

# LANDCARE VICTORIA Inc. (LVI) Members Council



## 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

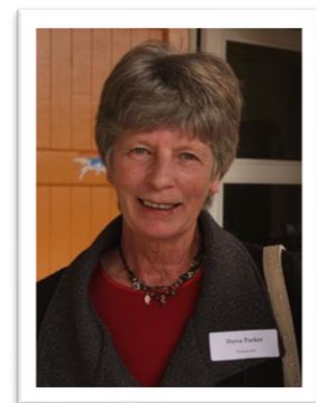
Far East Victoria Landcare

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

Dawn has been an active Landcare member since 1992, originally helping form a group in a 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 Dawn was drawn into the ongoing need to advocate for local resourcing, recognising the importance of the local group support people and the difference they could make in bringing knowledge, contacts and encouragement.

About 10 years ago Dawn helped form the Far East Victoria Landcare network and has maintained the community centred flavour of Landcare. Dawn has enjoyed being secretary then president of the network over those years.



## Glenelg Hopkins

### Lisette Mill Professional Landcarer

Basalt to Bay Landcare Network

Nominated: Tim Bligh (Basalt to Bay Landcare Network) and David Rowbottom (St Helens & District Landcare Group).

Lisette has been a Landcare employee since 2012 and a volunteer for Landcare and taking Landcare actions in her life and work since before Landcare was even given an official name.



Lisette represents Landcare in all her work and is an active leader on the values of communication, collaboration, and innovation.

Her experience in communication, media, project management, conservation, indigenous facilitation, and land management is extensive, but is here to represent paid facilitator staff in her area (Glenelg Hopkins).

Lisette believes the multiple expectations of volunteer employers, members, government, funders, and community is a big load for most facilitators and that we are all managing the best we can. Since the review of the Landcare Facilitator Program, Lisette believes facilitators need more support and more awareness of their work to contribute to Landcare goals at State, LVI, and national level. Lisette wants to help the GHCMA board representative to represent staff concerns fed directly from staff.

## Goulburn-Broken



### Patricia Lele

Longwood Plains Conservation Management Network

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

Patricia joined the Nagambie Landcare Group in 2005, when she 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 Patricia and her husband my husband were keen to embark on an ambitious program of protecting remnant trees and re-vegetation, especially along the three watercourses that intersect the property. They also felt it was important to establish wildlife corridors and shelterbelts in a strategic plan that would enhance productivity and take advantage of their property's location between the Strathbogrie Ranges and the Longwood Plains.

As a member of the Nagambie Landcare Group, Patricia participated in courses, including Whole Farm Planning and Box-Ironbark Ecology and contributed to on-going tree planting and weed removal projects. More recently, has participated in the squirrel glider nesting box program.

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

## John Gilson

Up2Us Landcare Alliance

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

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



John is also President of the Up2Us Landcare Alliance (network) and chair the Goulburn Broken Catchment Community NRM Chairs meetings. He has also been a Delegate of VLC for a number of years.

John and his wife Trish own a rural property in Mansfield on where they breed cattle and have been improving for nearly 20 years. The property is occasionally used for Landcare field days.



## 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
- 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



### Annette Lambert Professional Landcarer

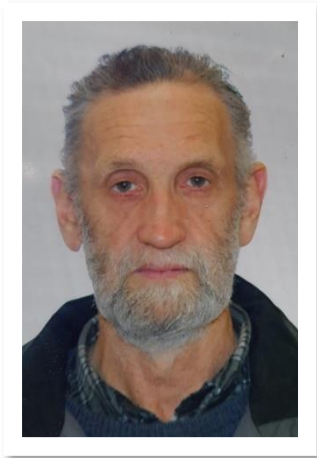
Millewa Carwarp Landcare Group

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.

Annette is a third-generation farmer in the Mallee area and comes 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.

Annette is also one of the co-founders of the Greater Mallee Landcare Group, now in its fourth year. She is Secretary for the Millewa Carwarp Landcare Group and the Project manager for grants received by the Millewa-Carwarp Landcare Group since 2013. Annette is a very community minded person, self-driven and passionate about natural environment and improving its health and the state of the environment.

## North Central



### John Rowlands

Ullina Landcare Group

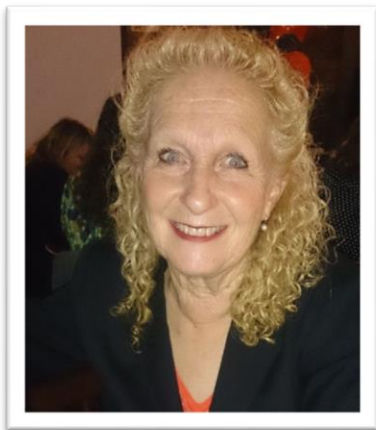
Nominated: Helen Galloway (Upper Loddon & Avoca Landcare Network), Lyle Weatherson (Ullina Landcare Group)

John resides in the Smeaton district which is part of the Ullina Landcare Group, a member of the Upper Loddon and Avoca Landcare Network, he has active roles in both the Group and the Network.

John joined Landcare when Ullina formed in 1994 and has been an active member since. John is keen to participate in the

Members Council to represent the interests of the Network's 11 member groups and to share knowledge from interaction with the Members Council. John and his partner operate a farm with special interests in revegetation, regenerative agriculture and biodiversity.

