



TLCA Newsletter Autumn 2011

Celebrating Community Landcare at the 2011 State Landcare Conference and Awards



TASMANIAN
LANDCARE
ASSOCIATION

Where: Stanley

When: Sun 9 Oct (daytime field trips and evening Awards, including dinner)

Mon 10 Oct (Conference)

Theme: From the Ground Up

The biennial State Landcare Conference and Awards is a great event in the Landcare calendar. People from across the state meet to exchange ideas, socialise and celebrate the huge achievements of the landcaring community. The 2011 conference theme *From the Ground Up* will reach across a range of topics encompassing community non-profit groups to sustainable production and conservation.

Hear from a range of Tasmanian and interstate landcarers about Landcare projects, local produce and community support. TLCA care groups will also be

invited to display a poster of their work at the conference.

Register your group's interest in the poster display by Monday 1 August 2011.

The TLCA needs volunteer support to help run the event. There will be plenty of jobs... or become a sponsor!

Contact us on 6234 7117 or email executive.officer@taslandcare.org.au

And put in a nomination

Nominate yourself, your group, or other great achievers in the State Landcare Awards. The categories are:

- Australian Government Individual Landcarer Award
- Australian Government Natural Resource Management (NRM) Award
- Australian Government Innovation in Sustainable Farm Practices Award

- Australian Government Local Landcare Facilitator/Coordinator Award
- Coastcare Award
- Landcare Primary Producer Award
- Toshiba Community Group Award
- Westpac Education Award
- Urban Landcare Award
- Leighton Holdings Indigenous Award
- Young Landcare Leader
- Local Government Landcare Partnership Award

Nominations will be open from Monday 7 April until Monday 4 July, 2011. Tasmanian winners progress into the National Landcare Awards held in 2012. Contact our office for more information.



A huge thank you to the Committee members who stepped down at the 2010 Annual General Meeting

Wayne Fletcher – A long term landcarer with White Beach Landcare, Wayne was instrumental in developing the TLCA's original Constitution in the 1990s. Wayne has been involved in community landcare for almost two decades and has 'donated himself' with great commitment.

Richard Greenhill – For the last four years, Richard has been on the TLCA General Committee, and on the Executive as Secretary for the last twelve month term. His thorough thinking and positive outlook will be missed. Richard continues to convene Huonville Landcare Group.

Anna Renkin – During the last 12 month term, Anna joined the TLCA. Her experience in the North West with Cradle Coast NRM, helped the Committee maintain a state-wide approach. We wish Anna well in her new role as a consultant with RMCG.

Jodie Epper – To longer term landcarers, Jodie needs no introduction after eight years at the helm of the TLCA. In 2010, Jodie stepped down as TLCA Public Officer, though has continued to support the community landcare movement in her role as Wildcare Facilitator with Wildcare Inc.

The TLCA welcomes the 2010-2011 Committee

Executive Committee

Matthew Pitt (President)
Dean Vincent (Vice President)
Pene Thornton (Treasurer)
Lyndley Chopping (Secretary)

General Committee

Anthea Ferguson
Guy Robertson
Maureen Bennett
Vicki Campbell
Brian Baxter
Adrian James
Gwendolyn Adams
Leanne Sheriff
Lola Cowle
Rob Morey
Holly Hansen

Public Officer

Margie Jenkin

The 2010 TLCA AGM

The September Annual General Meeting at the Riverlands Centre in Longford saw the appointment of TLCA Executive and General Committees for 2010/11. We are thrilled to have a great mix of committee members from across the state to help direct the organisation and ensure that the voice of the TLCA continues to represent community landcarers.

Our thanks to everyone who attended the AGM, and to our guest speakers, James Walch (Tasmanian member on the Australian Landcare Council), Mel Kelly (representing 2010 National Landcare winner of the Toshiba Community Group Award, the Little Swanport Catchment Management Plan Implementation Committee), Brian Baxter (2009 winner of the State Landcare Woolworths Primary Producer Award) and Brendan Fenner (representing 2009 winner of the State Landcare Westpac Education Award, Deloraine High School).

