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2024-25 Annual Report

*'Growing and Supporting
Community Landcare'*



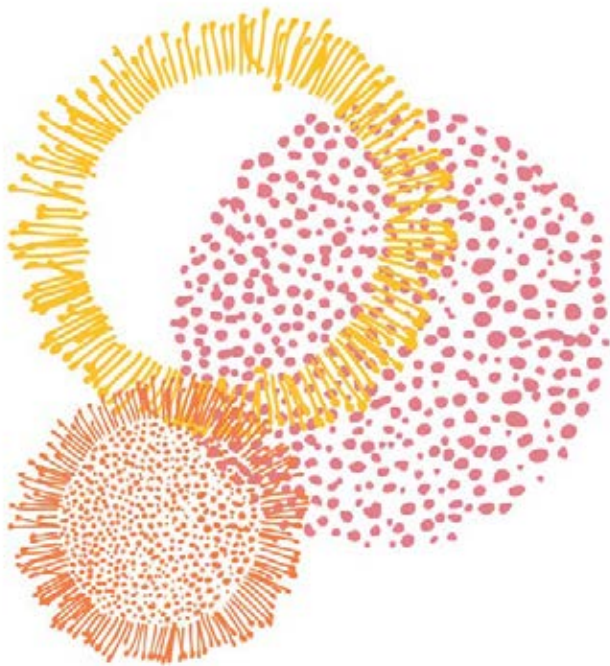


Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge First Nations People as the traditional custodians of the continent, and we recognise, and learn from their unique cultural and spiritual relationships to the land, waters, and seas.

We pay our respects to Elders past and present.

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Cover page photo: (Top left) Anne-Marie Offer from LCC & WALN (Photo: Vanessa Slater), (Top right) Vanessa Slater, Eve Holohan, Caroline Hughes from WALN (Photo: Diana Fisher), (Bottom left & Right) Friends of Clontarf Hill 2025 Planting Day (Photo: Jess Wyld Photography).

Chairperson's Message

Firstly, I'd like to acknowledge the Elders, traditional owners and custodians of the lands and seas across Western Australia on which we all work – Country truly is special and no matter where you are or what you do, your work is part of a collective movement that benefits our state and nation. Whether it's on your country, your farm, your river or your local neighbourhood patch, everyone's efforts contribute to protecting and enhancing the places we all love, live and work.

I'd like to welcome all new WALN members who have joined us in the past 12 months and congratulate all our ongoing members for their support and hard work keeping your communities strong. We have more members than last year and I'm proud to see the amazing WALN team maintaining strong member growth without a dedicated marketing budget.



Representing Landcarers across WA is no easy feat and we are excited to have delivered a great curriculum of mixed capacity building sessions across the year responding to member requests, while also getting out in person and attending community events.

WALN's WA Landcarers Hall of Fame and Annual Gatherings provide a chance to acknowledge those Landcarers who built such a strong movement, celebrate our member groups successes and strengthen relationships between people and the groups they represent. Seeing WALN members talk about their passion to their peers – sharing knowledge and enthusiasm is always an inspiration!

Events like WALN's well-attended 'Meet the Politicians' session gave groups a chance to present local issues face-to-face with potential policy makers in the lead up to the WA state election. Online, WALN presented a diverse curriculum of capacity building sessions across the year, responding to member requests; seeing an encouraging number of people viewing WALN's Landcare Checks In and Landcare Build Skills recorded sessions – which all still available to view on WALN's website.

I'm excited to have been working with the team on designing a new website for WALN, scheduled for launch in late 2025. With a fresh new look we hope it will engage new and old landcarers and act as a hub for landcare in WA. It will also host the new and unique Landcare Expertise Exchange portal – a place which will truly demonstrate that landcare is for everyone!

