



**Local Land  
Services**



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# 2015-19 Local Landcare Coordinator Initiative

## Update 1

Welcome to the first of regular updates for the Local Landcare Coordinator Initiative. As you're aware the Initiative is the result of an election commitment by the NSW Government of \$15million to renew the government-community relationship and unlock the full potential of the Landcare network.

### **The Landcare and Local Land Services Partnership**

The Initiative is significant in both its commitment of funds and also in its joint management approach. It will be collaboratively managed by Landcare NSW and the NSW Government, through Local Land Services. We are keen to make this opportunity work and to build a positive working relationship between Landcare and Local Land Services at all levels.

The collaborative efforts to get to this point have been a great example, by the many Landcare groups and networks in developing their host organisation applications and between the organisations in managing the Initiative.

### **Introductions**

To begin we'd like to briefly introduce ourselves.

Sonia Williams has been appointed as State Landcare Coordinator working with Landcare NSW. Many of you will be familiar with Sonia through her many years of work with Landcare in many different capacities. Sonia has a detailed knowledge of Landcare in NSW. Sonia will be based with Landcare NSW working from Armidale.

Kate Andrews has been appointed as Manager Landcare Program with Local Land Services and will be based in the Batemans Bay office. Kate has worked in NRM and Landcare for over two decades in many parts of Australia. She has sat on national committees such as the Australian Landcare Council and brings an understanding of the different levels of Landcare and collaboration.

Landcare NSW will be continuing to provide support to groups and networks about employment and governance processes. They have useful resources to share and are happy to answer questions.

The Executive Support Unit of the Local Land Services will be processing the contracts and the invoices. This will be done at their main office in Dubbo and through the e-mail address [landcare.admin@lls.nsw.gov.au](mailto:landcare.admin@lls.nsw.gov.au)

### **Update on contracts and recruitment**

Thank you everyone for your efforts over the Christmas period. As we receive contracts from you we will be countersigning them and sending you back a double-signed copy. Once this is done we can pay the first invoices. We will send out some information about what is required on the invoices by Local Land Services for those of you who are not already familiar.

### **Media announcements**

We know people are really keen to make announcements about their new local coordinator contracts, but we are requesting that you please hold off a bit longer.

As advertising progresses, the Minister's office plans to make a statement later this month, highlighting the many locations and range of host organisations involved in this program across NSW. Local MPs are also expected to help promote this initiative. In light of this, we ask that local organisations wait until February if they are planning to make any media announcements.

### **Induction Training – Learning, Sharing, Connecting**

This is an important opportunity to learn about what's expected from the coordinators and their hosts, to contribute your ideas to the Initiative, and to build stronger networks.

**Date: 21-23 March      Location: Newcastle**

Topics will include: Monitoring and evaluation, communications, Landcare Gateway...  
We will also be asking you what you'd like to learn or share at the event.

**Thanks for work so far. If you have any questions please give us a ring.**

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