



MEDIA RELEASE

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Armidale local Sonia Williams awarded Life Membership with Landcare NSW

Local resident of the New England region, Sonia Williams was recognised by the state peak body for Landcare, Landcare NSW when she received an Honorary Life Member Award in Sydney.

Sonia's extraordinary contribution to Landcare in the New England region and her pivotal role in the development of Landcare NSW, was recognised at the 2020 Landcare NSW Annual General Meeting by Landcare NSW Chair, Stephanie Cameron.

Stephanie Cameron praised Sonia and her commitment to Landcare on a state, regional and local level.

Stephanie said: "Sonia has put her heart and soul into Landcare NSW. Her passion and commitment to the Landcare movement over many years has contributed to Landcare NSW's growth in strength and capability."

Sonia's lengthy experience with Landcare began as a voluntary project officer for the Harnham Landcare group. Since then, her roles have included Coordinator and Executive Officer with Southern New England Landcare, Project Manager with New England North West Landcare, State Landcare Coordinator, State Landcare Facilitator and General Manager of Landcare NSW.

"Sonia went above and beyond her role as a paid staff member. She was extremely giving of her time and knowledge. I'm very thankful for the enormous contribution she has made to Landcare NSW and give my heartfelt thanks on behalf of the Landcare movement in NSW," said Stephanie.

One of Sonia's career highlights with Landcare NSW was her critical role in successfully lobbying for, and then designing the NSW State Government funded Local Landcare Coordinator Initiative launched in 2015.

Sonia commended Steph and the Landcare NSW Council and staff, saying it had been a pleasure to be involved in the growth of the state body and movement.

"It's been a really terrific journey in Landcare. Landcare NSW exists to support the hard-working Landcare community across the state. The faces at Landcare NSW may have changed, the operating landscape may have changed, but the commitment to build partnerships that better resource and involve Landcare in policy and programs remains central to the purpose of Landcare NSW.

"It's been a really great experience and I thank everyone involved in making my time with Landcare NSW so enjoyable," said Sonia.

An Honorary Life Member of Landcare NSW is an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the Landcare movement over a number of years.

Individuals are invited by the Council of Landcare NSW to become Honorary Life Members of Landcare NSW, in recognition of services provided to Landcare NSW.



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