group, I participated in courses, including Whole Farm Planning and Box-Ironbark Ecology and contributed to on-going tree planting and weed removal projects. More recently, we have participated in the squirrel glider nesting box program.

Between 2006 and 2013, we committed to 6 re-vegetation projects, taking up 12% of our property. These projects fell within the Longwood Biodiversity Action Project /Goulburn Broken Regional Catchment Strategy. As our projects matured, we hosted a number of community field days and information sessions on our property. In 2011, I joined the Committee of the Longwood Plains Conservation Management Network.



### Sandy MacKenzie

*Hughes Creek Catchment Collaborative*

*Nominated: Neil Devanny (Gecko Clan) & Terry Hubbard (Upper Goulburn LN)*

Born to farming family 1941

UNE BRuralSc 1960-1965

Early staff Marcus Oldham Farm Management College

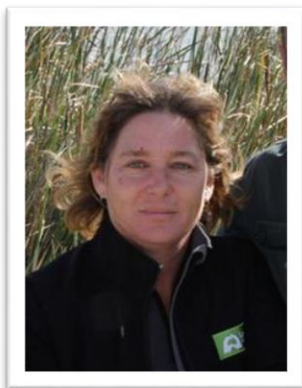
UNE MRuralSc. Aust Wool Board Scholarship

Foundation Principal Orange Agric College (now Charles Sturt Uni) 1972-1975

## Members Council

Federal Member for Calare Central West NSW 1975-1983  
Chair Hse of Reps Standing Committee Environment and Conservatn  
Enquiries - Kakadu (Ranger Uranium waste), Burrup Peninsula (LNG processing) Fraser Island (sandmining), Franklin River (daming), MelbSydBne (hazardous chem eg PCB storage) Antarctica - Casey Base (waste) MacQuarie Island (rabbits & waste), Mawsons Huts (restoration/relocation), Gt Barrier Reef (runoff, acidification, bleaching)  
Farm at Seymour, Fundraising marketing Geelong Grammar Foundation, Macfarlane Burnet Med Res Institute, Austn Council Children & Parenting  
6 yrs Board Goulburn Broken CMA,  
GMWater advisory Committee,  
Campaign for restoration of Lower Darling River below Bourke  
Federal Management Committee National Party of Aust  
8 years as National Secretary followed by 6 yrs Federal Treasurer  
CoM Vic Landcare Council  
Chaired final meeting re merger of FTLA & VLC and establishment of Landcare Victoria Inc.  
Observer with NLN Board in early days of establishment Attended 8 meetings  
Currently NLN Members Council rep Victoria

## Mallee - Professional Landcarer



### Annette Lambert

Born and bred in the Mallee, Annette and her husband Peter farm in the Millewa in the furthest North West of Victoria on my family farm of 3000Ha. The farm predominantly grows cereal and legume crops, and run 2500 head of sheep. " I am third generation farmer in the Mallee area, and I come from a family that believes in sustainable farming practises, protecting and promoting the preservation of local flora and fauna were possible teaching future generations these ideas and practises. I am also one of the co-founders of the Greater Mallee Landcare Group, now in its fourth year. I am Secretary for the Millewa

Carwarp Landcare Group and the Project manager for grants received by the Millewa-Carwarp Landcare Group since 2013. I am a very community minded person, self-driven and passionate about natural environment and improving its health and the state of the environment."

## North Central



### Christine Kilmartin

*Castlemaine Landcare Group*

*Nominated: Christine Brooke (Connecting Country) & Ian Grenda (Maldon Urban LG)*

Christine is President of Castlemaine Landcare Group. She has been part of this urban group for more than 15 years during which she has learned much, forgotten lots

and marvelled at how landcare draws so many people of different skills and shared passion together.

She would like to see the underlying imperative of healthy natural systems better recognized in the approaches of land use planning to the design and operation of cities. She believes that opportunities for urban landcare exist everywhere and that we can dream of, and help deliver, urban living that has net benefits for the ongoing survival of species, including our own. We just have a lot of work to do to get there.

