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Great Celebration of Landcare Champions

The Stanley Town Hall was at capacity for the recent 2011 TAS Landcare Awards, featuring fantastic people, local produce and of course award winning landcarers.

The biennial awards ceremony celebrated individuals and projects that have made significant contributions to communities right around Tasmania.

Tasmanian Landcare Association's Executive Officer, Margie Jenkin, said all nominees and winners should be incredibly proud of the impact they have made protecting natural resources.

"The high calibre of nominees and winners demonstrates the dedication and enthusiasm of the Landcare community and the essential contribution it makes in Tasmania," she said.

The winners in each category represent the diverse work that the Landcare movement is involved in with activities ranging from sustainable farming practices to rehabilitation of coastal sites.

"People involved in community Landcare are



2011 Landcare Award Winners – Back Row: Marty Bower, Anna Wind, Gwen Egg, Jenny Knox (Landcare Australia)
Middle Row: John and Vicki Lilloco, Conrad Daniels on behalf of John and Sue Wardle, Sonya Stallbaum, Graeme Stevenson
Stuart Pengelly on behalf of Friends of Adventure Bay
Front Row: Jera Bester, Gwendolyn Adams on behalf of Youngtown Primary School, Robin Garnett

often very humble – they are not motivated by honours or accolades. Their rewards are in the local, on-ground change they see through their actions, but their efforts and achievements are worthy of celebration.

"I would like to extend our appreciation to every person quietly pulling weeds, planting trees, erecting fences – protecting habitat, restoring coastlines and improving farming practices – everyday across Tasmania.

"We value the contribution of everyone and congratulate them on the difference they are all making to their local patch and their community."

All winners will be finalists for their respective categories at the 2012 National Landcare Awards to be held in Sydney next year and we wish them the very best of luck.



Winners of the 2011 TAS Landcare Awards



Landcare Awards handcrafted by local glass artist Graham Mace.

- Australian Government Individual Landcarer Award**
– Gwen Egg
- Australian Government Innovation in Sustainable Farm Practices Award** – John and Vicki Lillico
- Australian Government Local Landcare Facilitator/Coordinator Award** – Graeme Stevenson
- Australian Government Natural Resource Management Award** – Cradle Coast NRM
- Australian Government Coastcare Award** – Rubicon Coast and Landcare Group
- Local Government Landcare Partnership Award** – Hobart City Council
- Rural Press Primary Producer Award** – John and Sue Wardle
- Toshiba Community Group Award** – Friends of Adventure Bay Inc
- Urban Landcare Award** – Bellerive Bluff Land and Coastcare Group Inc
- Westpac Education Award** – Youngtown Primary School
- Be Natural Young Landcare Leader** – Marty Bower
- Leighton Holdings Indigenous Award** – Six Rivers Aboriginal Corporation

Thank you to Landcare Australia Ltd, the Tasmanian State Government and all Award sponsors.



IMAGE RICK EAVES

Todd Walsh entertains delegates.

From the Ground Up – 2011 Tasmanian Landcare Conference

The State Landcare Conference was held in Stanley on 9 and 10 October, 2011. Approximately 250 people attended various elements of the event including the Locals Look, three field trips, the Awards ceremony and dinner, and the Conference.

The eclectic program included Matthew Evans, The Gourmet Farmer on Local Food, Professor David Adams on Communities that Construct Advantage and Sue Marriott on Landcare Beyond Australia and Beyond Just Trees. 20 years of Landcare was celebrated and a national panel answered questions on current issues for the movement. Concurrent workshops introduced a range of projects around the themes of case studies from the Tasmanian Landcaring Grants, Sustainable Farming, Volunteers, Networks and Support and Conservation on Private Land.

The enthusiasm of the delegates and the buzzing conversation was very inspiring and the feedback was overwhelmingly positive. We look forward to delivering the Conference and Awards in Northern Tasmania in 2013.