The 2009-10 TLCA Annual Report is available online at www.taslandcare.org.au

Meet Tracey Gatehouse



Tracey Gatehouse joined the TLCA in July 2009 on a part time basis two days per week to manage the Extra Hands casual volunteer program.

With a background in marketing and communications, Tracey has enjoyed a diverse career in both the public and private sector.

Like many Tasmanians Tracey left to broaden her horizons, studying (Bachelor of Business – Communications) and working in both Brisbane and Sydney over an eight year period before deciding to return to her island home in 2000.

Upon her return Tracey enjoyed a long and rewarding period as Marketing Manager for Ten Days on the Island, before family commitments intervened.

"I really love Tasmania and enjoy using my communication skills to motivate people to get involved in positive things. The Extra Hands program is such a great concept and the more volunteers we can get involved in Landcare the better. So it really is a joy for me to be part of the TLCA."

Tracey is married to Nathan and has two children Lachlan and Phoebe. "I have really enjoyed bringing the children along to some working bees. I feel very grateful for the opportunity to work with such passionate people and am humbled by the extraordinary efforts of volunteer landcarers across Tasmania."

And of course not one to miss an opportunity Tracey encourages Landcare groups to contact her if they would like to register their next working bee as an Extra Hands activity!

Contact Tracey on extrahands@taslandcare.org.au or phone, 6234 5499 (Wednesdays and Thursdays only).

TLCA Individual membership

At the 2010 TLCA AGM a motion was passed to amend the Constitution and introduce individual TLCA membership. To date our membership has only been for care groups. While the interests of groups remain the core work for the TLCA, we recognise that individual landcarers are keen to support us and also be represented by the organisation. Individual membership (as per group membership) will cost \$27.50 (GST inclusive). See www.taslandcare.org.au for more information or contact our office on 6234 7117.

An Introduction to GPS

Global Positioning System (GPS) technology was developed primarily for military navigation purposes, but in the last decade its uses have grown to include surveying, mapping, tracking, asset management and more. At the same time, the technology has become more accessible and affordable.

When people talk about 'a GPS', they are usually referring to a GPS receiver, which is just one part of the system. The other parts are a network of satellites, and several ground based tracking stations. The satellites transmit radio signals containing information which the receiver uses to calculate its position.

A basic hand-held receiver is capable of doing most things that landcarers are likely to need with a reasonable level of accuracy. These units are compact, robust, easy to use and can be purchased for as little as \$99. The main uses of these receivers are:

1. Marking waypoints (the GPS equivalent of a grid reference) to record locations such as photo-points, nesting sites or individual plants.
2. Helping you to return to these locations at a later date, or to find a new location for which you've been given a waypoint.
3. Recording "tracks" to keep a record of where you've been; this is useful if you need to mark the best route into a site, or to check how thoroughly you've searched an area (for example, if looking for threatened plants). Track logs can also be used to mark boundaries, such as the perimeter of a large weed infestation.
4. General navigation, such as confirming your position on a map. It's advisable not to rely entirely on GPS for navigation – a map and compass should be carried as well.

For small-scale projects, waypoints could be manually transferred to a paper map, and the co-ordinates copied onto paper. If the receiver was never used for anything else, it could be used to permanently store the waypoints.

For larger projects or more frequent use, a lot more can be done with the data if it's downloaded to a computer. This saves time and eliminates errors which can occur when manually transposing figures. Waypoints can be stored in tables or spreadsheets, allowing extra information to be added over time. Maps can be produced and kept updated.

Downloading requires a data cable (around \$35) and software. Some care

groups in Tasmania are using an Australian mapping programme which retails for \$130; a variety of free software is also available.