## North Central Professional

### Danny Pettingill

*Loddon Plains Landcare Network*

*Nominated: Christine Kilmartin (Castlemaine LG) & Michael Moore (Loddon Plains LN)*

Danny is a small scale apiarist in Central Victoria and comes to the Landcare community with a background in engineering, theatre design and education. After relocating to Central Victoria, Danny has retrained in natural resource management and environment. In his work he is most interested in the advancement of sustainable relationships between agriculture and land management, focusing on understanding relationships between groundwater hydrogeology, soil health, carbon sequestration and healthy flora and fauna populations to enhance sustainable farming practices and conservation of the environment through improved biodiversity.

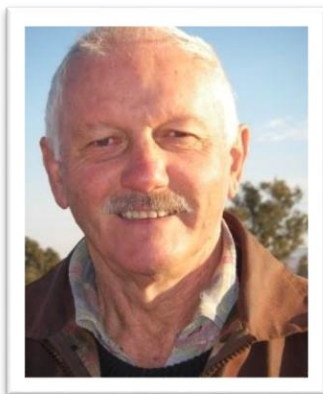






A proud generalist, his interests are broad with his curiosity being drawn to many things, more specific interests include hydrology, native and indigenous pollinators such as bees, wasps and avian species and the role they play within local environments, regenerative farming techniques and indigenous fire management practices.

## North East



### James de Hennin

*Mitta to Murray Blackberry Action Group*

*Nominated: Doris Razeng (Mitta to Murray Blackberry Action Group) & Jane Carney (Ovens Landcare Network)*

Jim de Hennin spent the early years of his life growing up in the Upper Murray on a dairy farm where there was very few invasive flora or fauna species impacting water ways and agricultural land. Seeing the invasion of flora and fauna today has driven his passion for Landcare.

Jim has spent the majority of his working life involved in the agriculture industry, including wool classing and as a sales representative for several companies selling agricultural chemicals for Agchem and fertilizers for Incitec . Today, he and his wife run a vealer and prime lamb enterprise at Talgarno where they are committed to practicing sustainable land use practices.

Jim is an active community member and is currently the Chair of the Mitta to Murray Blackberry Action Group; Chair of the local Wises Creek-Talgarno Landcare Group ,Chair of Lake Hume Land and on water management group, Chair of Towong Shire Hunting Tourism Group and numerous other groups including the CFA; Better Beef Group; Victorian Grasslands Society; Victoria Landcare Incorporated former North East Dry Land Salinity Group. For his contribution to Landcare he was recently awarded the Landcare Executive Committee Service Award 2016 North East Region for 30 years of service to Landcare.

Jim considers his voluntary involvement in Landcare and other community groups as rewarding useful, ongoing , productive and wonderful to have the opportunity to work with and share experiences with positive people.



### Julie Hind

*Wodonga Urban Landcare Network*

*Nominated: Jane Carney (Ovens Landcare Network) & Bob Currie (Wodonga Urban Landcare Network)*

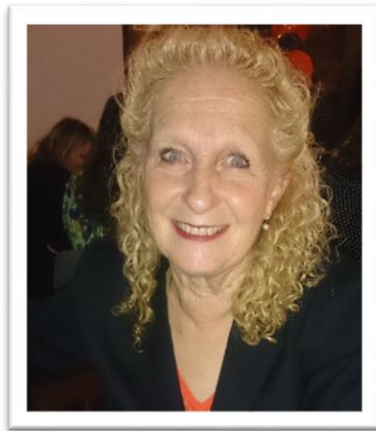
I have been an active Landcarer for 13 years, helping to establish Friends of Willow Park in Wodonga, then the Wodonga Urban Landcare Network (WULN). My work in Landcare draws on my professional skills – strategic planning, program design and implementation, evaluation, facilitation, and policy development. As a former senior public servant, I successfully led the development and implementation of many innovative programs that sought to meet the needs of disadvantaged and vulnerable people. I have managed my own consulting business for 25 years, providing strategic program advice to not-for-profit organisations, and to governments in Australia and in developing countries. Currently, I evaluate international aid programs in Indonesia.

Passionate about protecting public space in our urban area, I have been a strong advocate for community engagement, with a view that our public open spaces are more likely to be protected where (a) there are numerous, enthusiastic stewardship groups led by the community and (b) our public green spaces are used and loved by a wide cross-section of our community.

Community ownership is important to me. As the then chair of Friends of Willow Park, I led a collaborative strategic planning process with the Council to develop a 25-year master plan for the park, which resulted in the first community led master plan in the City of Wodonga. This plan has guided the conservation and development of the park since 2010.

