



LANDCARE VICTORIA Inc. (LVI)

25 February 2021

Advance notice of Annual General Meeting and call for nominations

The Annual General Meeting of Landcare Victoria Inc. will be held on Friday 21 May 2021. The time and location of the meeting has yet to be finalised, but it will be held during the day, most likely in Bendigo, or a nearby centre.

The purpose of this notice is to call for nominations to vacant Board and Members Council positions and to encourage all Landcare Victoria Inc. members to prepare for the meeting.

Landcare Victoria Member Groups and Professional Landcarers are urged to give careful consideration to nominating suitable candidates for Landcare Victoria Board vacancies. The strength of our association depends on members stepping forward to take leadership roles.

Key Actions for Landcare Victoria members in advance of the AGM

- Ensure that your Member Group is a **financial member** of Landcare Victoria Inc. Non-financial members cannot vote or nominate candidates for election to vacancies.
- **Confirm your voting delegate.** If this is the person registered with Landcare Victoria as the President or Chairperson of your Member Group, you need take no further action. If you wish to appoint another member of your Member Group to cast a vote on your behalf, you must advise Landcare Victoria.
- Ensure your **Professional Landcarers** are listed with your Member Group with Landcare Victoria. If they are not, they will not be able to stand for vacancies or vote.

Call for nominations to the Landcare Victoria Inc. Board

The Landcare Victoria Board comprises a member elected by the members in each of Victoria's 10 catchment management regions and two members elected by Professional Landcarers.

Members are elected for up to a three year term, with approximately one third of positions becoming vacant each year. In 2021, the following Board positions will be declared vacant:

- Regional member for Port Phillip and Western Port
- Regional member for Wimmera
- Regional member for North Central
- Regional member for Glenelg Hopkins
- One Professional Landcarer position

Qualifications for Board Membership

The Landcare Victoria Inc. Rules do not establish any specific qualifications for Board members, other than the requirement to represent their region or Professional Landcarers. However it is important that the Board collectively has all the skills and knowledge required to oversee the business of the Association. Some of the important areas include: a strong knowledge of community landcare in Victoria and networks in the landcare community; knowledge of public policy as it relates to landcare; business acumen and networks that can contribute to the success of LVI; fund raising; insurance; financial management; legal knowledge; environmental management and planning agriculture policy and practice; climate and ecosystem services; and communications and marketing.

Nominations

Nominees for LVI Board roles must be the voting delegate for a Landcare Victoria Member Group, or in the case of the Professional Landcarer position, must be employed for a minimum of 40% FTE (2 days/week) by a Member Group. Catchment region nominees require endorsement from the voting delegates of two other member groups. Landcare Professional nominees require endorsement from two other Landcare Professionals.

Voting

In the event of more than one candidate nominating for a vacant regional position, a postal ballot of Landcare Victoria members will be conducted in the relevant region prior to the AGM, with the result announced at the AGM. In the event of a single nomination being received, that candidate will be declared elected. In the event that no prior nominations are received, nominations will be invited from the floor at the AGM.

The nominated voting delegate of the member group casts the Member Group's vote. The voting delegate is the President or Chairperson of the Member Group, unless Landcare Victoria is advised that the Member Group has selected another person to be the voting delegate.

Professional Landcarers (staff listed as a Professional Landcarer on the group's LVI membership list, including all staff employed for over 40% FTE (2 days) per week by a Member Group) are entitled to cast a vote for the Professional Landcarer vacancy. Nominations are received and voting is conducted on a Statewide basis.

Call for nominations to the Landcare Victoria Inc. Members Council

The Landcare Victoria Members Council comprises four Member Group nominees and one Professional Landcarer from each of the ten catchment regions (50 members in total).

The purpose of the Members Council is to provide a broad base of skilled people who can advise and assist the Committee in the development of, and response to, policy that impacts on Landcare in its broadest terms.

Members Council activities have been curtailed by the COVID epidemic and the LVI Board is committed to ensuring greater activity during 2021.

Members Council members are appointed for up to three years, aligned with the cycle of vacancies on the Board. Members may be re-appointed. There are casual vacancies to be filled in most regions. Landcare Victoria Member Groups and Professional Landcarers are urged to consider nominating for a role on the Members Council.

Members Council nominees may be any individual landcarer registered with LVI as a member of an LVI Member Group. All nominations are required to be endorsed by two voting delegates of LVI member groups, one of whom can be from the nominee's own group.

Members Council members are appointed by the Landcare Victoria Board in the first meeting following the AGM.

Nomination Forms

Nomination forms for both the Landcare Victoria Inc. Board, and the Members Council are available on the Victorian Landcare Gateway at:

Returning Officer

The Returning Officer responsible for the conduct of all Landcare Victoria Inc elections is the Chief Executive Officer.

Questions

Landcare Victoria members with questions relating to the AGM are encouraged to email info@lvi.org.au in the first instance, requesting a telephone call if you wish.

Current Board and Members Council

The current composition of the LVI Board and Members Council is listed below. More detail about members and their background is available on the [Landcare Gateway](#).

LVI Committee of Management – 2020

Position	Name	Region
Chair	Terry Hubbard	Goulburn Broken
Deputy Chair – Operations	Jane Carney	North East
Deputy Chair – Partnerships	Alice Knight	Corangamite
Treasurer	Leanne Jackman	Wimmera*
Secretary	Beth Ripper	West Gippsland
	Jenny Robertson	East Gippsland
	Deborah Shea	Glenelg-Hopkins*
Professional Landcarer	Kerri Robson*	
	Ian Arney	Mallee
	Paul Foreman	North Central*
	Marijke de Bever-Price	Port Phillip & Westernport*
Professional Landcarer	Scott Elliott	

* Position to be declared vacant at 2021 AGM. Existing members may re-nominate.

Member Council Representatives - 2020

Region (and no. of vacant positions)	Name	Position
Corangamite Four vacancies	Kevin O'Connell	
East Gippsland Four vacancies	Dawn Parker	
Goulburn Broken One vacancy	Patricia Lele David Ince John Gilson Sandy MacKenzie	Co-Convenor
Mallee Four vacancies	Annette Lambert	Professional Landcarer
North Central* Five vacancies (due to member rotation policy)	Christine Kilmartin Danny Pettingill John Rowlands	Professional Landcarer
North East One vacancy	Rowan Wallace Alandi Durling Jim de Hennin Julie Hind	Co-Convenor Professional Landcarer
Port Phillip & Westernport* Five vacancies (due to member rotation policy)	Jim Armstrong John Birse Robyn Gillespie Ross Colliver	
West Gippsland Three vacancies	Ric Oldham Trevor Colvin	
Wimmera* Five vacancies (due to member rotation policy)	Jonathan Starks	Professional Landcarer

* Positions in these regions are open for nomination at the 2021 AGM. Existing members may re-nominate.

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