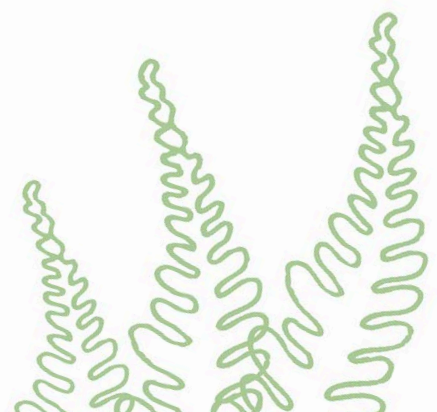
I'd like to say a big thankyou to the WALN Committee and our amazing staff; through the year we have seen Casey Woodward depart us after two years of amazing work supporting members. We have welcomed Eve Holohan to fill the role and have welcomed Vanessa Slater into the role of Landcare Expertise Exchange Facilitator. We wish Casey all the best in her future endeavours and are excited to have Eve and Vanessa join our passionate team.

I've been proud to be WALN's Chairperson for the last five years; supporting WALN's sustained growth in membership, advocating for funding to support Landcare mature across the sector and having the opportunity to represent WALN at both a state and national level

With the best interests of Landcare at heart, I have decided not to nominate for a WALN executive role again this year. All good things come to an end and I'd like to thank everyone for their support, guidance and encouragement over so many years. I wish WALN's staff, incoming Executive, Committee, members, funders and partners the very best and know that Landcare in WA will continue to grow strong with your support.

In Landcare spirit,

Mick Davis
Chairperson, WA Landcare Network



Snapshot of 2024-25 Achievements

Membership



11% increase in Ordinary Members



17% increase in Associate Members



12 WA Landcarers Hall of Fame Inductees

Advocacy



1 Hot Topic and 1 Whole of Sector Forums



13 Advocacy Meetings

Networking and Capacity Building



13 Landcare Checks In



3 Landcare Build Skills



10 Collaboration Events



1 Annual Gathering

Communications



11 Landcare News



2300 Facebook Followers



741 Linked In Followers



862 Instagram Followers

Why a WA Landcare Network?

Established in 2014 the WA Landcare Network this year hit the decade milestone as a strong community-based organisation representing grassroots community landcare. We have achieved successive membership growth beyond 15–20% per annum.

A Collective Independent Voice for WA Landcare

As the peak body for community landcare in WA, we represent an active network of hundreds of landcare groups and thousands of individuals along with First Nations organisations, research organisations, local governments, Universities and many others.

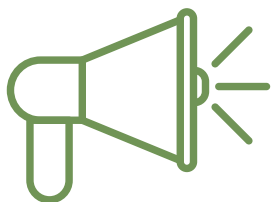


Supporting and advocating for community landcare

(From left) Vanessa Slater, Lizzy Lowe, Eve Holohan, and Emily Lette.

What does WALN do?

WALN is the peak body for community landcare groups in Western Australia. We deliver services to our members under four strategic directions.



Advocate and Represent

WALN strives to be a collective independent voice for landcare, and advocates on behalf of the Landcare Community at all levels of government, based on a real-time understanding of what's happening on the ground. WALN hopes through strong advocacy on behalf of grassroots landcare we can build better support and capability for landcare in WA. WALN continues to work closely with First Nations Peoples as a key reconciliation action.



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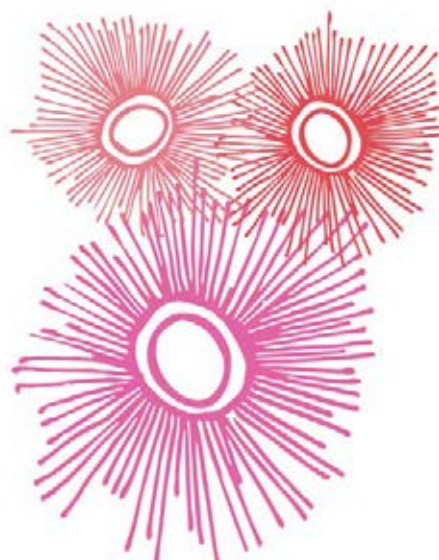
Sustain & Build Capacity

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Strengthen WALN's capability

WALN facilitates good governance and follows sound principles to deliver professional services. We seek external funding to maintain financial stability to enable us to continue to meet our memberships needs and to grow and diversify the income stream for members.