Recreational hand-held receivers are accurate to about 10 metres. There are several factors which can affect GPS reception and accuracy. Satellite radio signals are relatively weak and easily blocked. They can't pass through stone or water, or objects with a lot of metal. A film of water or a layer of wet clothing over the receiver may block the signal. They can also be affected by other radio transmissions or electronic interference. Deep gullies or a forest canopy may make it difficult to get a good signal and wet foliage can cause problems. However, signals are generally not affected by weather conditions.

A significant cause of error is 'multi-path', where signals reflect off other surfaces – such as buildings, rock faces and even very thick smoke – before reaching the receiver.

Many error sources are out of our control, but there are ways to improve the chances of collecting good quality data.

1. Each time the receiver is used, it needs to be initialised i.e. it needs to obtain a "fix" on its current position. Turn it on, and leave in an open spot with a good view of the sky until the "Ready to Navigate" message is displayed and the accuracy has stabilised.

If the unit has not been used for several weeks, if the batteries have been removed for some time, or if you've travelled a few hundred kilometers since last using it, then it may take up to 15 minutes to initialise.

Good signals from at least 4 satellites are required for reasonable accuracy (the more, the better).

2. When working in forests, it's best to switch on and initialise while out in the open.
3. Small, basic receivers have a built-in patch antenna, located above the screen. These usually work best if the unit is held horizontally. Be sure not to cover the antenna with your hand. Hold the unit away from your body.
4. If reception is poor, try facing a different direction, or holding the unit at a different angle. Don't face buildings, cliffs or other large obstacles.
5. Reception will be affected if the unit is carried in your pack or in a pocket. This may be an issue when recording a track log.
6. Before marking waypoints, check the

Recent Meetings

National Landcare Network meeting in Hobart, October 2010

The National Landcare Network (NLN) held their quarterly meeting in October 2010 in Hobart. Members from state peak bodies (or the equivalent) met to discuss issues and actions for the national advocacy body. The TLCA is proud to be a member of the NLN, and to sit on the NLN Executive. Representation and input from the state peak bodies is essential for the NLN to understand the collective needs of the community Landcare movement in Australia. If you'd like to raise an issue in a national Landcare forum contact our office today. Our thanks to Landcare Australia Ltd (LAL), Rydges Hotels and Resorts and Mures for sponsoring the meeting.

Australian Landcare Council meeting in Launceston, November 2010

The Australian Landcare Council (ALC) meeting was held in Launceston in November 2010. TLCA General Committee member, Leanne Sheriff and Tasmanian ALC member James Walch co-ordinated a field day in the north of the state to introduce councillors to local landcare projects. After visiting James' property at Epping Forest, Council members and other participants saw the work of Upper Brumby's Landcare, Lower Meander Landcare and Quamby Bend Landcare groups. Tamar NRM hosted a well-attended dinner and community forum for the ALC, where locals were invited to share Landcare related ideas, issues and observations.

- displayed accuracy and wait for it to improve. Make a note of the accuracy, especially if it's particularly poor.
7. When recording inconspicuous features, such as a few small plants in the forest, some additional means of marking (e.g. flagging tape) will make the site easier to locate again.

There's a vast amount of technical information about GPS on the internet, but the best way to learn is to get hold of a receiver and manual, and practice.

For general enquiries on GPS use for landcare work contact TLCA General Committee member, Vicki Campbell on vickidcampbell@yahoo.com.au

News update

Membership and LAP funding

The 2011 Landcare Assistance Program (LAP) funding will only be available for six months this year from 1 Jan to 30 June – but funds may run out before then. 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. Groups must be a TLCA member, and have acquitted previous LAP funding. The LAP is support by the Tasmanian State Government.

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

Group action planning workshops

Feeling like your care group needs to review their direction, prioritise their work and plan for the year ahead? The TLCA runs free action planning workshops. We come to you! Register your interest today.