The Tasmanian Landcare Association would like to thank the Conference and Awards Steering Committee, Guy Robertson, Alice Ryder, Anthea Fergusson, Vickie Webb, Denise Stronach, Peter

Stronach and Margie Jenkin. A huge thank you to special volunteers Vicki Campbell and Ami Alexis for all their hard work. Our thanks also to Tracey Gatehouse and Brian Board. Thanks to event MCs Tony McCall and Mark Horstman. A massive thank you to the local Circular Head community and the Circular Head Landcare group. To the Stanley Town Hall Committee and particularly Sam Humphries for providing the sound and lighting. Our thanks to the Conference and Awards sponsors – and to the three NRM regions who financially assisted community landcarers to attend the event.



The Edge of the World Field Trip provided a very special experience for delegates.

I've been to the Landcare conference,
I'm really glad I went,
There were people from all walks of life,
With one purpose and intent.

We listened to all the speakers,
Their expertise and nous,
Some famous, others less well known,
But who we thought were grouse.

I've connected with some people
I haven't seen for years,
Who have spirit to keep on 'keeping-on',
Despite those red-neck's jeers.

I've made some new connections,
Kindred spirits? -definitely,
And viewed inspiring projects
Concerning bush and farm and tree.

They even fed the lot of us,
With produce from our land,
And got several local fellows
To deafen us with their band.

So I enjoyed the Landcare conference.
Yes I'm glad I've gone.
Enthusiasms bubbling now
To forever forge right on.

Lesley Bonnefin (Stanley) Oct 2011



IMAGE: ELIZA WOOD

From the President



*Tasmanian Landcare
Association President Matthew
Pitt*

May 2012 be a prosperous year for Landcare

Well to recap on 2011 would take far too much space. Suffice to say, it has been another busy one for both The Tasmanian Landcare Association and the Landcare community across Tasmania! I would like to sincerely thank all of our members for the ongoing work that you do to make a difference to Tasmania's natural environment.

The recent Landcare Conference and Awards validated the strength of the movement in Tasmania and deservedly celebrated some of our hardworking landcarers. Our hats off to you and the many landcarers out there quietly going about their business .

Thanks to the lobbying efforts of our members and a concerted campaign by the TLCA we are thankfully able to continue to represent the interests of community Landcare in Tasmania, with some much needed core funding from the State Government for the next four years.

The extensive lobbying not only put the case forward for a peak body for

community Landcare but importantly promoted the value of the movement and the need for Government to support our members.

We also continue to provide an important voice at a national level through the National Landcare Network. Remember we are here to advocate on your behalf so let us know what is important to you or your group.

We look forward to continuing our efforts to attract funding (both philanthropic and government) for the movement, attract new volunteers and support you, our members, with relevant resources throughout the year.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy holiday period and look forward to continuing to work on your behalf to strengthen and support the Landcare movement in Tasmania under our new trading name Landcare Tasmania.

*Matthew Pitt
President*

What's your care group hoping to achieve in 2012? If you're ready to review your collective ambitions and make a plan for the next twelve months or beyond, contact us for a free action planning workshop. Thanks to the Australian Government's Caring for Our Country Initiative, our group action planning resources are now updated.

East Coast Landcare Activities

IMAGE SONYA STALLEBAUM



Volunteers enjoy a great Landcaring weekend of the East Coast

Volunteers from far and wide got involved in hands-on projects to improve biodiversity on Tasmania's east coast during a weekend event in September. The University of Tasmania's 'Community Friends and Network Program', Hobart City Council's Bushcare and our own Extra Hands casual volunteering program put out the call which attracted over 20 people. We planned to undertake two major activities at Key Partner Properties, Kelvedon and Mayfield. The students on the trip came from all over the world including France, Singapore, Indonesia and China – and Tasmania too. Other local volunteers were also involved.

On Saturday our convoy of vehicles met Jack Cotton and local NRM staff at the Kelvedon gate of the 10,000 hectare property with one of the few isolated patches of serrated tussock, a highly invasive and damaging Weed of National Significance (WoNS). Management requires chipping and pulling of outliers – and that's what we did! After several hours of chipping we had completed over a hectare of removal. On

our way out we caught a glimpse of several swift parrots amongst the remnant blue gums, then enjoyed fresh scones for afternoon tea and a talk by local twitcher extraordinaire Michael Sutchbury. A visit to Kelvedon beach revealed local hooded plovers.

Our evening host at Mayfield was Bruce Dunbabin. The group enjoyed a well-deserved BBQ on the banks of the Buxton River and rustic accommodation in the 19th century "Old Mill".