WA Landcarers Hall of Fame

The WA Landcarers' Hall of Fame recognises those individuals who have contributed a lifetime of dedication through action, leadership, research, advocacy, policy, publication, and persistent hard work.

Thank you to the State Natural Resource Management Program WA and National Landcare Network for funding support to make the WA Landcarers Hall of Fame possible.

This year, twelve landcare champions were recognised and celebrated as the 2024 inductees of the WA Landcarers Hall of Fame, including (Left-Right, Top to Bottom):

Les Schultz

Barbara Morrell

Dr Denis Saunders AM

Claudia Hadlow

Harry Whittington OAM

(Posthumous)

Bronte Rundle

Mike Norman

Rob Boase

Mary Gray OAM

Rosanna Hindmarsh

Wayne Clarke

Keith Bradby OAM



Our Members

A strong WALN membership base helps demonstrate the level of grassroots support for landcare in WA. Membership of the WA Landcare Network Inc (WALN) includes two classes of membership:

Ordinary Membership open to any community group with an active interest in landcare.

Associate Membership open to individuals, local government authorities, businesses, schools, and research organisations engaged in landcare.

During 2024-2025 WALN enjoyed growth in both Ordinary and Associate membership. Ordinary Membership increased from 212 to 226 groups (11% increase) and Associate Membership increased 179 to 217 members (17% increase).

WALN's active membership reaches over 6000 citizens in the landcare community, the environmental sector around the State.



