



# 2011 NSW LANDCARE CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT FORUM

*incorporating the 2011 NSW Landcare Awards*

Thinking differently: New solutions for old issues



**5 - 7 September**  
PARKES NSW

HOSTED BY





**O**n the 23rd July 2011, Parkes and Districts Landcare lost a great mate. District Landcare Facilitator, Gerald Carnie tragically passed away after a sudden illness. He was just forty-seven years old. Gerald had been with Parkes and Districts Landcare for three years, and in that time proved himself to be a truly galvanising force for the Committee and Landcare as a whole.

He was passionate, enthusiastic and a great networker and most of all, he believed in Landcare, giving as much of his time to the movement as a volunteer as he did to his paid Landcare work. Gerald job-shared the role of the Lachlan Regional Landcare Facilitator and played an active role in the regional Landcare body, LachLandcare. He was also a representative for the Central West Region on the Committee for Landcare NSW Inc.

Gerald spearheaded many initiatives for Parkes and Districts Landcare, including the upgrading of the website and the move into the use of social networking. He worked with the Committee to secure prominent new premises at Kelly Reserve, lead preparations for the State Landcare and Catchment Management Forum, the involvement of other natural resource organisations in Parkes and Districts Landcare and the establishment of the Parkes and Districts Landcare Hub, designed to combine the efforts of all relevant organisations to invest resources in local natural resource management.

Landcare needs people like Gerald Carnie. He will be deeply missed. Our thoughts go out to his wife Lorraine and family.

*Vale Gerald, we'll keep working away on all those ideas.*

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# Organising Committee



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[www.parkeslandcare.org.au](http://www.parkeslandcare.org.au)



*“The environment belongs  
to each and every one of us  
and we must all play a  
role in protecting it.”*

Rob Gledhill Chairman  
Lachlan Catchment Management Authority.

# Welcome

**W**elcome to the Lachlan Catchment, home to eight Aboriginal nations and the second largest catchment in NSW, covering an area of 8,470,000 hectares. It is also home to the largest potato farm and cherry orchard in the southern hemisphere as well as having 18% of NSW agricultural products produced here. It starts near the ACT border at Yass and Gunning and finishes at Booligal and the Great Cumbung Swamp.

Times are changing and so must we. The Landcare Movement has fulfilled a most important role in educating people about the environment and making them realise the environment belongs to each and every one of us and that we must all play a role in protecting it.

We are now entering a new era of climate change, carbon, renewable energy and the need for greater food production. The Landcare Movement and the Catchment Management Authorities must continue to work together as a partnership to achieve the work that still needs to be done.



May I leave you with this thought: on our own, we will achieve some things, but together we will achieve most things. The Lachlan Catchment Management Authority is proud to be a partner with Landcare and that we were able to be the principle sponsor of this, the 2011 NSW Landcare and Catchment Management Forum.

Congratulations to the Forum organisers and I wish you well in your deliberations.

**Rob Gledhill Chairman Lachlan  
Catchment Management Authority**



### **Message from the Hon Katrina Hodgkinson MP, Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Small Business**

The NSW Government recognises the importance of the Landcare movement as a significant contributor to improving the natural assets of NSW and is proud to support the 2011 NSW Landcare and Catchment Management Forum.

The 2011 NSW Landcare and Catchment Management Forum is an ideal opportunity for volunteers across NSW to come together to share ideas and build knowledge. Volunteers are essential to rural NSW and their efforts help to build natural resource management capacity at a local level.

It is also an ideal opportunity to recognise the commitment and efforts of landcarers across NSW through the 2011 NSW Landcare Awards. These Awards are a time to celebrate the many achievements of the Landcare community.

Landcare is effective in supporting our regional and rural communities to maintain and enhance our natural assets and achieve the shared natural resource management goals of the community.

### **Message from Troy Grant MP, Parliamentary Secretary for Natural Resources**

With more than 2,100 Landcare Groups and an estimated 57,000 volunteer members in NSW, Landcare provides a key role in the management of NSW's natural resources. It is estimated that for every \$1 invested Landcare contributes \$4 in services to the environment.

The 2011 NSW Landcare and Catchment Forum is a time for landcarers across NSW to come together and network with each other and other natural resource management stakeholders, such as Catchment Management Authorities and Local Government.