The next day involved a planting which was part of the carbon offsetting commitment from the 2009 State Landcare Conference. Swift parrots travel through this area as they move south to their breeding grounds and these patches are valuable food sources. Les Payne from Pulchella Nursery met the team onsite and gave some tips on correct planting techniques. The group planted over 300 plants by the end of the day, while also enjoying a delicious local lunch and more beach time.

We will be heading back there in Autumn to continue the good work already done. Special thanks to the local Catchments to Coast NRM crew for making the activities possible, our two landholders, Danielle and her helpers from UTas and the volunteers who made it a very productive and enjoyable weekend.

“My hide has got tough over my years in Landcare. I have been sworn at, called names and falsely accused of doing some pretty outrageous things. I have got used to putting hours of work into a project, only to have someone come along and wreck it. I work with Landcare because I love Tasmania.”

Julia Butler-Ross
Land, Sand and Sea, Sept 1999
(monthly newsletter of Rubicon Coast and LandCare)

Meet Brian Board



IMAGE MONIKA HEISSWOLF

I started with the Tasmanian Landcare Association as the finance and membership manager in March, taking over from Monika. It has been a delight to join the small and committed team.

I have come to Association with a broad work background that includes banking, hospitality, the medical industry, disability services and most recently, the nursery industry. I studied horticulture at the University of Qld and went on to establish my own wholesale nursery specialising in groundcover and grasses on the Sunshine Coast. For ten years, I owned and operated this successful business. During this time, I gained business and financial management skills and became familiar with the challenges faced by small organisations. With a committed staff of five, I also developed an enjoyment of working within a small team. In 1998, as a bicentennial award winner, I visited Japan to study their Zen gardens with the country's master gardeners.

Travel has played a big part in my life. I am drawn to other cultures, landscapes, people and languages. I love being in unfamiliar surroundings and situations, whether it's a 42 hour train trip from Kathmandu to Delhi, sizing up New York, or visiting Santa at the Arctic Circle in Finland. My first overseas adventure included trekking the Himalayas in Nepal and was for me, a life changing journey. In 2003, I sold my nursery business and embarked on a five year journey of Western Europe with my partner in our trusty VW campervan, Vinny. When we weren't wild-camping in the countryside or in ancient villages, we lived and worked in meditation centres, Buddhist monasteries and on organic farms. This time provided an opportunity to explore most of my passions: volunteer work, travel, food, organic gardening, simple living, and periods on mediation retreat including a three month silent retreat.

On returning to Australia we sought a place to call home. We settled in Cygnet where we continue to explore living simply with a large vegetable garden supplying all our vegetables and three chickens delivering a steady supply of eggs and enjoyment. Time away from the office is filled with walking, reading, yoga, films, cooking and preserving, tennis, house renovations and being on the Cygnet Folk festival committee.

I enjoyed meeting some of you at the recent Landcare Conference, and can now put faces to names. The conference also brought the work of Landcare to life for me, which sometimes seems so distant when sitting in the office at the computer working on accounts.

I continue to be inspired by the dedication and commitment of our staff and the Landcare groups. I have a passion for volunteer work – its wholesome intention and the way it can transform both the internal and external landscape for the better.

20 years of Landcaring in Tasmania



Congratulations, and well done everyone

was a wonderful treasure hunt! With the TLCA only forming in 1994, we relied on the personal archives of former President Lyndley Chopping, and a number of tip-offs provided in response to e-bulletin notices. Things were complicated slightly by changes to group names and personnel over the years, and the lack of current contact details for some groups.

In 1990 there were probably 20 – 25 groups in Tasmania, with numbers steadily increasing over the next 10 years. The split between rural and non-rural groups was estimated to be roughly 50/50. In 2001, the Tasmanian Landcare Awards programme put the total group count at 308 (including Coastcare, Bushcare, Waterwatch, Friends of, etc.) – and this remains about the same in 2011.

We came up with a very diverse list of 15 groups of 20 years and over. This includes groups who may have changed names or merged with others (such as the Reekara Landcare group on King Island, who joined with two other groups in 1997 to form the King Island NRM Group). There were others who couldn't be contacted or confirmed – and several groups

who were not quite 20! Through the years, many other groups have formed and disbanded.

