



## Corangamite



### Alice Knight

*Pittong Landcare Group*

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

Alice together with her brother Kevin run a farming property at Pittong. They are both very passionate about Landcare and have been keen leaders in the Woody Yaloak catchment group.

Alice and Kevin have won the McKell medal now the Bob Hawke award for best farming practice and encouraging others to participate in Landcare and Alice was last year's recipient of the Joan Kirner award.

Alice is very keen to see Landcare move forward with a new vision to support landowners participation and investment on the ground.

## Geoff Anson

*Barrabool Hills Landcare Group*

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

I joined the Barrabool Hills Landcare Group when my wife Joan and I established our vineyard in the Barrabool Hills in 1998. I have been a member of our Executive since 2013 and a representative on the Geelong Landcare Network since 2014. I have been particularly focussed on improving member communications through the editorship of our Landcare newsletter and development of social media outlets.



I am currently focussing on developing GIS systems for our Group and the Network to improve our understanding of our landscapes, to help individual landowners with the management of their land and for our Group to undertake better landscape scale planning and prepare funding bids.

I am a member of the Otway Agroforestry Network and have completed their Master Tree Grower program. Joan and I have been continuously working to improve the biodiversity and sustainability of our property through fencing of indigenous vegetation, major revegetation projects to reintroduce properly integrated ecosystems and the growing of rare indigenous Barrabool Hills flora for seed collection. In an ongoing partnership with Gordon TAFE the college uses our property as an integral part of their field work for their environmental management courses.



My work career involved working with all levels of government on strategic transport and land use matters, including 6 years as Director, Strategy Development in the Victorian Department of Infrastructure and then running my own consultancy for 10 years. I can contribute my skills in strategic thinking, interacting with governments, communications and program implementation to Landcare issues.



### 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.

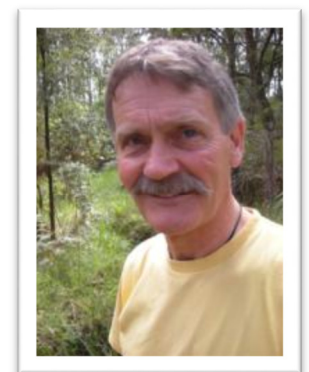
### Malcolm Gardiner

*Land & Water Resources, Otway Catchment (Group)*

*Nominated: Jim Mason (Bellarine LG) & Ian Leslie (Barongarook LG)*

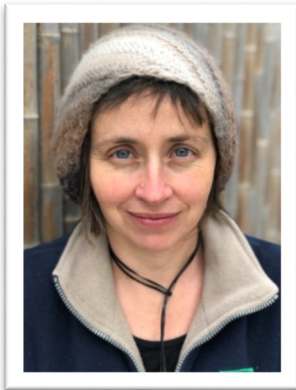
Kay and I have lived at KAWARREN in the Gellibrand River Catchment on our farm since 1972.

I was teaching in Colac for 50 odd years and have always been very environmentally conscious. I have a reasonable knowledge of Actual Acid Sulfate Soils; been involved in river restoration in the area; constructed and placed Blackfish boxes in our streams for breeding purposes; have a sound working understanding of groundwater extraction issues in the area; been actively involved in determining the reasons for a 30 km fish kill down the Barwon River and believe that the Landcare objectives for land management require continued support and implementation.





## Corangamite Professional Landcarer



### Libby Riches

*Southern Otway Landcare Network*

*Nominated: Kevin O'Connell (Southern Otway LN) & Peter Greig (Upper Barwon LN)*

Libby Riches has worked for the Southern Otway Landcare Network in Apollo Bay for 7 years and is currently the Network Manager. Libby has a PhD in archaeology and has worked as a native title and heritage consultant for the Victorian State Government and in private consultancy. Libby is passionate about localized decision making and believes that Landcare provides unique opportunities to support community empowerment and action. She is heavily involved in the local community in Apollo Bay where she is a member of the board of the Otway Coast Committee, producer of the WinterWild Arts Festival and secretary of the Apollo Bay Kendo Club.

## 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.



## Members Council - Candidate Information

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.



### 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

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 estab of Landcare Vic Ltd

Observer with NLN Board in early days of establishment Attended 8 meetings

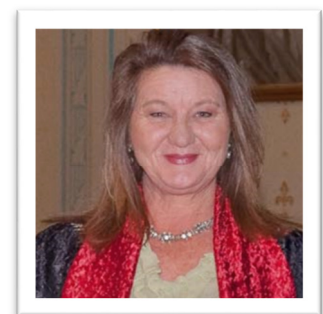
Currently NLN Members Council rep Victoria

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### Sandii Lewis

*Manangatang Landcare Group*

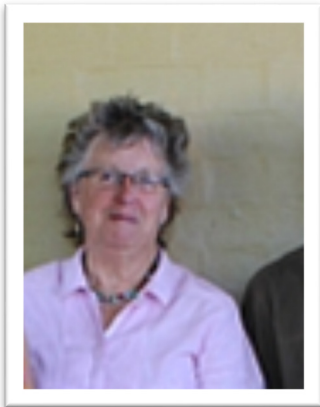
*Nominated: Hayden Grant (Managatang LG) & Kaye Rodden (Barrabool Hills LG)*



I have been involved in conservation and Landcare for over 13 years, in a variety of roles including Green Corps Team Leader, National Green Jobs Corps Team Leader, Coordinator of Native Seedbank, President of Sustainability group, landcare group member and Local Landcare Facilitator. I am passionate about leaving the landscape in a better condition than I found it.



