

Landcare NSW Inc Chairman's Report 2018



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Landcare NSW is in an exciting phase of growth. The organisation has reached many important milestones and achievements over the past twelve months as it enters a new period of strategic positioning.

Building on the strong foundations we set down in 2016 / 17, we have been busy working towards our core objectives of representation, governance, membership, national support and capacity building.

A key component of this was the appointment of our first Chief Executive Officer, Adrian Zammit in February this year. Since coming on board, Adrian has been focused on building partnerships, developing revenue streams and delivering the services that support the Landcare community around the state.

This year, the full benefits of the Local Landcare Coordinator Initiative (LLCI) have come to fruition. We have 70 Local Landcare Coordinators positioned across the state. Supporting them is one of the most important things that we do.

The Local Landcare Coordinator Initiative, is co-delivered through the partnership of NSW Local Land Services and Landcare NSW and is bringing tangible benefits to communities in natural resources management, building social capital and creating rural jobs. It's a manifestation of the importance of Landcare and the work we do to provide support and a voice to the grassroots Landcare movement in NSW.

The NSW Government showed real vision in supporting the LLCI in 2015, and it is vital that support for the program continues at both the state and local government level from 2019 onwards.

Our paid membership program is progressing well, and it's pleasing to be providing additional support to Landcarers through a range of member resources, programs and benefits, such as the Landcare NSW Insurance Program.

Key service partnerships have led to the development of important revenue streams, and our Container Deposit Scheme partnership at over 130 regional sites across the state has been a standout.

On a personal note, this November marks the end of my time as Landcare NSW Chair. Looking back on my time with the organisation, I'm very proud of what we have achieved in a relatively short space of time.

From modest beginnings a decade ago, we have evolved and developed a strong culture of unity and excellence. We've managed to build strong relationships with local and state Government, generate funding and raise the profile of the Landcare movement in the state.

To have achieved co-governance, co-design and co-delivery with the Government on the LLCI, and to have secured substantial budgets to sustain Landcare into the future is no mean feat, and it's reflective of the hard work of all Landcarers.

Local, individual efforts and commitment are what sustains Landcare, and I look forward to watching on as our vision for a thriving Landcare movement in NSW continues to be realised.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rob Dulhunty', positioned above the printed name.

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