Action planning workshops are delivered by the TLCA, through funding from the Australian Government's Caring for our Country initiative.

Grants and coming events?

Looking for information on funding opportunities and coming events? Sign up today to receive our monthly e-bulletins, loaded with useful online links.

Drum roll for the TLCA's new website...

It's on its way! A new TLCA website, with improved access to information, thanks to a grant from the Woodend Foundation. We want to connect more people with state-wide landcare projects and the opportunities to get involved. We hope that the site will be up and running by late autumn.

Tas Community Fund support

How the TLCA staff cheered with the installation of a new printer, scanner and fax machine!! The multi-function centre was funded, along with other office infrastructure through Round 9 of the Tasmanian Community Fund. The TLCA thanks the Tas Community Fund for their much needed support.

Looking Ahead – The TLCA Five Year Strategic Plan

Thanks to everyone who provided input in creating the plan.

Online at www.taslandcare.org.au or for a hard copy contact executive.officer@taslandcare.org.au

Donation from MyState Limited

In 2009 MyState Limited pledged to donate \$1 to community landcare in Tasmania for each shareholder that began receiving their account statements electronically. As a result, MyState Limited recently donated \$20,000 to the TLCA. This generous donation will be used to grow the Tasmanian Landcare Fund (TLF) and to support community landcare projects through round 13 of the TLF.

The TLCA looks forward to working with MyState Limited in the future, and involving staff in some of the valuable projects this donation will be funding.

TLCA budget submission

It's over two years since the TLCA received a contribution from the State Government for our core operating costs and things are tight. Support our submission to re-instate our funding so we can continue to help the community Landcare movement across the state.

Bulk Insurance 2011

As this newsletter goes to print, bulk insurance arrangements are being finalised for many of our member groups. This service, offered by the TLCA, helps reduce costs and administration. It's a once a year opportunity to be part of a discounted package for the standard care group insurance (public liability, \$10 million and volunteer workers insurance). Registration confirmation is required by 1 March each year with policies starting on 1 April.

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

Fill-A-Gap funding finished

The TLCA thanks Landcare Australia Ltd and Westpac for the Fill-A-Gap funding. \$150 was available for individual groups to repair and replenish re-vegetation sites. \$4,500 has helped 30 Landcare groups maintain their existing projects – and fill the gaps!

For more information on any of the above, contact our office on 6234 7117 or email executive.officer@taslandcare.org.au



Regional Landcare Facilitators up and running

At the beginning of 2010, the Australian Government announced that Caring for our Country through the National Landcare Program would fund 56 Regional Landcare Facilitators (RLF) in the 56 regions across the country. The program aims to promote sustainable farm and land management practices. Tasmania has three of these positions which are hosted by the Natural Resource Management regions. The facilitators are working with individual landowners while also supporting local care groups.

For more information on local programs, support and initiatives contact the RLF in your region:

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NRM North – Adrian James
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(sign up for an e-bulletin)

Lilydale Landcare Group

It's close to 20 years since the Lilydale Landcare Group began. Much has been achieved in this time including bank repair, maintenance and rehabilitation of Second River, and willow removal on Rocky and McGowan Creek. These works have improved river health and habitat for locals species, including the freshwater crayfish.

Lilydale Landcare is now calling for new volunteers – and with a planning workshop in the pipeline, projects for the group will be revisited.

For more information email Nick Wordsworth nick.wordsworth@bigpond.com

Landcare Stories On-line



IMAGE BY WICKI CAMPBELL

Place stories workshop students, from left Margie Jenkin, Dee Millhouse, Jayne Shapter and Monique Case are guided by facilitator Kevin Guy.

In partnership with NRM North and Feral Arts, the TLCA co-ordinated a trial Digital Landcare Place Stories workshop in August. Digital Landcare is a nationwide

initiative that aims to connect community landcarers through electronic story telling that shares achievements, and promotes new initiatives.