The Landcare movement's grassroots approach of practical action to support sustainable production while at the same time protecting and improving our natural landscapes provides the backbone of practical conservation across NSW.

Landcare volunteers are everyday people who are passionate about delivering practical on-ground works and awareness raising for the community. The 2011 Landcare and Catchment Management Forum and 2011 NSW Landcare Awards recognise and support this commitment.

# About the Forum

**T**he 2011 NSW Landcare and Catchment Management Forum will be held in the progressive regional centre of Parkes, well known for its diversity in industry and agriculture as well as for the adoption of sustainable natural resource management practices.

The Forum will address a variety of environmental issues facing landholders, government and industry proponents, education institutions and urban communities.

It represents a must attend for practitioners across all of these sectors and will provide a forum for extensive interaction.

The forum will offer presentations, field trips, discussions and case studies with the aim of building knowledge and partnerships in the Landcare and Catchment Management community and to create a way forward.

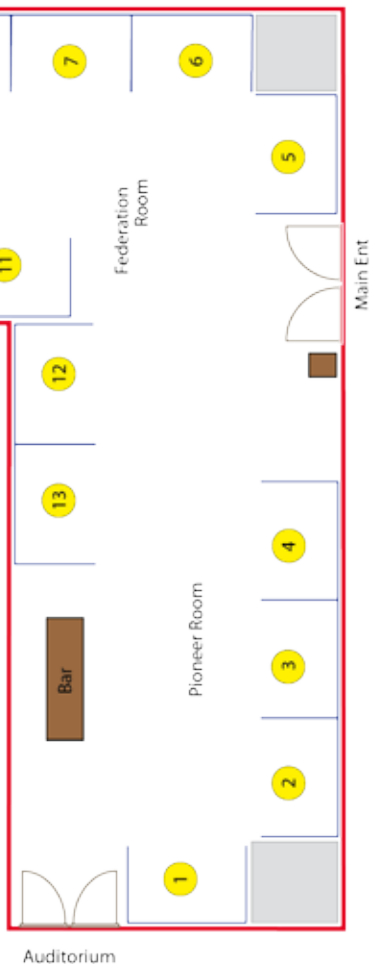
The theme Thinking Differently will underpin conference sessions, highlighting the fact that the natural resource management world is changing and the time for action is now.



Parkes CBD

## LANDCARE FORUM TRADE DISPLAYS PARKES LEAGUES CLUB

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# Monday 5th September 2011

**9.00AM - 2.00PM**

PARKES SERVICES CLUB  
UPSTAIRS FOYER  
**REGISTRATION**

**9.00AM - 12.00PM**

PARKES SERVICES CLUB  
BOULEVARD ROOM  
**REGIONAL LANDCARE  
FACILITATORS MEETING**

**9.00AM**

PARKES SERVICES CLUB  
SUNSET ROOM  
**LANDCARE NSW  
PRIVATE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**1.00PM - 5.30PM**

PARKES SERVICES CLUB  
STARLIGHT ROOM  
**LANDCARE NSW INC MUSTER**

**4.00PM - 7.00PM**

PARKES LEAGUES CLUB  
UPSTAIRS FOYER  
**REGISTRATION**

**6.00PM - 7.30PM**

PARKES LEAGUES CLUB  
AUDITORIUM  
**WELCOME RECEPTION**

# Tuesday 6th September 2011

**7.30AM - 10.00AM** COOKE PARK, SHORT STREET  
**REGISTRATION**

**8.00AM - 9.25AM** COOKE PARK, SHORT STREET  
**BREAKFAST & WELCOME CEREMONY**

**9.25AM - 1.00PM**  
**FIELD TRIPS**

DEPART COOKE PARK

BUSJES RETURN TO PARKES LEAGUES CLUB

## FIELD TRIPS

### 1 Alternatives to Traditional Farming Systems

Tropical grasses addressing climate variability, a project managed by Cooks Myall Landcare Group. Mallee trees - reforestation projects for generating carbon credits with discussion from Mark Ritchie, Manager Land Acquisition for CO<sup>2</sup> Australia.



### 2 Whole Farm Approaches to Sustainable Farming & Biodiversity

A view from two perspectives, a family business run by Bernard and Elizabeth Dwyer and a corporate operation managed by North Parkes Mine.



