



WELCOME

YARRAM YARRAM LANDCARE NETWORK

**The Yarram Yarram Landcare Network Board,
Staff and Landcare Groups would like to
welcome you to our Landcare Community.**

**We look forward to your involvement in
Landcare across our region.**

**We hope the information in this Welcome Pack is
of use to you and look forward to seeing you at
our next event.**

An Overview

What is Landcare

Landcare is a joint effort between the community, government and business to protect, enhance and repair our environment. It began in Victoria in 1986 and has become one of the most active and effective means of caring for your country throughout Australia. Yarram Yarram Landcare Network (YYLN) has a long history, with some of our local groups amongst the oldest and most active in the State.

Yarram Yarram Landcare Network

The YYLN, as it is known today, was established in 1995 and covers a diverse area of approximately 220,000 hectares. Our region stretches from the temperate rainforests of the Strzelecki Ranges to the Ramsar listed wetlands of Corner Inlet and Nooramunga Marine and Coastal Parks, encompassing the Giffard Plain, along the Ninety Mile Beach to Seaspray.

We are a not-for profit, incorporated association, managed by a volunteer board.

Our members belong to local groups or subgroups or can join as independents. They are all volunteers from the local area and they provide the framework for our social and environmental activity.

Our paid staff vary in number and hours worked dependant on the funding available each year. Generally there is a permanent part-time coordinator to assist with funding applications and any other support required from the membership. There is also a project officer to assist in the delivery of projects which have been successful in attracting funding.

Projects can include protecting remnant vegetation, revegetation, invasive plant and animal control, sustainable agriculture, environmental education, community education and citizen science.

What do we Do?

The YYLN Board provide support to members in areas such as:

- Landcare Group support and management
- Sustainable Agriculture
- Environmental Stewardship
- Education, communication and promotion
- Partnerships and collaboration
- Funding
- Governance

How we do it

The YYLN undertakes a variety of activities, events and projects:

- **Projects** – onground
- **Field Days, Workshops and Training**
- **Funding** – Funding applications and management
- **Communication** – YYLN Newsletter; Website; Welcome Pack; Annual Reporting; Media
- **Landcare Groups** – support needs; action planning; seek funding; deliver projects with members
- **Administration** – manage membership; YYLN Board support; insurance; asset management; equipment hire; financial management and reporting

The Board



HELGA BINDER
Chair

Helga lives with her partner, Peter, on a beautifully lush rain-forest property near the headwaters of the Albert River. She loves the strong sense of community found in Landcare. Her expertise in Graphic Design and small business has been a very

welcome addition to the wide range of skills offered by other Board members.



TREVOR COLVIN

Trevor spent a lot of his working life with 'The Age newspaper in Australia and China where he was instrumental in starting that country's first English-language national daily newspaper and a magazine publishing enterprise in Hong Kong. He has started two Landcare Groups since retiring to

Gippsland and is keen to broaden the awareness of Landcare in the wider community.



DAVID MCANINLY
Vice Chair

David has been a community leader in Yarram for many years. Recently retired from running a dairy farm with his wife Joy, he still dedicates himself to Landcare and advocates for us within his strong community network. David was Chair of

the Board for six years and won the Victorian Individual Landcare Award in 2014.



MICHAEL HOBSON

Michael's background as a professional fisherman has given him a unique insight into the sustainability issues associated with the marine environment. His varied entrepreneurial experience combined with his

dedication to community mean that he will be invaluable in assisting our network to continue to deliver vital on-ground work with new ideas for building our funding base.



MELISSA AINSWORTH
Secretary

Melissa and her family have a cow and calf operation at Stradbroke West. Having a former career in natural resource management, Melissa is a keen advocate of modern sustainable agricultural practices and the protection of remnant

vegetation. Highly organised and extremely efficient she is a wonderful asset to the Board and the network.



LIBBY BALDERSTONE

Libby's passion for Landcare began in the mid 1980s. Although farming sustainably is more challenging due to climate change, she believes we shouldn't forget the significant changes made since 1980. Libby runs a family property producing fine wool, lamb and beef at Darriman. She also

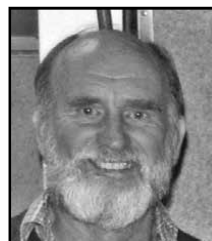
recognises the important social role Landcare plays in more isolated farming communities.



JOHN MCCLUMPHA
Treasurer

Raised on a dairy farm John has always held rural areas close to his heart. After 42 years in Construction Engineering he retired to a remnant bush block in Binginwarri and now adds his skills to the function of our network. His basic

philosophy - that we along with all other living things are equally part of nature - encompasses the basic Landcare principles.



DAVID MACAULAY

Caring for his land before Landcare was even invented, David returns to our Board after a few years 'off tending the farm'. He and his wife Sue both have a passion for the environment and David has won a number of Landcare Awards and accolades acknowledging his commitment. We are

very lucky to have him volunteer for another term or two, helping to guide the network.

We greatly value all contributions and respect the very diverse range of skills found in our talented and resourceful membership. There are, however, often gaps in our skill base. If you have some specialist talents and a few spare hours a month to apply them to making a change in our environment, we would be very pleased to hear from you.

Our Groups

Landcare groups and sub-groups comprise of a wide variety of individuals and a vast range of expertise. Some get together for single issue activities, others look at landscape-scale change. Other groups that have contributed fundamentally to environmental change in the YYLN area are no longer active or have disbanded. These groups are remembered, respected and will hopefully be revitalised at some stage. We also have independent members who, for whatever reason, prefer to not belong to a group. These members are very much part of our network and make their contributions wherever they see fit. All are volunteers and all care passionately about our environment.

Active member groups include:

Albert River Landcare Group
Binginwarri Landcare Group
Merriman Creek Landcare Group
Wonyip Landcare Group
Woodside Landcare Group
Hedley/Nine Mile Creek Landcare Group
Yarram Urban Landcare Group
Won Wron Devon North Landcare Group
Alberton Junior Landcare Group

Inactive groups include:

Alberton Landcare Group
Giffard Darriman Landcare Group
Madalya Landcare Group
Tarraville Landcare Group
Carrajung and District Landcare Group



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YYLN works in partnership with:

- Wettenhall Environmental Trust
- Wellington Shire
- WGCMA (West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority)
- DELWP (Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning)
- Coastcare
- HVP (Hancock Victoria Plantations)
- Local community groups
- Local schools