226 Ordinary Members



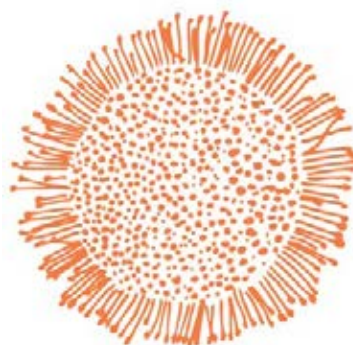
217 Associate Members



Our members demonstrate the grassroots support for landcare in WA

Ordinary Member Groups | 226 Members at 30 June 2025

- ABC Foundation Limited
- Activate Tree Planting
- Albany and Surrounds Feral Cat Working Group
- APACE AID Incorporated
- Armadale City Rivercare Group
- Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group
- Armadale Settlers Common Management Committee
- Augusta Community Nursery/ Coast and Landcare
- Australian Coastal Society
- Australian Wildlife Conservancy- South West Region
- Avon Valley Environmental Society Inc.
- Avongro Inc.
- Badgebup Aboriginal Corporation
- Baigup Wetland Interest Group
- Baldivis Children's Forest
- Balingup Friends of the Forest
- Bannister Creek Catchment Group
- Bassendean Preservation Group Inc.
- Belmont Community Environmental Champions
- Beverley River Care Group Inc
- Bibbul Ngarma Aboriginal Association Incorporated
- Bibbulmun Track Foundation
- Bicton Environmental Action Group
- Binningup Coastcare and Environment Group
- Blackadder Woodbridge Catchment Group Inc.
- Blackwood Basin Group
- Blackwood Biosecurity Inc.
- Blackwood Environment Society/Bridgetown-Greenbushes Community Landcare
- Bungendore Park Environment Group Inc
- Busselton-Dunsborough Environment Centre Inc.
- Cambridge Coastcare
- Cape Conservation Group Inc.
- Capel Land Conservation District Committee
- Carbon Positive Australia (previously Carbon Neutral Charitable Fund)
- Care For Hedland Environmental Association
- Carnamah Land Conservation District Committee
- Central Wheatbelt Biosecurity Association
- Chapman River Friends
- Chittering Landcare Centre
- Claise Brook Catchment Group Inc.
- Clever Clogs Community Organisation for Climate Action
- Cockburn Community Wildlife Corridor Inc
- Conservation Council WA
- Conserving for the Avon River Environment Inc.
- Corrigin Farm Improvement Group
- Cottesloe Coastcare Association Inc
- Denmark Bird Group Incorporated
- Denmark Environment Centre
- Denmark Weed Action Group Inc.
- Derby Landcare Group
- Dolphin Discovery Centre
- Dumbleyung Land Conservation District Committee
- Dunsborough Coast and Landcare Inc.
- Ellen Brockman Integrated Catchment Management Group
- Environmental Research Group Augusta
- Environs Kimberley Inc.
- Esperance Tjaltjraak Native Title Aboriginal Corporation
- Falcon Coastcare
- FAWNA Inc.
- Fitzgerald Biosphere Group
- For the Love of Wildlife Ltd.
- Frenchman Bay Association
- Friends of Bill Brown Park
- Friends of Bob Blackburn Flora Reserve
- Friends of Bold Park Bushland Inc.
- Friends of Booragoon and Blue Gum Lakes
- Friends of Booyiup Wetlands
- Friends of Cantonment Hill
- Friends of Clontarf Hill
- Friends of Coolbina Bushland
- Friends of Erindale Road Bushland
- Friends of Gabbiljee
- Friends of Galup - Lake Monger
- Friends of Gracetown and Cowaramup Bay
- Friends of Hollis Park
- Friends of Inglewood Triangle
- Friends of Jarrah Creek
- Friends of Jirdarup Bushland Inc.
- Friends of Ken Hurst Park
- Friends of Koondoola Bush
- Friends of Lake Claremont
- Friends of Lake Gwelup
- Friends of Manning Park Ridge
- Friends of Meelup Regional Park Incorporated
- Friends of Moore River Estuary Inc
- Friends of Mosman Park Bushland
- Friends of Nguraren Kalleep Reserve
- Friends of North Ocean Reef - Iluka Foreshore
- Friends of Paganoni Swamp
- Friends of Perry Lakes
- Friends of Piesse Brook
- Friends of Porteous Park
- Friends of Queens Park Bushland
- Friends of Rossmoyne Park
- Friends of Samphire Cove Nature Reserve
- Friends of Samson Park
- Friends of Sorrento Beach and Marmion Foreshore
- Friends of Success Hill Reserve
- Friends of Susannah Lakes
- Friends of the Dale River
- Friends of the Fitzgerald River National Park Inc
- Friends of the Shelley Rossmoyne Foreshore
- Friends of Trigg Bushland (Inc.)
- Friends of Underwood Avenue Bushland Inc.
- Friends of Upper Lesmurdie Falls Inc.
- Friends of Warwick Bushland
- Friends of Yellagonga Regional Park
- Friends of Yongka Birl