## North East



### Rowan Wallace

Kiewa Catchment Landcare Groups Inc.

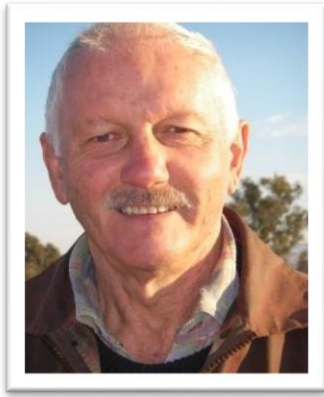
Nominated: Terry Hubbard (Upper Goulburn LN) & Jane Carney (Ovens Landcare Network)

Rowan's involvement in Landcare began in 1994 when she joined the Kergunyah Landcare Group and became the Kergunyah representative on the Kiewa Catchment Executive.

Rowan enjoys the learning and sharing of ideas that Landcare offers and over the past 20 years she has 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.

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





## Jim 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)

Julie has been an active Landcarer for 13 years, helping to establish Friends of Willow Park in Wodonga, then the Wodonga Urban Landcare Network (WULN).

Her work in Landcare draws on her professional skills – strategic planning, program design and implementation, evaluation, facilitation, and policy development. As a former senior public servant, Julie successfully led the development and implementation of many innovative programs that sought to meet the needs of disadvantaged and vulnerable people. Julie has managed her 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, Julie has 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 Julie. As the then chair of Friends of Willow Park, she 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 her last term as president of WULN, Julie 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.

## Alandi Durling Professional Landcarer

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, Alandi 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. The role 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. 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

### Ross Colliver

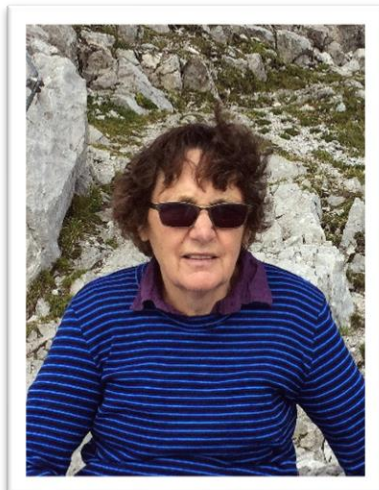
Riddells Creek Landcare Group

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.

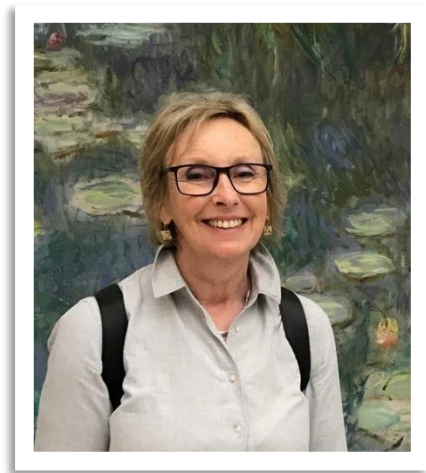
Robyn's team provide skilled advice and weeding and planting services to underpin and lead ACCA's limited volunteer team. In this regard, she has been highly effective in reaching out to local community and school groups and attracting occasional volunteering help for ACCA.

## Susan Anderson

Bunyip Landcare Group  
Nominated: Mark Hocking (Friends of Mt Cannibal Inc.)  
Gerard Cunningham (Cannibal Creek Catchment  
Landcare Group Inc.)

A beef farmer in Bunyip for over 30 years, Susan is a founding and life member of Bunyip Landcare Group and has served as a committee member of the Western Port Catchment Landcare Network.

Susan has been a board member of PPWCMA since 2015 and is currently Deputy Chair and holds qualifications in Conservation and Land Management.



Since 2017, Susan has been a member of the Longwarry/Koo Wee Rup Flood Protection District Advisory Committee. As president of Bunyip Landcare, she has driven recognition of local Southern Brown Bandicoot populations, engagement with Wurundjeri and Bunurong peoples, and Gardens for Wildlife participation. Most recently, Bunyip Landcare instigated a collaboration with Cardinia Shire, WPCLN and PPWCMA to review shelterbelt design for climate change, and draft guidelines will soon be available for public comment.

In 2019, Susan was a volunteer coordinator of the BlazeAid response to the Bunyip Complex Fires and recognises the increasing effects of climate change on agriculture, communities and biodiversity.



## Jim Armstrong

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

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

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

Some of Jim's achievements over the last 30 years include:

- 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.

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

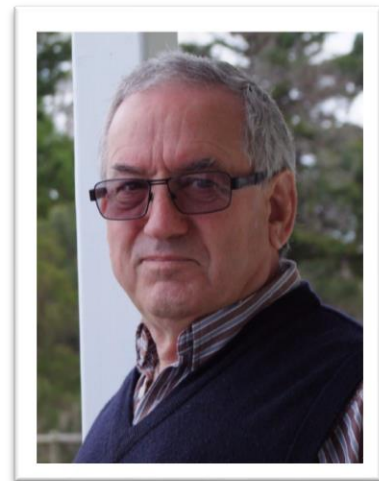
## West Gippsland

### 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 (currently no members)

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