

## Why?

Landcare in Western Australia has a long and proud history. The first groups formed in the early 1980's and many are still active. But where is our collective voice?

The WA Landcare Network has formed to assist landcare groups across Western Australia to have a much needed collective voice when decisions are made about our future, to help groups share their skills, experience and collective buying power together to help cut costs and improve efficiency at getting the job done on the ground, such as for volunteers insurance.

## Never a better time than now!

The lasting power of the landcare approach is being increasingly recognised. The 25<sup>th</sup> Birthday party is on this year (yes we know many of you started earlier, but we do on most things in WA) and the Australian Government has now placed their numerous support programs under the landcare banner. A strong National Landcare Network has provided effective representation in Canberra, and strong Networks in the other states of Australia have demonstrated the importance of the collective voice and united effort.

A small working group has established the WA Landcare Network Inc. and the interim Committee is now inviting your group to be an active member and shape our future.

## What we will do

We will do what you, as members, decide you need us to do.

Now that the formalities of Incorporation have been completed, our first steps have been to:

- invite all community based groups involved in landcare and associated environmental work to become our broader membership;
- prepare a survey of those members to how we can best represent them; and
- start preparing for a State Landcare Forum in October so the members can start setting the agenda for us.

## What we won't do

WE HAVE NO ROLE where you work as the feet on the ground engine house of achieving landcare results. Our Constitution is quite clear in restricting the WA Network to being your voice and your representative.

## **Establishment program to date:**

The WA network began forming in May 2013 when the National Landcare Network met in Perth. From the WA groups who joined that meeting in Perth a working group was formed:

- Jill Richardson: Katanning Land Conservation District Committee – 0427 211474
- Pat Hart: South East Regional Centre for Urban Landcare Inc - 0407477254
- Sue Metcalf: Chittering Landcare Centre – 9571 0400
- Keith Bradby: Gondwana Link Ltd – 0427 085008
- With involvement and support from John Holley, Director of the State NRM office

With the formal involvement and support of six other landcare groups, Incorporation was applied for and achieved in May 2014.

With help from the National Landcare Network, funds have been secured from the Australian Government to support our start up year.

A draft Business Plan has been developed to underpin our initial contract with the Australian Government, and provide an indication to members of where the current Executive would like to take the organisation through to 2017. Recognising that the broader membership may change these, the draft plan proposes four key strategic steps:

1. Be useful, and build support and involvement through that practical demonstration of value.
2. Strengthen our capacity to be useful by establishing an efficient and cost effective operating structure,
3. Build involvement and membership across the range of community based landcare groups in WA.
4. Provide continuity of support and service to our members by establishing a sustainable financial base for our ongoing operation.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Membership of the WA Landcare Network is open to any community based group with a demonstrated interest in landcare. It is not open to individuals.

A group wishing to become a member must apply in writing, and the appropriate form is attached.

There is no fee for membership in the 2014-2015 financial year.

Please post completed forms to:

WA Landcare Network Memberships  
c/-SERCUL, 69 Horley Way, Beckenham 6107

Or scan and email completed forms to [tinathorne@sercul.org.au](mailto:tinathorne@sercul.org.au)



## APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE WA LANDCARE NETWORK INC.

Our group \_\_\_\_\_

*(Insert APPLICANT'S name)*

of \_\_\_\_\_

*(insert APPLICANT'S business address)*

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Hereby applies to become a member of the WA LANDCARE NETWORK INC.

If our application is accepted, we agree to be bound by the rules of the Association.

SIGNATURE:

NAME:

POSITION:

DATE:

SIGNATURE:

NAME:

POSITION:

DATE:

*(insert signature and details for two Executive members)*

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Rule 5(2) "A group wishing to become a member must be proposed by one **member** and seconded by another **member**." However, recognising that we have a small formal membership at this stage, the Committee is prepared to provide this endorsement during 2014.

**PROPOSED:**

**SECONDED:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## APPOINTMENT OF GROUP MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE

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*(Insert name of MEMBER GROUP)*

advises that, on \_\_\_\_\_, it **RESOLVED** that  
*(Insert date of meeting)*

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*(Insert name of REPRESENTATIVE of the above member group)*

will represent the member group at all general meetings of the WA Landcare Network Inc.

AUTHORISED BY:

SIGNATURE:

NAME:

POSITION:

DATE:

SIGNATURE:

NAME:

POSITION:

DATE:

(insert signature and details for two Executive members)

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The member group acknowledges that according to rule 19(4) of the WA Landcare Network Inc. a person appointed to represent a member group is deemed for all purposes to be the representative until that appointment is revoked by the member group or, in the case of an appointment in respect of a particular general meeting, which appointment is not so revoked, the conclusion of that general meeting.

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