### 3 Urban Landcare

Forbes Urban Landcare, Winner of the Urban Landcare category in 2009. Showcasing projects that combat salinity, reduce erosion, and improve habitat. Forbes North Public School. Showcasing their Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program. Children from Years 1 to 6 learn to grow fruit and vegetables. They are then able to harvest the food they produce and cook it in a special purpose kitchen.

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### 4 The Dish

One for your partner - an interesting visit to "The Dish" (Parkes Telescope) with morning tea at the Dish Café. Also includes a visit to a couple of Parkes home gardens.



**9.25AM - 12.15PM**

PARKES SERVICES CLUB - UPSTAIRS

## WORKSHOPS

**10.30AM - 11.45AM**

PARKES SERVICES CLUB - STARLIGHT ROOM

### Market Place

Starlight Room

Delegates get the opportunity to explore the Market Place with a range of things to do and see, including; botanical drawings, sculptors, basket weaving, placestories, Native Trees and Grasses, Composting and Weeds.

## WORKSHOPS



### 1 Soil Health to Human Health

SUNSET ROOM

Carole Hungerford has dedicated her career to an understanding of soil health and its links to human health. Come along and hear the latest from this passionate soil scientist.



### 2 Finding and Working with sponsors

BOULEVARD ROOM

Landcarers need to become more entrepreneurial, and attract business and corporate partners who share common aims for community and environmental action. Well known consultant Jen Quealy will present and workshop the issues along side Sponsor representative Kath Logan.





*“Harnessing the power of  
reinvention to spark new zest  
and enthusiasm in your  
Landcare group.”*

Les Robinson



### **3 The Art of Passion Mashing**

- **Re-energise your Landcare group**
- **Grow your membership**
- **Harvest a crop of brilliant ideas**

An enjoyable interactive workshop with leading change consultant, Les Robinson. This workshop is about harnessing the power of reinvention to spark new zest and enthusiasm in your Landcare group. You'll hear about some great reinvention and communication ideas and have a chance to share your own.

This workshop will transform the way you interact with the community and may just spark a whole new way of doing your Landcare work. Les Robinson is one of Australia's leading change consultants who is well known to many in the Landcare/Bushcare community for his work as a trainer, speaker and facilitator. For more, see his web site: [www.enablingchange.com.au](http://www.enablingchange.com.au)

# Tuesday 6th September 2011

## KIDS LANDCARE CARNIVAL AT KELLY RESERVE



## PARKES 2011 **kids** LANDCARE CARNIVAL

Hundreds of kids will converge for a hands-on Landcare experience with exciting environmental education including: Taronga Western Plains Zoomobile, Enviro Craft, Worm Farms, Picasso Cow, Fruit Skewers, Seed work shop, Rhythm Creature, Safety Maze, Water Watch and a Waste-Less School Lunch Competition.

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# Tuesday 6th September 2011

**12.00PM - 2.00PM**

PARKES LEAGUES CLUB - UPSTAIRS FOYER

**REGISTRATION**

## FORUM SESSION

**1.15PM - 5.30PM**

PARKES LEAGUES CLUB - AUDITORIUM

**1.15PM - 1.20PM MC**

**Sarina Locke** was born into a farming family at Holbrook and grew up around cattle, sheep and horses. She's been with the ABC since 1991 as a roving rural/environment reporter. Sarina also won the international Star prize in 2010.



**1.20PM - 1.40PM KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

**Major General Michael Jeffery** AC, AO (MIL), AND CVO, MC Retired from the Army in 1993 and was appointed Governor of Western Australia until 2000. From 2003 to 2008 he served as Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia where his key interests were in youth, education and landscape regeneration matters. Currently he is Chairman of Outcomes Australia and a patron of some 16 other charitable organisations. Outcomes Australia brings Australians together to create more sustainable outcomes for our environment.



1.40PM - 2.40PM

## PANEL SESSION - THINKING DIFFERENTLY

WE REAP WHAT WE SOW - BODY, MIND AND SOIL.



DR MAARTEN STAPPER

PHD UNIVERSITY OF NEW ENGLAND (ARMIDALE)

Advocate of biological-organic farming systems. Dr. Stapper is a farming systems agronomist whose main focus is helping farmers improve the profitability of their operations by harnessing the power of natural healthy soil processes.



