



## LVI Chair



### **David Clark** (Glenelg Hopkins)

*Upper Mount Emu Creek Landcare Network Inc.*

*Nominated: Terry Hubbard (Upper Goulburn LN) & Alice Knight (Pittong LG)*

David is an inaugural member and past Chair of the North Central CMA Board, a member of the Victorian Catchment Management Council, and has been a Board Member at Conservation Volunteers since 1984. He is also currently a Pyrenees Shire Mayor, having previously served as councillor from 1996-2004, and as Mayor in 2003-04 and 2009-10. David has qualifications in agriculture and rural development and is the self-employed owner/manager of a 500 hectare farm in central Victoria and project manager for several landcare groups. David completed the Williamson Community Leadership Program in 1992, a Churchill Fellowship in 1994 and the Australian Rural Leadership program in 1997.

## LVI Vice Chair – Operations & Services

### **Christine Brooke** (North Central)

*Connecting Country Inc.*

*Nominated: Bonnie Humphreys (Harcourt Valley LG) & Craig Hammersley (Golden Point LG)*

Christine and her husband, John, have a beef fattening property at Faraday. Prior to moving to Faraday they ran an irrigated beef, cropping and walnut property at Pyramid Hill.

Christine was a founder member of the Loddonvale Landcare Group, a forerunner to the Loddon Plains Landcare Network. Christine is a former board member and Deputy Chair of North Central CMA and has served as a Councillor and Mayor at Loddon Shire, as well as Board member and Chair of the Goldfields Library Corporation. Christine is currently the secretary of the Sutton Grange Landcare Group and member of the Connecting Country Committee of Management. Connecting Country is a landcare network





for the Mount Alexander Shire. Christine represented Connecting Country at the recent DELWP Biodiversity Response Planning Workshops.

She is also a committee member of the Faraday Community Association

## LVI Treasurer



### **Leanne Jackman** (Wimmera)

*Northern Grampians Landcare Group*

*Nominated: John Pye (Stawell Urban LG) & Paul Harrington (Crowlands – Warrak LG)*

Leanne Jackman farms bio-dynamically with her husband Peter at Dadswells Bridge. The farming property shares a boundary with the Grampians National Park, and also links with Ledcourt State Forest. They farm sheep and beef cattle, with a strong focus on sustainable farming practises. They have fenced water ways, remnant vegetation and created wildlife corridors and tree plantations. Leanne is a long term member of the Northern Grampians Landcare Group, and a member of the Project Platypus Board since 2008. She has enjoyed involvement with the Victorian Landcare Council and the Advisory Committee for the Wimmera Catchment Management Authority over the past few years.

## LVI Secretary

### **Beth Ripper** (West Gippsland)

*Avon Landcare Group*

*Nominated: Judy Traill, Maffra & Districts Landcare Network, and Ian Ripper, Stratford & District Farmcheque Group*

Born on a dairy farm near Stratford, Beth studied and worked in education and the arts in Melbourne, before returning to Stratford, where she is an active participant in many community groups. She is an enthusiastic promoter of community networks, from local to global





alliances including Landcare, Stratfords of the world sister cities and Wellington Shire and City of Yarra country/city friendship alliance.

An artist, community singer, organic gardener, WOOF (Willing Worker on Organic Farms) host, small business owner and community project worker, she also is a member the Boards of Maffra and District Landcare Network and The Gippsland Plains Railtrail. Beth is an active member of the Avon Landcare Group, the Wellington Sustainability group and served two terms as an elected Wellington Shire councillor – including one term as Mayor. With a strong commitment to active citizenship Beth is the founding coordinator of the Segue Community Hub and Arts Cafe - Stratford's Neighbourhood House.

## Corangamite



### Dr Kaye Rodden

*Barrabool Hills Landcare Group*

*Nominated by Peter Stray (Geelong Landcare Network) & Peter Greig (Upper Barwon Landcare Network)*

Kaye grew up on a beef cattle farm in the Yarra Valley and now farms sheep with her husband on a property west of Geelong, on the Barwon River. Kaye is a founding member of Barrabool Hills Landcare Group, and is currently their President. She is a member of the Geelong Landcare Network Committee of

Management. She was a Corangamite delegate on the Victorian

Landcare Council for 7 years, until its merger with the FTLA and is the current Deputy Chair for Advocacy and Partnerships for Landcare Victoria Inc. She is also Landcare Victoria Inc.'s nominee for the Board of the National Landcare Network. She spent nine years as a Board Member of the Corangamite Catchment Management Authority, retiring in 2009.

Kaye was awarded a doctorate for her research into trace element nutrition of sheep and holds an honours degree in Agricultural Science, a Diploma of Education and a Master Tree Grower Certificate.



## East Gippsland

### Jenny Robertson

*Bengworden Landcare Group*

*Nominated: Pamela Williams-Wright, Raymond Island Landcare Group, and Peter Reefman, East Gippsland Landcare Network*

My husband and I have a 1000 hectare Merino sheep grazing enterprise very close to the Gippsland Lakes near Bairnsdale. I am a passionate advocate for Landcare to be across the whole of the landscape, not just in shelter belts and riparian zones. I would like to see a lot more done at all levels, to design policies that motivate farmers to see the benefits of focusing on how they manage their grazing, with the flow on benefits to their soils, finances and lifestyle. To more completely understand how they can improve their soils, through building their carbon levels. This then has a public benefit as well, as the more carbon we store in our soils, the more carbon dioxide can be captured without resorting to expensive risky carbon capture technology.

