

Corangamite



Dr Kaye Rodden

Barrabool Hills Landcare Group

Nominated Maxine Campbell (Geelong LN) & Peter Greig (Upper Barwon LN)

Kaye grew up on a farm in the Yarra Valley and now farms sheep with her husband on a property west of Geelong, on the Barwon River. She has been involved in landcare and natural resource management for over 30 years. Kaye is a founding member of Barrabool Hills Landcare Group and is its current President, and she has also spent nine years as a Board Member of the Corangamite

Catchment Management Authority, retiring in 2009.

She was appointed to represent Corangamite on the Victorian Landcare Council in 2010, and served as its Executive Secretary for 5 years. She has been a Deputy Chair of Landcare Victoria Inc. since 2017 and is one of three Victorian delegates on the National Landcare Network's Members Council. 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

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.

Glenelg Hopkins



David Clark

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.

Goulburn Broken

Terry Hubbard

Upper Goulburn Landcare Network

*Nominated: Richard Evans (Cathedral LG) & Rita Seethaler
(Murrindindi Climate Network Inc.)*



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.

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Vacant



North Central

Christine Brooke

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

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

Alan Morton

Pentland Hills Landcare Group Inc.

Nominated: Dr Kaye Rodden (Barrabool Hills LG) & Alice Knight (Pittong LG)

Alan and his wife Roberta have been landholders in the Bacchus Marsh area since 1982.

Since the very early days of Landcare they have been involved with the Pentland Hills Landcare Group Inc.

Alan became a committee member in 2000 and subsequently has held the offices of treasurer, secretary and president. He has also been involved with Moorabool Landcare Network since its inception some 8 years ago. During this time he has been involved production of the group newsletter and general promotion activities such as field days, expos and attending PPWCMA workshops and Knowledge Banquets. He attended the last National Landcare Conference and represented the Victorian Serrated Tussock Working Party on a combined stand with the VBT, VGT and VRAN.

Currently he is a Community Representative on the Victorian Serrated Tussock Working Party and the PPWCMA landscape management group Grow West.





Wimmera

Leanne Jackman

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.

West Gippsland

Mike Haughton

Neerim & District Landcare Group

Nominated: Ian Hill (Springsure Hill LG) & Charlie Pinch (Tanjil Valley LG)

Involved in Landcare since 2000.

Became Secretary of Neerim District Landcare Group in 2001.

Held the roles of President or Secretary at NDLG for almost 16 years.

Relocated to Willow Grove in 2016, and recently joined the Tanjil Valley Landcare Group.

Also, a member of Swifts Creek-Ensay Landcare Group, as an owner of property in the area.

Became a Board member (and Treasurer) in 2004 for Lake Wellington Landcare Network (now Latrobe Catchment Landcare Network).





Served on the West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority Board from 2012-2015.

Committee of Management member for the former Victorian Landcare Council and, since the merger, has been LVI's Secretary and Chair of the Communications Sub-committee.

Other office bearer positions in community organisations include: founding President of the Friends of Glen Nayook, Chair of the Neerim South Wetland Project Working Group (which developed a \$1m community wetland and recreation precinct in Neerim South), chair of the Tarago Catchment Sustainable Farms Project, Board member for the Westernport Catchment Landcare Network, Chair of the Neerim South Recreation Reserve Committee of Management, and Treasurer of the Neerim District Development Association.

Awards for service to the environment and community: Lake Wellington Landcare Network 'Best and Fairest' Award, Baw Baw Shire Australia Day

Award, and honoured with a Green Carpet award at the 2017 West Gippsland CMA's celebration of 30 years of landcare in the region.

Mike's underlying commitment is to *"work with the community to leave this place in a better state for future generations"*.

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 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 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.