Kevin Guy (Feral Arts) facilitated the two day course hosted by NRM North in Launceston on 20 and 21 August. A small team of community landcarers were introduced to the world of electronic story telling using the Place Stories software. Each developed their own online story. Digital images are selected and a short narration is recorded before the story is loaded onto the Digital Landcare website (www.digitallandcare.com.au). Interfacing with Google Earth aerial imagery, the stories are geographically positioned on a

map of Australia. So get online and see the growing network of stories from across Australia (and now including Tasmania).

The TLCA thanks Kevin Guy and Feral Arts. Our thanks also to NRM North and the participants in Tasmania's first Digital Landcare Place Stories workshop. And more workshops are coming up thanks to the support of NRM South and NRM North.

If you'd like more information or to register your interest, contact Margie at executive.officer@taslandcare.org.au or phone 6234 7117.



The Tasmanian Landcaring Grants – Getting money to the ground

The TLCA congratulates recipients of funding from rounds one and two of the Tasmanian Landcaring Grants (TLG). Thirty four projects have been funded across the state ranging from landscape scale control of Tasmania's most invasive and damaging weeds, to engaging local communities in feral cat management and upskilling farmers in sustainable land practices. To date almost \$400,000 has been rolled out across the state in important on-ground projects. The ambition for the TLCA has been to create a well-supported, state-wide grants program where administration for applicants is as simple as possible – and important on-ground projects receive valuable funding.

There is a new raptor enclosure at Ravenhill; gorse removal in threatened lowland grasslands near Oatlands; black-berry removal by rafters along the Franklin and Andrews Rivers and many community activities, including raising awareness of coastal values on King Island. The Friends of Maria Island continue tackling recalcitrant Canary Broom to protect swift parrot and forty-spotted pardalote habitat. The North East Bioregional Network is restoring Skyline Tier that runs from St Helens towards Scamander. Gordon and Basil Clark are removing gorse from the Stonehouse property near Paratah, and sharing their success and learnings.

Round three of the program was open when this newsletter went to print and closes 29 March 2011. Landowners and



IMAGE BY ANNE BOOTH

Friends of Maria Island tackling canary broom.

care groups will be applying for up to \$15,000 for projects that address national priorities.

Our thanks to Wildcare Inc., the Steering Committee, Technical Assessment Committee and TLCA Executive Committee; and TLG staff, Alan Barton (TLG Project Manager), Pete Stronach (Project Officer) and Jodie Epper (Wildcare Facilitator).

The TLG is delivered by the Tasmanian Landcare Association with its partner Wildcare Inc. through funding from the Australian Government's Caring for Our Country initiative.

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CARING FOR OUR COUNTRY

News from Key Partner Properties



No dry feet at the Brook Eden wetland planting, December 2010.

Glenford Farm

Riparian restoration continues on Glenford Farm, Pipers River. Recipients from round 11 of the Tasmanian Landcare Fund (TLF), Glenford Farm held a re-vegetation planting during spring 2010. Part of an ongoing restoration project, Helen and Warwick Morgan are making fantastic progress.

Brook Eden Vineyard

A wetland planting was held at Brook Eden Vineyard, Lebrina during December 2010. With previous wet conditions, plants didn't need to be watered in! Recipients from round 9 of the TLF, this project benefits biodiversity and organic vineyard principles. Volunteers were treated to a

delicious barbeque. Thanks Peter and Sue – and to MyState Financial staff for their hands-on help.

Frogmore Creek Vineyard

An end-of-season tree planting was held along Frogmore Creek in November for Deloitte International Impact Day. Keen staff spent their morning weeding bone-seed seedlings from around the shores of Pitt Water Orielton Lagoon, then rolled up their sleeves for tree planting at Frogmore. Our thanks to Ian Marmion from the Tasmanian Parks and Wildlife Service, Sandy Leighton, Southern Tasmanian Councils Authority, Frogmore Creek Vineyard Manager, Jennifer Doyle – and the team from Deloitte, Hobart.

