

17th May 2019

Hon Bob Hawke AC

In partnership with the rest of the Australian Community, Community Landcare across Australia through its peak body, the National Landcare Network, commemorates and celebrates the work of Bob Hawke in launching and supporting over the years the Landcare Movement. We know he was proud of the community movement that Landcare has become, springing from a national government initiative in 1989.

It is a sign of his vision and human touch that Bob Hawke possessed that in launching the Decade of Landcare in 1989, he said;

When the earth is spoiled, humanity and all living things are diminished. We have taken too much from the earth and given back too little. It's time to say enough is enough. Today's announcements won't solve everything. But with the right mix of political commitment and community support we can ensure that our country is simply the best in the world. This is our country, our future.

- Bob Hawke launching the 'Decade of Landcare', 20 July 1989

The existence of the today's flourishing and growing Landcare movement from Darwin to Dover, from Nannup to Narrabeen, is testimony to the wisdom of those words. Today Community Landcare reflects, celebrates and resolves to redouble our efforts in Bob's honour and memory.

Vale Bob!

Peter Bridgewater

Chair, NLN