The survivors have certainly had their ups and downs, and have endured despite fluctuations in numbers and sometimes wavering levels of enthusiasm. Over time, some of their achievements have been quite remarkable. The Wynyard Landcare Group, who commenced informal work in 1989, have secured 17 grants since then, totalling over \$937,000!

Many groups were instigated by just one or two concerned individuals. In April 1991, Veronica Thorp and Jenny Haslam arranged a beachside meeting to discuss dune erosion – leading to formation of the Bellerive-Howrah Coastcare group. Port Sorell Landcare (now Rubicon Coast and Landcare) was formed when a few people became seriously alarmed by the spread of ricegrass.

Several of these early Landcare champions are still actively involved, 20 years later. And all members, past & present, still recall with great pride some of the achievements of their group.

Vicki Campbell

One of the themes of this year's Tas Landcare conference was a celebration of Tasmania's oldest landcaring groups – particularly those who've been in existence for 20 years or more.

The Decade of Landcare (1990 – 2000) was announced by then Prime Minister Bob Hawke in his 1989 'Statement on the Environment'. Until then, the 'Landcare' label was not widely known or used. However there were already a number of groups and land-owners using Landcare principles in their work, long before the days of acronyms such as GPS, WoNS and MERI. Many others started when Landcare funding became available following Bob Hawke's announcement.

Trying to find these older groups

The 2011 TLCA Annual General Meeting

The 2011 Tasmanian Landcare Association Annual General Meeting was held at Somercotes Ross on 15 September. We welcome the new committee and thank Rob Morey from Penna Landcare for his time with us and a special thanks to Holly Hansen who stepped down after ten years. Thank you Holly for a great contribution. Thanks were also given to Lyndley Chopping for his five year term on the Executive. Lyndley will remain on the General Committee. To Lola

Cowle for her ongoing dedication to the State Landcare Awards and to Leanne Sherriff for her huge contribution to the Tasmanian Landcaring Grants program – great applause.

Our thanks also to Julian Von Bibra, Beaufront, Ross for a thought-provoking and entertaining presentation at the AGM on balancing conservation and economics.

The 2010-11 TLCA Annual Report is available online at www.taslandcare.org.au

The TLCA welcomes the 2011-2012 Committee

Executive Committee

Matthew Pitt (President)
Dean Vincent (Vice President)
Pene Thornton (Treasurer)
Vickie Webb (Secretary)

General Committee

Anthea Fergusson, Guy Robertson, Maureen Bennett
Vicki Campbell, Brian Baxter, Adrian James
Gwendolyn Adams, Peter Voller, Leanne Sherriff
Lola Cowle, Lyndley Chopping

Public Officer

Margie Jenkin

Groups celebrating 20+ years

Bellerive – Howrah Coastcare
Birds Tasmania
Central North Field Naturalists Club
Coal River Products Assoc
Friends of Chauncy Vale
Launceston Field Naturalists
Reekara Landcare, now part of King Island NRM Group
Southern Beaches Landcare and Coastcare
Meander Landcare
Midlands Tree Cttee
Quamby Landcare
Rubicon Coast and Landcare
South Hobart Bushcare
Wynyard Landcare
Waverley Flora Park Landcare

TLCA Individual membership

A reminder that we now have an individual membership category. While the interests of groups remain our core work, individual landcarers can now join the organisation. Support our work and keep in touch with Landcare news.

Individual membership (as per group membership) will cost \$27.50 inc. GST).

See www.taslandcare.org.au for more information or contact our office on 6234 7117

The Carbon Economy... what's in it for landcarers?



The Carbon Farming Initiative (CFI) is part of the Federal Government's policy platform to deal with climate change. It is a voluntary scheme which land managers can choose to participate in to provide carbon offsets to carbon 'polluters' who need (or want) to offset their emissions. There are also components to the CFI which may provide additional opportunities to landcarers, such as the Biodiversity Fund.

A carbon offset is a financial reward for activities that reduce the levels of carbon dioxide, or other green house gases (GHGs), accumulating in the atmosphere

There are many GHGs (e.g. carbon dioxide, nitrous oxide, methane) which all have a different capacity to heat the atmosphere – this is known as global warming potential (GWP) e.g. nitrous oxide is 310 times more potent than CO₂. For this reason all GHGs are measured in a way in which they can be compared – carbon dioxide equivalents (CO₂e). Be very careful when calculating how many tonnes of carbon your planting will store – the carbon needs to first be converted into CO₂e by multiplying by 3.67.