During my last term as president of WULN, I chaired a three-way partnership between WULN, NECMA, and Wodonga Council to achieve the first community-led whole-of-municipality waterway action plan in the North-East of Victoria. The three partners have now committed to an ongoing collaboration to implement this action plan.

As increasing numbers of people become urbanised, strong urban Landcare groups and networks will be critical in helping to: preserve and improve our public open spaces; educate councils, developers, and homeowners about how to protect important ecosystems; re-connect landscape corridors; and connect people with nature for their own health and that of the environment. The face of Landcare is changing – it must if it wishes to stay abreast of increasing urbanisation. The voice of urban Landcare is critical to Landcare's future.



### Rowan Wallace

*Kiewa Catchment Landcare Groups Inc.*

*Nominated: Terry Hubbard (Upper Goulburn LN) & Jane Carney (Ovens Landcare Network)*

My involvement in Landcare began in 1994 when I joined the Kergunyah Landcare Group and became the Kergunyah representative on the Kiewa Catchment Executive.

I enjoy the learning and sharing of ideas that Landcare offers and over the past 20 years I have been actively involved in many Landcare activities, including the release of the calicivirus, testing and distribution of bio controls, dung beetle release and monitoring, Indigenous burning projects, revegetation projects and creating community interest in Landcare.

I became a representative for the North East Region on the Victorian Landcare Council as I believed in the importance of strengthening Landcare's voice and I seek to continue to represent the North East as a delegate on the Landcare Victoria Committee.

## North East - Professional Landcarer

### Alandi Durling

*Mid Ovens Landcare Consortium*

*Nominated: Cecily Fletcher (Mid Ovens Landcare Consortium) & Jayne Carney (Mudgegonga & District Landcare Group)*

Growing up in the North East Alandi has developed a love of the area and community. Obtaining a Bachelor of Applied Science (Agriculture) from Melbourne University in 1999 Alandi worked in Agricultural Research at the Department of Primary Industries Ovens and Rutherglen Research centers. In 2008 she left the Department and has gone onto work as a Project coordinator and Landcare facilitator with several local Landcare groups in the Mid Ovens catchment area. Through this role it has enabled her to develop a better understanding of community groups and the importance they have to the local residents. Alandi enjoys helping Landcare groups build networks to strengthen project outcomes and has worked to develop partnerships with local and state government agencies to improve NRM engagement with community. Alandi is involved in the family farm managing a horse breeding stud and beef cattle enterprise. Apart from working with Landcare groups Alandi has been a board member of the Into







Our Hands Community Foundation (2014-2016) involved in bushfire recovery and grant funding delivery.

## Port Phillip & Westernport



### John Birse

*Northern Yarra Landcare Network*

*Nominated: Evelyn Feller (Chum Creek Landcare Group) & Angie Lloyd (Steels Creek Landcare Group)*

I started my career as a Secondary Commerce Teacher in the Mallee town of Birchip where I learnt the power of country communities and the impact of the environment on everyone's life. After moving to the Yarra Valley I chartered an Apex Club and served 5 years on the Local Council and was elected Shire President in 1985. I have always been interested in how technology can assist business and remote communities gain a better insight into where their money comes from and where it goes and I am keen to see the concept of a "virtual treasurer" part of all Landcare groups. This can be done by taking

advantage of current cloud technology to increase financial transparency and reduce paperwork. I have dedicated my life to building better communities receiving life membership for my work with Apex and recently life membership from the Institute of Certified Bookkeepers for helping to build a profession that has served Australian Business well with the challenge of Covid-19. My wife Julie and I moved to a 5 hectare farm in Dixon's Creek 10 years ago and became involved in Landcare to deal with blackberry infestation after Black Saturday fires.