## Goulburn Broken

### Terry Hubbard

*Upper Goulburn Landcare Network*

*Nominated: Susan King (Strath Creek Landcare Group), & Ron Litjens, (Yea River Catchment Landcare Group)*

After a varied working life in the Victorian Public Service, in Papua New Guinea, in Local Government and then in private enterprise Terry moved from the Yarra Valley to Flowerdale in the early 1990s where he and Janet farm sheep and cattle on their property, The Three Sisters.

Thus began Terry's interest in restoring a run-down, weed infested and severely eroded property. In collaboration with the Goulburn Broken CMA most of the waterways on the property have now been fenced out, thousands of trees and understory planted and subdivisional fences built to better manage stock.

Terry is the immediate Past President of the Strath Creek Landcare Group, President of the Upper Goulburn Landcare Network, positions held for over 15 years, is currently the Chair of Landcare





Victoria Inc., Immediate Past Chair of the National Landcare Network (the peak body representing the interests of Landcarers across the nation currently involved in merger discussions with Landcare Australia aimed at producing a single, united voice for Landcare at the National level). Terry serves on a number of Advisory Committees Including the Riparian Advisory Forum, the Landcare Community Reference Group and the Victorian Blackberry Taskforce.

His keen interest in water quality drives the partnership of the Strath Creek Landcare Group and the GBCMA in their endeavours to install riparian fencing and restore creekside native vegetation.

Terry was awarded the medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in the 2016 Queen's Birthday Honours list for services to conservation and the environment. More recently Terry received the prestigious Joan Kirner Award at the 2017 Victorian Landcare Awards for services to Landcare.

## Mallee

### Ian Arney

*Millewa Carwarp Landcare Group*

*Nominated: Terry Hubbard (Upper Goulburn Landcare Network & Susan King (Strath Creek Landcare Group),*

## North East



### Jane Carney

*Mudgegonga & District Landcare Group*

*Nominated: Bonnie Humphreys (Ovens LN) & Dr Kaye Rodden (Barrabool Hills LG)*

I am a beef producer from Rosewhite in NE Victoria and am originally from Finley, NSW where I was raised on an intensive mixed farming operation. I have considerable experience in the farm service sector and in regional agribusiness development with qualifications in Agribusiness and Project Management. I am presently completing my final year of a Masters of Agribusiness with a research focus in Innovation and Climate Adaptation. I believe that farmers as land stewards have a responsibility to the community to farm sustainably and in doing so, have an opportunity to be part of the solution for climate change.



Leadership and Community Activities (recent).

- 2015 graduate of the Alpine Valley's Community Leadership Program (AVCLP)
- Farmers for Climate Action Fellow
- Mudgegonga Landcare Committee - Executive
- Ovens Landcare Network Committee - VLC representative
- Past Board member for the North East Catchment Management Authority (NECMA)



## Port Phillip & Westernport **Marijke de Bever-Price**

*Western Port Catchment Landcare Network*

*Nominated by Gerard Cunningham (Cannibal Creek CLG) & Brian Morphet (Jindivick LG)*

Since beginning her Landcare Journey in 2012 Marijke has been lucky enough to meet environmentally passionate individuals who have and continue to inspire her to fulfil her own passion, which is to make a difference to a landscape very different from that in which she was born and left, at a very young age.

Helping different communities to achieve goals has always been an interest of hers, whether as an Outdoor Educator in teaching, a Girl Guide Leader, running an Adventure Therapy business or just venturing in the outdoors with her children and grandchildren.

In a short period of time she has learnt a great deal about the Landcare movement and community as well as the extensive body of knowledge that exists within it. She has done so as a Jindivick Landcare President, Westernport Catchment Landcare Network Secretary and over the past 5 years as president. What motivates her most about this involvement is that Landcare's very gradual restoration work does in some way mitigate the ongoing environmental degradation she sees occurring locally and more broadly, nationally.

She enjoys her association with people from all walks of life but particularly when surrounded by people that care about the same things as she does. On waking she does so knowing that she is doing what she loves, which is important to her as she is impacting on society in a positive way. She believes that in everyday there is an opportunity to make a difference for the future.



## Professional Landcarers

### **Asha Benham-Bannon**

*Connecting Country*

*Nominated: Bonnie Humphreys (Harcourt Valley LG) & Craig Hammersley (Golden Point LG)*

Asha is a local to Castlemaine in central Victoria with a particular interest in wildlife conservation and community engagement. After completing a Bachelor of Environmental Science at Deakin she moved back to Mount Alexander Shire in order to study the local bird communities. Her Honours project focused on the relationships between birds and time-since-fire in Box-Ironbark ecosystems. Since 2016, Asha has been working for not-for-profit community-driven organisation Connecting Country as the Landcare Facilitator for the Mount Alexander Region Landcare Network. She is a strong believer in the power of community groups when it comes to land management and conservation, and loves working with and supporting local Landcare Groups.

### **Kerri Robson**

*Gecko Clan*

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



My background is Marketing and the Dental Industry where I worked as a product manager within Australia and Overseas. I am now farming 650 acres and run a commercial Angus herd with a focus on selling breeding cattle to the export markets and developing other markets for our stock. We have a strong focus on improving our farm to leave the landscape in a better condition for the future farmers.

I have been employed as the Gecko Clan Network Project Officer for the past 8 years. My role is working and supporting 20 Landcare groups stretching from Yarrawonga to the Strathbogies and across to Nagambie. Check out [www.geckoclan.com.au](http://www.geckoclan.com.au) for an overview of our projects and commitment.

I work closely with the Landcare groups to deliver a range of projects on the theme of sustainable agriculture, biodiversity, community engagement and emergency response. Of

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particular importance is to listen to and wherever possible respond to what the local community needs.

The Gecko Clan is proudly independent but enjoys a strong working relationships with Local, State and Federal Government, Catchment Management Authority and other community organizations.