- Gascoyne Catchments Group
- Geographe Catchment Council Inc.
- Geographe Community Landcare Nursery Inc
- Gero Clean Up Crew
- Gillamii Centre Inc.
- Gingin Water Group Inc
- Goldfields Nullarbor Rangelands Biosecurity Association
- Gondwana Link Ltd
- Green Skills Inc.
- Greening Australia
- Harvey River Restoration Taskforce Inc.
- Helena River Catchment Group Inc.
- Island Care Christmas Island
- Jane Brook Catchment Group Inc.
- Kadina Brook Rehabilitators
- Kariyarra Aboriginal Corporation
- Katanning Landcare
- Katanning Wildflower Group
- Kerkhof Carnaby Group
- Kimberley Land Council
- Kimberley Rangelands Biosecurity Association
- Lake Clifton-Herron Landcare Group
- Lake Mealup Preservation Society
- Landcare Serpentine Jarrahdale Inc.
- Ledge Point Coastcare
- Leschenault Biosecurity Group
- Leschenault Catchment Council Inc.
- Leschenault Community Nursery
- Lower Blackwood Land Conservation District Committee
- Lower Helena Association Inc
- Lyndon Land Conservation District Committee
- Mandurah Environment & Heritage Group
- Manning Park Conservation Society Inc.
- Margaret River Regional Environment Centre Inc.
- Meekatharra Rangelands Biosecurity Association Inc.
- Moora Miling Pasture Improvement Group Inc
- Moore Catchment Council Inc.
- Mullaloo Beach Community Group Inc
- National Trust of Western Australia
- Native Plants WA
- Nature Conservation Margaret River Region Inc.
- Nature Reserves Preservation Group Inc.
- Ngurawaana Community (Juluwarla) Aboriginal Corporation
- Noongar Land Enterprise Group
- North Stirlings Pallinup Natural Resources
- North Swan Land Conservation District Committee (Bullsbrook Landcare)
- Northern Agricultural Catchments Council
- Nowanup Noongar Boodja Limited
- Oil Mallee Association
- Origins Centre Soc.Inc
- Oyster Harbour Catchment Group Inc.
- Ozfish Unlimited
- Palomino Catchment Group
- Peel Harvey Biosecurity Group
- Peel Region Western Ringtail Possum Action Group
- Peel-Harvey Catchment Council Inc.
- Peron Naturaliste Partnership Inc.
- Perth Intrepid Landcare
- Perth NRM
- Promote Preston
- Quinns Rocks Environmental Group
- Rangelands NRM Western Australia
- Ravensthorpe Agricultural Initiative Network
- RegenWA
- Regional Urban Greening Group
- Revegetation Industry Association of WA Inc.
- Roebuck Bay Working Group
- Roleybushcare Inc.
- Singleton Coastcare
- South Coast Management Group
- South Coast Natural Resource Management Inc.
- South East Regional Centre for Urban Landcare Inc
- South West and Peel Coastal Management Group Inc.
- South West NRM
- Southern Aboriginal Corporation
- Southern Forest Community Landcare
- Southern Rangelands Pastoral Alliance Inc.
- Stirling Natural Environment Coastcare Inc.
- Susannah Brook Catchment Group Inc.
- Swan Estuary Reserves Action Group Inc.
- Talbot Brook Land Management Assoc. Inc.
- Tangaroa Blue Foundation
- The Seed Library Inc.
- The Wetlands Centre Cockburn
- Toby Inlet Catchment Group Inc.
- Toodyay Friends of the River
- Toodyay Naturalists' Club Inc.
- Torbay Catchment Group Inc
- Track Care WA
- Trees Australia
- Trillion Trees (formerly Men of the Trees)
- Undalup Association Inc.
- Urban Bushland Council WA Inc
- WA Coastal and Marine Community Network
- WA Landskills Inc.
- WA Malleefowl Recovery Group
- WA Seabird Conservation Network
- Wagin Woodanilling Landcare Zone Inc.
- Walitj Aboriginal Corporation
- Wannamal Lake Catchment Group
- Waterbird Conservation Group Inc
- West Australian Native Orchid Study and Conservation Group Inc.
- West Koojan-Gillingarra Land Conservation District Committee
- Western Australian Forest Alliance
- Western Australian Native Orchid Study and Conservation Group Inc
- Wetlands Conservation Society Inc
- Wheatbelt Natural Resource Management Inc.
- Whittington Interceptor Sustainable Agriculture Land Treatment Society
- Wildflower Society of WA
- Wildflower Society of WA Inc. (Armadale Branch)
- Wilson Inlet Catchment Committee Inc.
- Wilson Wetlands Action Group
- Wirambi Landcare
- Woodvale Waters Friends of Beenyup Channel Group
- Woolkabunning Kiaka Inc.
- Yarra Yarra Catchment Management Group Inc.
- Yass Area Network of Landcare Groups
- York River Conservation Society Inc

WALN Team

WALN operates with a volunteer committee representing landcare member groups who work with contracted staff to provide benefits to members and raise the profile of landcare in WA.