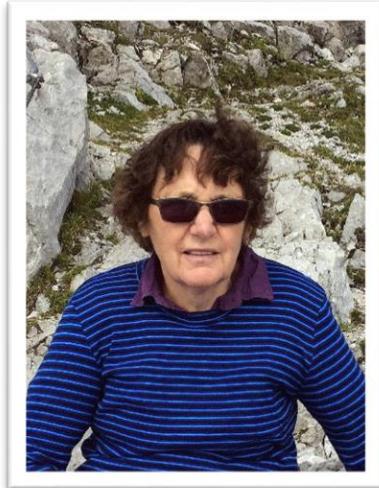
### Ross Colliver

*Riddells Creek Landcare Group*

*Nominated: Christina Cheers (Jacksons Creek EcoNetwork) & Dr Kaye Rodden (Barrabool Hills Landcare Group)*

Ross Colliver is President of Riddells Creek Landcare, and has been a consultant in the NRM sector for 20+ years. His PhD looked at the marginalisation of Landcare in NRM and what can be done about it. He is the organiser of LVI's CLEA project, and a member of A Forum for Democratic Renewal in the Macedon Ranges.





### Robyn Gillespie

*Andersons Creek Catchment Area Landcare Group*

*Nominated: Fritz Uhl (Andersons Creek Catchment Area LG) & Artur Muchow (Middle Yarra LN)*

Robyn Gillespie has been a major contributor to the work of Anderson Creek Catchment Area Landcare Group (ACCA) for 10 years and continues in the role of President as she has since inception. Under her leadership, the organisation has achieved considerable success in meeting its objectives for indigenous land restoration. Over the years we have planted 60,000 grasses and 5,000 shrubs and trees along with associated clearing and weeding.

Robyn is highly regarded and well-connected with organisations associated with Warrandyte regularly contributing to both public and organisational discussion on local indigenous environmental issues pertaining to the Yarra River, tributaries and associated waterways.

She is employed as a Team Leader with local environmental land management business Envirotechniques. In this role she supervises a team of 8-9 staff. Envirotechniques contracts to local Councils, Melbourne Water, National Parks, Landcare Groups and others. Robyn's team provide skilled advice and weeding and planting services to underpin and lead ACCA's limited volunteer team. In this regard, she has been highly effective in reaching out to local community and school groups and attracting occasional volunteering help for ACCA.

### Jim Armstrong

*Western Port Catchment Landcare Network*

*Nominated: Marijke de Bever-Price (Western Port Catchment Landcare Network) & Terry Hubbard (Upper Goulburn Landcare Network)*

My working life involved managing aspects of the family dairy/beef farm at Cann River. In 1990 I promoted the idea of a local Landcare group. During that time until 2004 we ran soil health, tree planting and whole farm mapping programs.

During 2004 we sold the farm and moved to Labertouche and a 60 Hectare property. We planted much of the farm with native trees using direct seeding and some tree stock. Today our farm has been planted out with approx. 20% native trees providing shelterbelts which has inspired our neighbours to do the same.



The follow are some of my achievements over the last 30 years.

- Treasurer of the Cann Valley Landcare for 14 years.
- Representative of the East Gippsland Landcare Network.
- Joined the Labertouche Landcare Group in 2004 and was Vice President for 14 years.
- President of the Western Port Catchment Landcare Network for some years and am still a committee member.

I am a great supporter of Bi-Monthly discussion group meetings run by Peter Ronalds for Landcare Members and I am also an active member of the Baw Baw Food Movement.

## West Gippsland

### Trevor Colvin

*Yarram Yarram Landcare Network*

*Nominated: Helga Binder (Yarram Yarram Landcare Network) & Peter Hill (Yarram Urban Landcare)*

Born in Trentham Trevor moved to Melbourne to gain a marketing diploma from RMIT and embarked on a long career with 'The Age', including five years in south-east Asia, publishing many magazines and directories. He also spent a lot of time in China working directly with the government in Beijing helping the Chinese government set up its first English-language national daily newspaper and launching that paper to the world. In 1995 he also started a specialist publishing software business which continues today.



In 2009 he was the instigator and coordinator of a major Landcare Expo at Caulfield Racecourse designed to inform Melburnians of the important role Landcare plays across the nation.

Trevor started the Wonyip Landcare Group in 2007 and later the Yarram Urban Landcare Group and is a current board member of the Yarram Yarram Landcare Network and also a member of the WGCMA Community Advisory Board.