The Key Partner Property program is delivered by Tasmanian Landcare Association, through funding from the Australian Government's Caring for our Country initiative.

Glenford Farm re-veg site on Pipers River.



Youngtown Primary students at work

Youngtown Primary and Glenara Lakes

Youngtown Primary School and Glenara Lakes Residents Association have been working together to improve wildlife corridors at Glenara Lakes, Youngtown. Funded through Round 9 of the Tasmanian Landcare Fund, the project enabled students and residents to address the issue of habitat decline in this semi-urban environment.

The planting was delayed due to extremely wet conditions, but students, teachers and local residents were able to get 'hands-on' in October 2010, linking generations and linking vegetation.

Congratulations to Youngtown Primary students and teachers (particularly Mario Bergamin) and to residents at Glenara Lakes.

GST – to register or not to register, that is the question

As care groups grow and attract more funding, they may need to consider Goods and Services Tax (GST) registration. The administration involved around GST can be confusing for groups. The below outlines what is required when groups are 'registered' versus 'not registered' for GST.

(Note that if your group's finances are handled by an umbrella organisation such as Wildcare Inc, all of your GST accounting will be managed by that organisation. Your main responsibility will be to obtain tax invoices for all purchases, rather than ordinary receipts.)

It is obligatory to register for GST if your non-profit group has a turnover (gross business income) of \$150,000.

When you are registered for GST:

- You need to provide a Tax Invoice to receive payment for goods and services provided or funds received (eg LAP grant) and GST needs to be added to, or included in the total amount on the invoice;
- GST credits can be claimed for any GST included in the price of purchases you make (whenever someone invoices the care group eg TLCA membership);
- An Activity Statement needs to be completed and submitted to the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) either monthly, quarterly or annually (dependent on turnover);

- The difference between GST received on sales and GST paid on purchases is calculated on the Activity Statement and paid/refunded to/from the ATO;
- This requires accurate record-keeping of GST received and paid; and
- The care group needs to obtain an Australian Business Number (ABN).

If your care group is not registered for GST:

- You do not need to provide a Tax Invoice to receive payment for goods and services provided or funds received (eg LAP grant) and you will not receive 10% GST on payments;

'People work before paper work'

13th National Conference on Volunteering

That was my favourite expression from the 13th National Conference on Volunteering held in November 2010 in Melbourne. Thanks to a scholarship from Volunteering Tasmania I was fortunate to attend this conference to hear about the latest developments in the volunteering sector.

As volunteers you would be amazed at the level of interest in procuring your services and the work that goes on behind the scenes with regards to volunteer recruitment and retention! It is difficult to summarise the conference as there were multiple streams across three days but here is an interesting excerpt which is relevant to many of our Landcare groups:

"KPMG Partner and bestselling author Bernard Salt has built his name on interpreting the lifecycle transitions of the baby boom generation. A decade ago he was forecasting a big shift to the coast. And he was right. Today he is forecasting another big shift – this time into volunteering. Baby boomers now pushing into their 60s are young enough to want to make a contribution but old enough to have scaled back in the workplace. The last decade might have been about sea-change but the coming decade will be about harnessing the good will of volunteers.

Beyond the 2020s as boomers become more frail, the market for volunteers will subside. In the meantime stand by for a

boom in baby boom volunteering."

In addition to the baby boomer discussion much of the conference was dedicated to engaging young people otherwise known as Gen Y's. The last Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) survey showed that volunteering in this category had risen from 18 to 28%.

What to make of this? Well if you are an optimist like me it means there are willing volunteers (across all ages) and it is just a matter of connecting with them!

At TLCA we work hard to attract new volunteers to Landcare including casual volunteers (through Extra Hands), school groups and corporate groups, by celebrating the achievements of our members and inspiring people to get involved.