DR CAROLE HUNGERFORD

B.A. M.B. B.S. F.A.C.N.E.M

Nutrition-based approach to wellness. Celebrated author of "Good Health in the 21st Century" – a monumental work which champions a nutrition-based approach to wellness.



DR JOHN HOSKIN

Considers the mental wellbeing of rural Australia. Once introduced as "a Semi-retired psychiatrist and cured farmer".



**2.40PM - 2.45PM**

## **MUSTER REPORT**

### **LANDCARE NSW INC**

**MANDI STEVENSON** CHAIRPERSON

Landcare NSW inc is the body that represents Landcare groups across NSW. It is made up of representatives from those groups, and is an advocate for what grass roots Landcare is all about.



**2.45PM - 2.50PM**

## **NATIONAL LANDCARE NETWORK REPORT**

**DAVID WALKER** CHAIRPERSON

An aim of the National Landcare Network is to speak as the national voice in the development of Landcare and broader natural resource management and environmental policy.



**2.50PM - 3.05PM**

## **THE THREAT OF ASIAN BEES**

**BILL WEISS**

Asian Bees are a competitive pest of the managed honeybee and along with recent problems besetting the Honeybee Industry, are making it ever more difficult to be in a position to provide pollination to pollination dependant food crops. Pollination was realized by early settlers as a problem, however has been largely forgotten until recent times. So everything old is new again.

## 2011 NSW LANDCARE PRESENTATIONS

Short presentations delivered by the NSW finalists according to category. See why they were nominated prior to the Awards Dinner.

**3.30pm**

### **PARKES SERVICES CLUB**

STARLIGHT ROOM

- Australian Government Individual Landcarer Award

### **PARKES SERVICES CLUB**

SUNSET ROOM

- Australian Government Innovation in Sustainable Farm Practices Award

### **PARKES SERVICES CLUB**

BOULEVARD ROOM

- Westpac Education Award

### **COACHMAN HOTEL/MOTEL**

FUNCTION ROOM

- Australian Government Natural Resource Management (NRM) Award

### **COACHMAN HOTEL/ MOTEL**

MEETING ROOM

- Toshiba Community Group Award

### **PARKES SHIRE COUNCIL**

COVENTRY ROOM

- Coastcare Award

**4.30pm**

### **PARKES SERVICES CLUB**

STARLIGHT ROOM

- Leighton Holdings Indigenous Award

### **PARKES SERVICES CLUB**

SUNSET ROOM

- Rural Press Primary Producer Award

### **PARKES SERVICES CLUB**

BOULEVARD ROOM

- Be Natural Young Leader Award

### **COACHMAN HOTEL/MOTEL**

FUNCTION ROOM

- Local Government Landcare Partnership Award

### **COACHMAN HOTEL/ MOTEL**

MEETING ROOM

- Australian Government Local Landcare Facilitator/Coordinator Award

### **PARKES SHIRE COUNCIL**

COVENTRY ROOM

- Urban Landcare Award



# Tuesday 6th September 2011

## 2011 NSW Landcare Awards Ceremony

Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start

**VENUE:** PARKES LEAGUES CLUB AUDITORIUM

**DRESS:** SMART CASUAL

**DINNER:** TWO COURSE MEAL

The 2011 NSW Landcare Awards celebrate the work of people in our community who make a difference to our local environment.

Tracey Spicer, one of Australia's most respected female news presenters, will be the MC for the 2011 NSW Landcare Awards, where landcarers across NSW will be recognized for their great achievements.



Phyllis Miller OAM, Convenor of the Natural Resources Advisory Council of NSW (NRAC), is once again proud to be hosting the NSW Landcare Awards. NRAC values the important role of the Landcare movement in supporting the management of our lands and natural resources.

With Parkes dubbed the 'Elvis Capital of Australia' in recognition of the now famous annual festival.....you can't visit Parkes without a hip experience.