### Ric Oldham

*Bass Coast Landcare Network*

*Nominated: Peter Devonshire (Latrobe Catchment Landcare Network) & Anna Gloria (Three Creeks Landcare)*

Ric first established his Bass Coast farming roots in Archies Creek in 1978. Ric is an active community member within the Bass Coast as a CFA volunteer, co-founder of the Bass Coast Cycle Challenge and co-organiser the Crush Ice drug and alcohol community information and support program. He has been a member of the Bass Valley Landcare Group since its inception and held the role of president of the group for three terms. As an owner and operator of an Angus beef farm at Archies Creek for the past twenty years, Ric as a hands-on farmer looks to sustainably optimise the agricultural enterprise whilst protecting and enhancing the natural environment for the generations to come.

As a professional civil engineer with a career spanning four decades, Ric has delivered major projects within the public infrastructure, mining, transport and telecommunications sectors throughout Australia, New Zealand, Asia and North America. He is an experienced senior executive, recognised for values driven leadership, developing high performing collaborative teams and delivering exceptional innovative results.

Ric as Chair of the Bass Coast Landcare Network (BCLN) hopes to translate his corporate skills and experience to further support likeminded passionate people within the BCLN doing great things to secure and enhance the natural, social and economic environment of the Bass Coast and the Gippsland regions for generations to come.

Ric believes that within Landcare, we have passionate people tirelessly doing exceptional things for our community. Our Land-carers have a strong sense of belonging, clarity of purpose, commitment and care who are united through our networks that deserve the strong ongoing mindful leadership and support that has been the hallmarks of the member groups and networks for decades.

*"It would be a privilege and honour to join an excellent committee of management within LVI and be part of something powerful, worthwhile and rewarding and continue in the traditions and the well-established foundations already admirably laid".*

## Wimmera – Professional Landcarer



## Jonathan Starks

*Hindmarsh Landcare Network*

*Nominated: Cliff Unger (Hindmarsh LN) & Leanne Jackman (Northern Grampians LG)*

Jonathan Starks is the Hindmarsh Landcare Facilitator hosted by Hindmarsh Landcare Network. He supports the network and its member groups and volunteers to deliver a range of high value projects within Hindmarsh Shire in the northern Wimmera, including the iconic annual Project Hindmarsh planting weekend. Jonathan is one of the leading bird experts in Victoria, having works with BirdLife Australia for 18 years, and supports Landcarers to learn more about the contribution of revegetation to bird populations, and examine what bird populations can reveal about the function of a woodland.

Jonathan lives at Dimboola. He has previously held positions with the Wimmera CMA, co-ordinating bird monitoring projects and assisting with the biodiversity tender and incentive funding programs. He also worked with the Birchip Cropping Group for 8 years as their ecologist, undertaking conservation and sustainable agriculture programs. Prior to taking on the Hindmarsh Landcare Facilitator role Jonathan worked for the Coorong District Council in SA co-ordinating community based re-vegetation projects. In 2007, he accepted a scholarship to undertake a Masters of Environment at Ballarat (now Federation) University to investigated the environmental impacts of the development of the Northern Mallee Pipeline and Wimmera Mallee Pipeline.





### Summary:

Co-Convenors: Patricia Lele & Rowan Wallace

#### 5 positions per region: 4 volunteer plus 1 professional

1)	Corangamite	Kevin O'Connell	21/03/2018
1)	East Gippsland	Dawn Parker	20/04/2018
1)	Goulburn Broken	Sandy MacKenzie	19/03/2018
2)	Goulburn Broken	David Ince	22/03/2018
3)	Goulburn Broken	John Gilson	22/03/2018
4)	Goulburn Broken	Patricia Lele	20/04/2018
1)	Mallee Professional	Annette Lambert	10/07/2019
1)	North Central	Christine Kilmartin	26/05/2019
2)	North Central	John Rowlands	3/09/2020
3)	North Central Professional	Danny Pettingill	1/04/2020
1)	North East	Jim de Hennin	24/04/2020
2)	North East	Rowan Wallace	
3)	North East	Julie Hind	29/04/2020
4)	North East Professional	Alandi Durling	3/05/2020
1)	Port Phillip & Westernport	Ross Colliver	28/05/2019
2)	Port Phillip & Westernport	Robyn Gillespie	6/05/2019
3)	Port Phillip & Westernport	John Birse	26/05/2020
4)	Port Phillip & Westernport	Jim Armstrong	13/11/2020
1)	West Gippsland	Ric Oldham	28/05/2020
2)	West Gippsland	Trevor Colvin	27/04/2020
1)	Wimmera Professional	Jonathan Starks	02/05/2019