We aim to support and strengthen the landcare movement and look forward to launching a new improved website by mid 2011. This will support your activities and showcase the fabulous work of care groups, while also promoting volunteer participation. The registration process for the Extra Hands Volunteer Program will be streamlined on the new site. We also want to make it easy for people to find their local landcare group and participate in landcare activities with a vibrant landcare calendar of events.

It is fiercely competitive out there with many very worthwhile organisations needing volunteer support. Thanks to people like you

and members of your care group the landcare movement remains strong, vibrant and relevant to communities across Australia. We just need to ensure we tell people about it and strive to put the 'people work before the paperwork'.

Tracey Gatehouse
Program Development Officer
Extra Hands Volunteer Program

For more information on the conference highlights visit

<http://www.volunteeringaustralia.org/>



TLF News update

Round 12 of the Tasmanian Landcare Fund (TLF) funded *Landcare Leadership and Training* projects, with up to \$800 available for initiatives that benefit the landcare community. \$2,171 (ex GST) was rolled out.

Our thanks to all applicants, and to the TLF Project Assessment Committee for assessing applications. The funding stream for round 13 is *Biodiversity – Birds, Bees and Bush* and was open when this newsletter went to print.

Applications close March 28, 2011.

For more information contact Margie at executive.officer@taslandcare.org.au or phone 6234 7117. Read about the funded projects in the TLCA Spring Newsletter.

Congratulations to the successful applicants from Round 12:

King Island Natural Resource Management Group – Travel assistance for local landcarers to attend training – \$800

Vicki Campbell – Friends of Deal, Maria, Tasman and Maatsuyker Islands, Friends of Trevallyn and Tasmanian Weed Society. Training in weed control and sharing techniques with care groups – \$590

Kevin Guy – Feral Arts. Digital Landcare, delivering Tasmanian Landcare PlaceStories training – \$781

- You cannot claim GST credits for any purchases you make (eg TLCA membership) but you do need to pay 10% GST to any supplier who is GST registered (they will itemise GST and include it in the total on their Tax Invoice);
- You do not need to submit Activity Statements to the ATO and you do not need to make payments/receive refunds for the difference between GST received and GST paid; and
- No record-keeping of GST is required.

Check your care group's income and expenditure figures for a full year. Add up the amount of GST which you could have received if the group was registered for GST. Calculate the GST on payments/funds received which come from a GST registered organisation. Then calculate GST paid from your group to suppliers that are GST registered. The difference between the two is the potential payment/refund that you would make/receive if your organisation was GST registered.

Non-profit groups with a turnover of less than \$150,000 are not legally required to register for GST – but they can choose to do so (e.g. if eligible for a GST refund).

Clear as mud? Get advice from the the ATO website <http://ato.gov.au>



Three important pillars of Landcare – government, business and community – but who's who?

Australian Landcare Council (ALC)

The Australian Government's key body to advise the Federal Ministers for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry and for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities on landcare and natural resource management. The ALC operates under the Commonwealth *Natural Resources Management (Financial Assistance) Act 1992* and members are by Ministerial appointments.

See www.daff.gov.au/natural-resources/landcare/council

Landcare Australia Ltd (LAL)

The national non-profit company formed in October 1989 to raise awareness of community landcare and encourage participation. LAL holds the rights to the 'caring hands' and brokers corporate partnerships with major businesses. (LAL is responsible for the *Donate yourself to the land* television advertisement currently screening.)

See www.landcareonline.com.au

National Landcare Network (NLN)

The national non-profit advocacy body for community Landcare which comprises state peak bodies, where they exist, or the equivalent. Formed in early 2009, the NLN provides a voice for community landcare at the national level.

See www.nln.org.au

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Regional Weed Management Officer – South

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Private Land Conservation Program

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Please contact your local council for NRM council facilitator contact details and information on sub-regional groups.

Australian Government

Caring for our Country Facilitator – Environment

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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

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?

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