The major way in which landcarers (and by this we mean both landcare groups and landcaring landholders) can provide carbon offsets is through revegetation activities. While there may be other opportunities for farmers, such as sequestering soil carbon,

conserving native vegetation, or methane capture from livestock or processing activities (as well as activities to reduce their emissions footprint), these don't apply to landcare groups and will not be discussed further here.

The CFI includes a carbon crediting mechanism, funding for development of methodologies for offset projects (and assessment of these methodologies) and information and tools about carbon markets.

There are strict rules that a project must meet to participate in the CFI (known as Integrity Principles). Projects must be:

- Measurable;
- Conservative;
- Based on peer-reviewed science;
- Internationally consistent;
- Able to avoid leakages;
- Permanent; and
- Additional.

Some of these Integrity Principles may restrict participation in the CFI by landcarers – particularly permanence and additionality.

Additionality will be the first hurdle – this requires that the activities (revegetation) being undertaken to sequester carbon are additional to normal activities (which would occur anyway, regardless of the CFI).

Permanence has its own set of demands which may be problematic for landcarers (both on public and private land). The permanence principle will require offset plantings to be registered on the land title for 100 years. It also

requires projects to:

- Maintain carbon or hand back credits;
- Re-establish carbon after a fire or drought;
- Include a risk of reversal buffer to address temporary losses, wrong doing that can't be remedied etc; and
- Ensure carbon maintenance obligation is met (should ownership of the land change hands).

The process to be followed to register a project is not simple and there will be costs associated with this. In particular, developing the project methodology will be time consuming and technically demanding. For individual landcarers (groups or individuals) to undertake this process will be a big ask. At this stage, it appears that it would be better to work with an aggregator or offset provider, who can provide this service (this also reduces some of the risks associated with plantings such as loss through fire or drought needing to be absorbed by an individual project). However, there will be some sort of cost associated with using this service. At this time TLCA does not have the capacity to provide this service to our members.

Both projects which meet Kyoto rules and those which don't will be permitted under the CFI (as long as they meet the requirements of the CFI) – however to participate in compulsory offset schemes (and to be traded internationally or within the proposed Australian carbon price scheme) projects must be Kyoto-compliant. Kyoto-compliant offset plantings must meet a number of key criteria:

- Forest of trees with potential height of at least two metres and crown cover of at least 20 percent;
- Patches greater than 0.2 hectares and minimum width of 10 metres;
- Forest established since 1 January 1990, on land that was clear of forest at 31 December 1989; and
- Established by direct human

induced methods, i.e. planting, direct seeding, or human induced promotion of regeneration from natural seed sources.

Possibly the biggest hurdle to participating in offset schemes (and this applies to both non-Kyoto and Kyoto compliant schemes) is that registering a carbon offset planting requires official registration of the planting (carbon sequestration activity) on the land title for 100 years. This is likely to be far trickier for groups operating on public land than it will be for those operating on private land (although it is an action that also requires very careful consideration by private landholders).

Under the CFI, carbon offset plantings which are multi-purpose (e.g. have shelter, biodiversity, water quality or erosion control benefits), may be more valuable than those which are planted simply for the sequestration. This may work to the benefit of landcare plantings which typically are done for many reasons. However, at this stage it is not clear whether money from the Biodiversity Fund will be available only to those projects which are registered as an offset, or whether this fund will be available more widely to both registered and non-registered projects.

Potential cost – benefit for carbon offsets for revegetation*

Cost of planting (doesn't include labour or guards etc) – \$2250/ha
\$/ha/year from carbon sequestered (Elliot) – \$117/ha/year
\$/ha/year from carbon sequestered (Campania) – \$39/ha/year

The differences in the two locations are based on two extremes of rainfall (1200mm vs 523mm). Based on this it would take 19 years for the Elliot planting to pay for itself and 57 years for the Campania planting. And these calculations do not include the



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ongoing cost of payments to aggregators/auditors etc, which are not clearly known at this stage but are likely to incur an annual fee.