**Following the 2011 NSW Landcare Awards Dinner, the evening will conclude with an "Elvis Spectacular" show. Parkes Elvis festival goers rave about this performer, so we are all in for a great night.**

## FORUM SESSION

9.00AM - 5.00PM

PARKES LEAGUES CLUB - AUDITORIUM

### 9.00AM - 9.15AM GUEST SPEAKER AND MC

**Rob Gell** Rob Gell National President of Greening Australia Ltd, Chairman of the Mornington Peninsula and Westernport Biosphere Reserve Foundation Ltd. Rob's lively communication style, coupled with his skills and expertise, continues to engage government, business, environment and NRM groups; Rob brings a unique approach to sustainable natural resource management



### 9.25AM - 9.55AM KEYNOTE SPEAKER

**Richard Neville** Practicing futurist since 1963, author (central editor of Oz Magazine) and social commentator. "Accepting the future can no longer be taken for granted, it needs to be rescued. As the eco system falters and disasters escalate, how will people behave? While the road ahead is paved with perils and promise, we can often spot the footprints of the future and acquire the habit of "living in three times zones" – then, now, tomorrow. By cultivating foresight we can learn to decipher the patterns behind the blur and get a glimpse of things to come." Richard Neville.





**10.00AM - 10.20AM**

## **WHY SOCIAL RESEARCH IS CRITICAL FOR NRM**

**Professor Allan Lindsay Curtis** BA (Melb), DipEd (Melb) PhD (CSU) Professor of Integrated Environmental Management. Allan has an international reputation for research examining watershed organisations, the policy and institutional arrangements supporting catchment management, understanding rural landholder adoption of conservation practices, and the evaluation of natural resource management programs.

**10.20AM - 10.35AM**

## **PERSPECTIVES ON THE AUSTRALIAN FRAMEWORK FOR LANDCARE**

**Ian Thompson** Landcare and NRM directions - Australian Government viewpoint and initiatives.

# Wednesday 7th September 2011

11.20AM -1.20PM

## PANEL SESSION THINKING DIFFERENTLY

CARBON FARMING INITIATIVE OR “USING OUR INITIATIVE”.



**Walter Jehne** Retired scientist with a specialist background in soil microbiology and plant ecology.



**Terry McCosker** Cell grazing founder and forward thinking agriculturalist.



**Louisa Kiely** Director of Carbon Farmers of Australia, offering services that aim to give the Grower a safe, ethical carbon trading experience.



**Tom Nicholas** Healthy Soils Chair. Supports a wide range of proven approaches to build healthy, carbon rich soil.



**Aaron Soanes** General Manager Operations for CO<sup>2</sup> Australia. CO<sup>2</sup> Australia is a market leader in the establishment of major commercial reforestation projects for the purpose of generating carbon credits.

# Wednesday 7th September 2011

2.30PM - 2.50PM

## BENEFITS OF TRADITIONAL BURNING IN THE LACHLAN AND RIVER DREAMING CANOE TOURS



**Russell Hill** Lachlan CMA Catchment Officer  
Aboriginal Communities, Cultural Heritage  
Program Manager.



**Dr Milton Lewis** BSc (Hons) PhD Ecologist.



# Wednesday 7th September 2011

2.55PM - 4.05PM

## PANEL SESSION THINKING DIFFERENTLY

### SUSTAINABLE LAND CARE...LANDCARE'S SUSTAINABILITY

CAPACITY TO ACHIEVE FUNDING, SPONSORSHIP, VOLUNTEERS & PARTNERSHIPS.



**Garry Reynolds** Caring for our Country  
National Coordinator Business and  
Industry.



**Heather Campbell** Landcare Australia  
Limited Chief Executive Officer.



**David Walker** National Landcare  
Network Chairperson.



**Mandi Stevenson** Landcare NSW Inc  
Chairperson.



**Tony Windsor MP** Representative  
of the people of New England in the  
Australian Parliament and Primary  
Producer.

# Wednesday 7th September 2011

**4.30PM - 4.40PM**

## **KIDS LANDCARE CARNIVAL**

A report and video presentation from the Kids Landcare Carnival giving us the ideal perspective – “The Kids Perspective”.



**4.45PM - 4.50PM**

## **ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE LOCATION FOR 2013 FORUM**


**Phyllis Miller OAM** Natural Resources Advisory Council Convenor

**4.50PM - 5.00PM**

## **2011 FORUM CONCLUDES**

**Mandi Stevenson** Landcare NSW Inc Chairperson





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# Emergency Procedures

## In the event of an emergency Dial 000

In the event of an emergency situation you will hear a fire alarm - this is a BEEP - BEEP sound. At this point we ask that you remain in your conference room and await further instructions from your conference supervisor.



### First Aid

The Clubs can provide basic first aid. Please find your closest Volunteer to arrange assistance.

The Clubs can also arrange immediate Ambulance assistance.



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