## North Central



### **Christine Kilmartin**

*Castlemaine Landcare Group*

*Nominated: Ian Grenda (Maldon Urban LG) & Frances Cincotta (Newstead LG)*

Joined Navarre Landcare in 2000 and Castlemaine Landcare Group in 2003. Has been President of CLG for about a decade, being an active but sometimes reluctant part of the landcare transition in governance. Has ensured that the group's incorporation gives recognition to the role and value of non-member volunteers and also to the need to ensure electronic decision making is available to busy committee members. Has also helped manage the role of urban landcare as a balance between environmental achievement and community interests.

Worked for the last 18 years in a research and policy support role in State Government, managing teams involved with sustainability and broader urban planning. Left work in Melbourne in February 2018 to use time differently, particularly on landcare.

### **Michael Mason**

*McCallums Creek Landcare Group*

*Nominated: Helen Galloway (Upper Loddon & Avoca LN) & David Dowie (Moolort LG)*

My time with Landcare type projects started in my first year out at Hamilton Tech . My science classes collected red gum seeds from the Wannon river grew and then replanted .Some 40 plus years later I am told they are doing very well . More than can be said for the tech ! The next 40 years have seen me involved in many projects of a similar nature .



I am now living in Avoca and also have land in Talbot so I am chairman of McCallums creek Landcare ,a member of Avoca Landcare and now vice chair of our network committee.

I am a stonemason and still working full time as well as renovating a factory where I live.



## Phil Burnie



Clunes Landcare & Waterways Group  
*Nominated: Christine Brooke (Connecting Country) & John Walter (Malmsbury District LG)*

Phil is a 67 y.o. retired gentleman with 45 years' experience in sales, trade and commerce. Phil has a love for the environment, music and the arts and has been the Chair of Clunes Landcare and Waterways group for the past 4 years. Phil is a Vietnam Vet, a member of the local R.S.L. and a board member and logistics manager for Creative Clunes Inc (Booktown, Clunes Ceramic Awards, Booktown on Sunday and Words in Winter).

## North Central Professional

### Kevin Spence

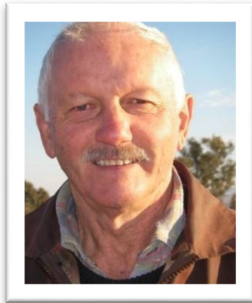
*Buloke & Northern Grampians Landcare Network*  
*Nominated: Christine Brooke (Connecting Country (Mount Alexander Region) & Bonnie Humphreys (Harcourt Valley LG)*

Kevin has been the Buloke and Northern Grampians Landcare Network's facilitator and executive officer since 2002, except for a period between 2013-15 when he worked as the Sustainable Living Project Officer with Northern Grampians Shire. However, during this time, he continued his involvement with the Network in the role of Secretary. He is also Secretary his local Landcare group, Stuart Mill, of which he has been a member since 1996. Kevin embraces the very broad church that Landcare has become but doesn't lose sight of the fact that it began with a farming focus, looking to bring land managers together to work on common problems across fence lines. This is particularly important in this region where land use is dominated by agriculture. He also has a very holistic view of Landcare in that it is not limited to the environment or to natural resource management but can include multiple benefits that have social, community health and economic aspects and arise from an engaged, linked, skilled and aware community. He has a passion for the sustainability and resilience of socio-ecological systems.





## North East



### **James de Hennin**

*Mitta to Murray Blackberry Action Group*

*Nominated: Doris Razeng (Mitta to Murray Blackberry Action Group) & Terry Hubbard (Upper Goulburn LN)*

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 Talgaro 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 Wisers Creek-Talgaro 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.

### **Rowan Wallace**

*Kiewa Catchment Landcare Groups Inc.*

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

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





## Members Council - Candidate Information

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: Anthony Griffiths (Ovens LN) & Jane Carney (Mudgegonga LG)*

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

### 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.

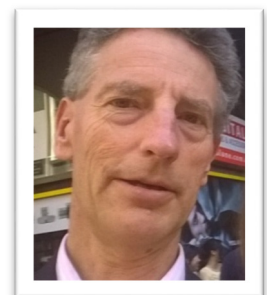
Robyn is highly regarded and well-connected with organisations associated with Warrandyte regularly contributing to both public and organisational discussion on local indigenous environmental issues pertaining to the Yarra River, tributaries and associated waterways.

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.

### Ross Colliver

*Riddells Creek Landcare Group*

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



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.



## West Gippsland



### **Beth Ripper**

*Avon Landcare Group*

*Nominated: Mike Haughton (Neerim & District LG) & Judy Traill (Maffra & Districts LN)*

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 currently chairs the Segue Community Hub and Arts Café in Stratford.

### **Ric Oldham**

*Bass Coast Landcare Network*

*Nominated: Anna Gloria (Three Creeks LG) & Kellie Nichols (Phillip Island Landcare Inc)*

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



## Members Council - Candidate Information



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".*



### Summary:

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

1)	Corangamite	Geoff Anson	16/03/2018
2)	Corangamite	Alice Knight, OAM	19/03/2018
3)	Corangamite	Kevin O'Connell	21/03/2018
4)	Corangamite	Malcolm Gardiner	22/03/2018
5)	Corangamite Professional	Libby Riches	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	Sandii Lewis	23/04/2018
1)	North Central	Christine Kilmartin	20/03/2018
2)	North Central	Michael Mason	22/03/2018
3)	North Central	Phil Burnie	4/05/2018
4)	North Central Professional	Kevin Spence	18/04/2018
1)	North East	James de Hennin	22/03/2018
2)	North East	Rowan Wallace	22/03/2018
3)	North East	Alandi Durling	9/05/2018
1)	Port Phillip & Westernport	Ross Colliver	21/03/2018
2)	Port Phillip & Westernport	Robyn Gillespie	22/03/2018
1)	West Gippsland	Beth Ripper	16/03/2018
2)	West Gippsland	Ric Oldham	21/03/2018