**these calculations are based on a carbon price of \$23t/CO₂e, and on the annual average carbon sequestration over 100 years of plantings*

Unfortunately, at this stage the ability for landcarers to self fund revegetation activities through the CFI appears to be very limited (especially within the current carbon price of \$23/t CO₂e). However, plantings can be registered as an offset at a later date as long as they fulfill the Kyoto planting principles listed above. Our advice is to continue to watch this space, and not to rush into anything. If you want to do something – lobby about the additionality clause and how that will impact landcare groups. At this time this is likely to be the biggest limitation to participation by landcarers in the CFI. The following link provides a process for putting activities on the positive list (ie. activities that meet additionality) <http://climatechange.gov.au/en/government/initiatives/carbon-farming-initiative/activities-eligible-excluded/positive-list.aspx>. This may be one way of undertaking lobbying for landcare plantings to be included in the CFI.

In summary – at this time don't count on the CFI being a cash cow to fund your landcare plantings and revegetation activities especially on public lands. BUT, if you decide to jump in now – and there are a number of voluntary carbon offset schemes that already operate in Australia – it is strongly advisable to thoroughly research each scheme, before entering into any agreements. Starting points are <http://www.carbonoffsetwatch.org.au/> and <http://www.carbonoffsetguide.com.au/>. And as with all legal contracts read the fine print – in particular – what commissions and payments are involved.

Leanne Sherriff

Round 13 of the Tasmanian Landcare Fund (TLF) *Biodiversity – Birds, Bees and Bush* was opened at the same time as the Tas Landcaring Grants Round 3. The response was enormous and the round was heavily oversubscribed.

Congratulations to the successful applicants:

- **Quenton Higgs** – Liffey River Canyon Remediation through the removal of willow and native re-vegetation, Northern Tasmania – \$8,000
- **Ken Lawrence** – Wildlife corridors at 'Fermer' to link *Eucalyptus amygdalina* forest and woodland, Northern Tasmania – \$7,640
- **Rosemary Collins and Neville Willis** – Enhancing remnant biodiversity corridor on Glenore Farm, Northern Tasmania – \$7,769
- **Kim and Leanne Marsh** – Native plant revegetation of an area previously overrun by gorse adjacent to Black River estuary, NW Tasmania – \$7,120

- **Russell and Jill Totham** – Enhancing Biodiversity at Staverton Farm through enhancing existing wildlife corridors through re-veg and weed control, NW Tasmania – \$1,947
- **Phil Jones** – Increasing native vegetation and stabilizing slump soil adjoining bush near Wynyard, through fencing, re-veg and rehabilitation, NW Tasmania – \$3,700
- **Pipe Clay Coastcare Group** – Follow-up control of Serrated Tussock, Paterson's Curse and African Boxthorn on Calverts Hill and Cremorne Coastal Reserve to ensure long term success in weed control and protection of threatened *E. morrisbyi*, Southern Tasmania – \$8,000
- **Jodie Presnell and Geir Rodven** – Increasing biodiversity values associated with Pipe Clay Lagoon, Rushy Lagoon and Calverts Hill through wildlife corridor extensions, Southern Tasmania – \$5,260

- **Lake Dulverton and Callington Park Committee** – Strategic weed control to protect the environmental integrity of Lake Dulverton and the surrounding area, Southern Tasmania – \$4,500

Total TLF Round 13 amount – \$53,936 (ex GST)

The stability of the TLF is due to the vision, commitment and generosity of the late Mr John Roberts. Landcare Tasmania thanks Mrs Patricia Roberts for her ongoing interest and support, and Deloitte, Trustee for the John Roberts Charitable Trust. Thanks also to new investors My State Ltd, Landcare Australia Ltd and e-Tree Computershare.

Round 14 of the TLF will follow the same Biodiversity theme. Successful applicants will be announced in February 2012.

For more information on the TLF contact Margie on 6234 7117 or executive.officer@taslandcare.org.au



Students at work on Glenore Farm

On July 27 2011, 41 students from Westbury Primary School grades 4, 5 and 6 and teachers helped stake, bag, mulch, fertilise and plant over one hundred Tasmanian native plants on Glenore Farm at Whitemore. These trees will provide shade and shelter for stock on the property and help to form a native wildlife corridor, linking two isolated pockets of bushland.

