



PARKES and Districts LANDCARE

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To coin a once used motivational slogan *“it’s time”*.

It’s time for Parkes and Districts Landcare to call upon all individuals, community groups, farmers, schools, industry and business in the area to band together as we did over twenty years ago, to combat the looming environmental challenges that we face. Whether we refer to them as climate change, drought, or whatever, we all appreciate that there are problems. There is a lot that we can do to restore, protect and enhance our environment, but we need to act together to have maximum effect.

Many of you wouldn’t be aware of Landcare’s role in all this or who we are.

We are you and me.

We are people of the community that join together with a common concern for our country and our environment, and the future of our children.

We are not part of a government organisation.

We volunteer our time to tackle the issues that are threatening us. But we also have time to become friends and share a laugh or two.

We don’t have to be a *greenie, radical or tree hugger* to become a Landcarer. In many instances all we ask is for you to take time to read whatever correspondence we send you to keep informed and up to date.

We may however, take the time to attend a meeting, field trip or similar to look at things first hand, and at the same time develop networks and contacts with people that have similar interests.

In a bold but positive move Parkes and Districts Landcare has submitted and won an application to host the 2011 Landcare and Catchment Management Forum and Awards.

This 3 day event gathers people from all walks of life across NSW, and other areas of Australia to talk about environmental and Natural Resource Management issues. It also allows people who have made contributions in those areas to be recognized and rewarded. Up to 700 people are likely to attend. Think of the flow on benefits for the local economy.

Why is this move bold and positive?

We are moving forward in the face of adversity, holding up our hand to show the rest of the state that although we have been down, we are not out. You can throw climate change, drought or whatever at us but we will not be beaten. We will grow stronger.

We are resilient and adaptive.

The forum and awards will give us a chance to reflect on past projects, showcase current projects and plan for the future management, enhancement and protection of our environment.

Where do I fit in?

If you are concerned about the environment and don't know how to help, here is your opportunity.

By being a member of Parkes and Districts Landcare you are involved in a great community organisation that is sharing common goals.

You will be kept up to date with the many environmental and Natural Resource Management issues that are happening locally and beyond.

You have the opportunity to choose how and if and when you can help. It may be administration, on the ground works or whatever.

In particular we are looking for helpers to assist in the implementation of the awards and forum starting from now up to the event in September 2011.

Positions Vacant

Parkes and Districts Landcare, as part of its strategy planning for the forum, have identified an urgent need for people to fill the following positions in a volunteer capacity.

VIP Liaison Officer, Publicity Liaison Officer, Awards, Dinner and Entertainment Liaison Officer, Transport Liaison Officer, and Media Presentation Liaison Officer.

It is envisaged that those who help will find the experience very rewarding and that great friendships will be developed.

If you have any skills and experience or a willingness to assist please do not hesitate to contact us.

Joining Parkes and Districts Landcare

\$5.00 per family or individual is all it takes to be a member of Parkes and Districts Landcare. That's less than 10 cents per week! Together **"it's time"** to make a difference.

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Membership Application Form

Name(s).....

Please list all individual or family names.

\$5.00 per individual or \$5.00 per family. Amount total

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