

Rules and Procedures for Membership to Landcare NSW



Definitions

Landcare means Landcare, Bushcare, Dunecare or Coastcare groups, producer groups or similar voluntary organisations registered on the National Landcare Register.

The Association means Landcare NSW Incorporated.

Membership

Membership of the Association will be comprised of 3 distinct categories, including:

1. Landcare Body Corporate Members who:
 - a. are community-based Landcare organisations, including Landcare, Bushcare, Dunecare or Coastcare groups, producer groups or similar voluntary organisations registered on the National Landcare Register;
 - b. are entities that have been granted formal legal status by incorporation (that is, they are incorporated bodies).

Individuals who are members/supporters of a Landcare Body Corporate Member do not subscribe to membership of Landcare NSW through this category. However, will receive the Landcare NSW benefits through their Landcare Body Corporate Member.

There are two classes of Landcare Body Corporate Member:

- i. Group Landcare Body Corporate Members – these are incorporated local, district and regional Landcare groups, including, but not limited to, Landcare, Bushcare, Dunecare or Coastcare groups, producer groups or similar organisations that:
 - a. employ staff; and/or
 - b. have income of or greater than \$25,000 per annum.
- ii. Small Landcare Body Corporate Members – these are incorporated small local groups, including, but not limited to, Landcare, Bushcare, Dunecare or Coastcare groups, producer groups or similar organisations that:
 - a. do not employ staff; and
 - b. have income less than \$25,000 per annum (averaging over the preceding 3 years).

2. Endorsed Individual Members who:
 - a. represent the peak Landcare representative or decision-making body in their region, and who have formal written endorsement from the peak Landcare representative or decision-making body in their region. These members are automatically members of the Council of the Association.

There can be one endorsed representative from each regional peak body, but alternates can be offered. Where an organisation seeks to endorse more than one person as a representative, they must make a written application to the Council of the Association stating the reason for the request.

Where more than one peak or representative body emanates from the same region, district or area and seeks membership of the Council, each peak or representative body must make a written application for committee membership to the Council of the association, stating the reason for the request. These applications will indicate:

- i. Area represented

- ii. Organisation(s) represented
- iii. Unique community, organisational or environmental issues the body represents.

or

- b. are individuals with specified skill sets invited by the Council to be members of the Association, and these invited members may be endorsed by the Council of the Association to be members of the Council, to provide specific skills sets to the Council.

Written endorsement of these individual members will remain valid until the AGM, or for a period of 12 months. Existing members of the Council may be re-endorsed.

- 3. Honorary Life Members - individuals who are invited by the Council of Landcare NSW to become Honorary Life Members of Landcare NSW in recognition of services provided to Landcare NSW.

Application Form

All applications for membership are to be made on the form as prescribed by the committee in force at the time that the member applies.

Joining and Annual Fees

Joining and Annual fees for each class of Membership Category will be set annually. All Members must pay the annual fee unless waived by a resolution of the Council.