After the planting students explored the area and examined different habitats, including around waterways. Trees and shrubs planted by some of the class the previous year were re-visited.

Rosemary Collins from Glenore Farm lead the activity and reported that "The kids had a great time and really enjoyed getting their hands and gumboots wet and



Westbury Primary School students at Glenore Farm

muddy. I had as many questions from the supporting adults as from the kids themselves.'

Not only did the children and adults learn the importance of native habitat for the survival of bird, animal and insect species but

they also learned how to plant trees and understorey species, and the threats for survival including grazing animals and lack of moisture.

The Glenore Farm project was funded through Round 13 of the TLF.

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Change of name but not direction

The development of the Association's new website has inspired conversations around how the TLCA uses the 'Caring Hands' logo synonymous with the Landcare movement. In June 2011 the General Committee approved that the TLCA start trading as Landcare Tasmania and using the 'Caring Hands' logo. It was agreed that this highly recognizable image positions the Association well to attract new volunteers and new investors. Of course the organisation will continue to represent a wide range of care groups including Landcare, Bushcare, Coastcare, Wildcare and Friends of groups, as well as landcaring landowners – and individual supporters.

We hope the initiative will help us to continue strengthening and growing the Landcare movement in Tasmania. For more information and to discuss the change, please contact Margie Jenkin on 6234 7117 or executive.officer@taslandcare.org.au

We will be officially trading as Landcare Tasmania from January 2012.



New website

Yes, we've been talking about it for a while and it's getting close! The new Landcare Tasmania website is an important tool to support and promote the Landcare movement. Visitors to the site will be able to complete a state-wide search for their local Landcare group, find working bees on the events calendar and access Landcare resources. We are using the information on existing member forms but need additional photos and working bee times for your group. Please send more details and images for your group profile to Tracey Gatehouse, extrahands@taslandcare.org.au

Update from the National Landcare Network (NLN)

The Association continues its membership on the national advocacy body, the NLN to represent the interests of community Landcare in Tasmania. The quarterly meetings provide vital opportunities to discuss issues and ideas and work collectively to enable better support for community Landcare across Australia. An important task at the November meeting in Canberra was the development of a National Statement of Common Purpose between Landcare and the regional NRM bodies. Our members are invited to provide comment on this draft document, see www.nln.org.au for more information or contact our office. Feedback is required by 13 January, 2012.

For NLN meeting communiquees see <http://www.nln.org.au/>

Membership and LAP funding

The 2012 Landcare Assistance Program (LAP) funding will be open in January, and again, we are encouraging groups to seek funding in the first six months of the year. If your group pays for its own insurance you can apply for \$400. If you don't pay for your own insurance you can apply for \$250. Previous LAP funding must be acquitted and groups must be a current member of Landcare Tasmania. The LAP is support by the Tasmanian State Government.

Application forms are online at www.taslandcare.org.au/grants.html

Bulk Insurance 2012

The bulk insurance program will run again in 2012 to reduce costs and administration for groups. The standard Landcare policy provides public liability to \$10 million and volunteer workers insurance. Registration confirmation is required by 1 March and the policies start on 1 April.

Register your interest for the bulk insurance program for 2012 with Brian by emailing finance@taslandcare.org.au or phone 03 6234 7117.

Don't miss out

Keep up to date with the latest landcaring news, field days, workshops, other events and funding opportunities with the Landcare Tasmania monthly e-bulletin.

To subscribe contact Margie on 6234 7117 or e: executive.officer@taslandcare.org.au

Contribute to the TLCA newsletter

Got a story to share – or an idea or article for the next TLCA newsletter?

Please let us know

Contact TLCA General Committee member, Vicki Campbell on vickidcampbell@yahoo.com.au

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Support community Landcare across Tasmania

The TLCA is a non-profit, non-government organisation. Help us continue our important work and donate today. Cheques and money orders can be made payable to 'The Tasmanian Landcare Fund'. Contact our office to make a credit card donation, or donate online www.taslandcare.org.au/tlfdonation

Donations \$2 or more are tax deductible.

Thinking about making a bequest that benefits community landcare into the future?

Contact us today to discuss the Tasmanian Landcare Fund.



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