The WALN Management Committee meets bi-monthly online to provide strategic and governance oversight to the operations of the organisation.

2025 WALN Committee

Chair	Mick Davis	Friends of Upper Lesmurdie Falls Inc.
Deputy Chair	Bruce Ivers	Bicton Environmental Action Group
Secretary	John Holley	Gondwana Link
Treasurer	Bonnie Jupp	Regen WA
Committee	Julian Sharp	Southern Forest Community Landcare
	Monty House	The Gillamii Centre
	Anne-Marie Offer	Leschenault Catchment Council (November 2024)
	Dan Friesen	Friends of Clontarf Hill (November 2024)

2024-25 Part-time Support Staff

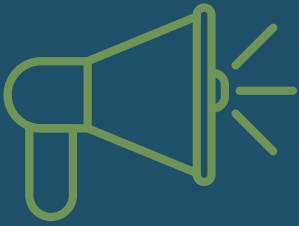
Executive Officer	Jacqueline Lahne
Communications Officer	Caroline Hughes
Member Development Manager	Casey Woodward
Member Services Manager (replacing Casey)	Eve Holohan
Landcare Expertise Exchange Facilitator (LEEF)	Vanessa Slater



The WALN Team provides benefits to WALN Members and raises the profile of landcare in WA

L-R Jacqueline Lahne, CEO; Eve Holohan, Member Services Manager, Bonnie Jupp, Committee Member; Vanessa Slater, Landcare Expertise Exchange Facilitator (LEEF).

2024-25 Achievements



Advocate and Represent

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WALN invested time working closely with funding bodies to seek at least a CPI increase in funding available to groups. This has now been included in the next State NRM funding round. While some Parliamentary Friends of Landcare political representatives had intended to increase State NRM community stewardship grant funding – potentially doubling it – this was not achieved post-election. Advocacy continues into 2025–26 to support the development of a new Parliamentary Friends of Landcare Group, following changed Parliamentary requirements.

Following an Open Mic Landcare Checks In session, a member survey, and discussions with member groups, three key government requests were identified:

- Increased support for the significant social asset that is community landcare, which returns more than \$7 for every \$1 invested
- The urgent need for a WA Landcare and Environmental Strategy to enable bilateral funding agreements and increase federal environmental funding
- Improved protection measures recognizing WA's unique landscapes and biodiversity

A strong call continues for a State of Environment Report, nearly 20 years since the last, which is essential to form a baseline for a WA Environment Strategy. This would guide strategic investment and unlock bilateral federal funding. Advocacy for improved environmental protection continues, particularly amid ongoing development pressures across the state.

WA maintained active representation at the National Landcare Network Members Council, with Chair Mick Davis, Deputy Chair Bruce Ivers, and CEO Jacqueline Lahne participating in online meetings throughout the year. The Members Council provides strategic direction and input, with representatives from across Australia sharing approaches to advocate for increased funding and policies that protect the environment.

Following the retirement of NLN Board Chair Dr Louise Duxbury, WALN Chair Mick Davis assumed the WA representative role on the NLN Board, participating in online meetings as frequently as possible.



A Hot Topic Forum on Native Seed Supply Security drew a passionate audience from across the sector



WALN's participation in the National Landcare Network provides key access to the activities of our equivalent organisations around the country, providing opportunities to learn from what's working in other settings, on the ground, in IT, and political engagement.

WALN organised two live political interfaces where members could speak directly with sitting politicians and candidates from all sides of politics in the lead up to the 2025 State election. This was well attended and the recording received over 100 views prior to the State election. A federal political panel unfortunately was cancelled at the last minute due to politicians withdrawing, this was a big disappointment to the audience and we communicated this to the people involved.

We held a Hot Topic Forum in response to member interest around Native Seed Supply and Security, which resulted in the formation of a working group and led to an application to State NRM to fund a project officer, sited with WALN and reporting to the working group, to conduct a review of the blockages in the native seed supply chain and seeks to plan a program of work across the supply chain to address this.





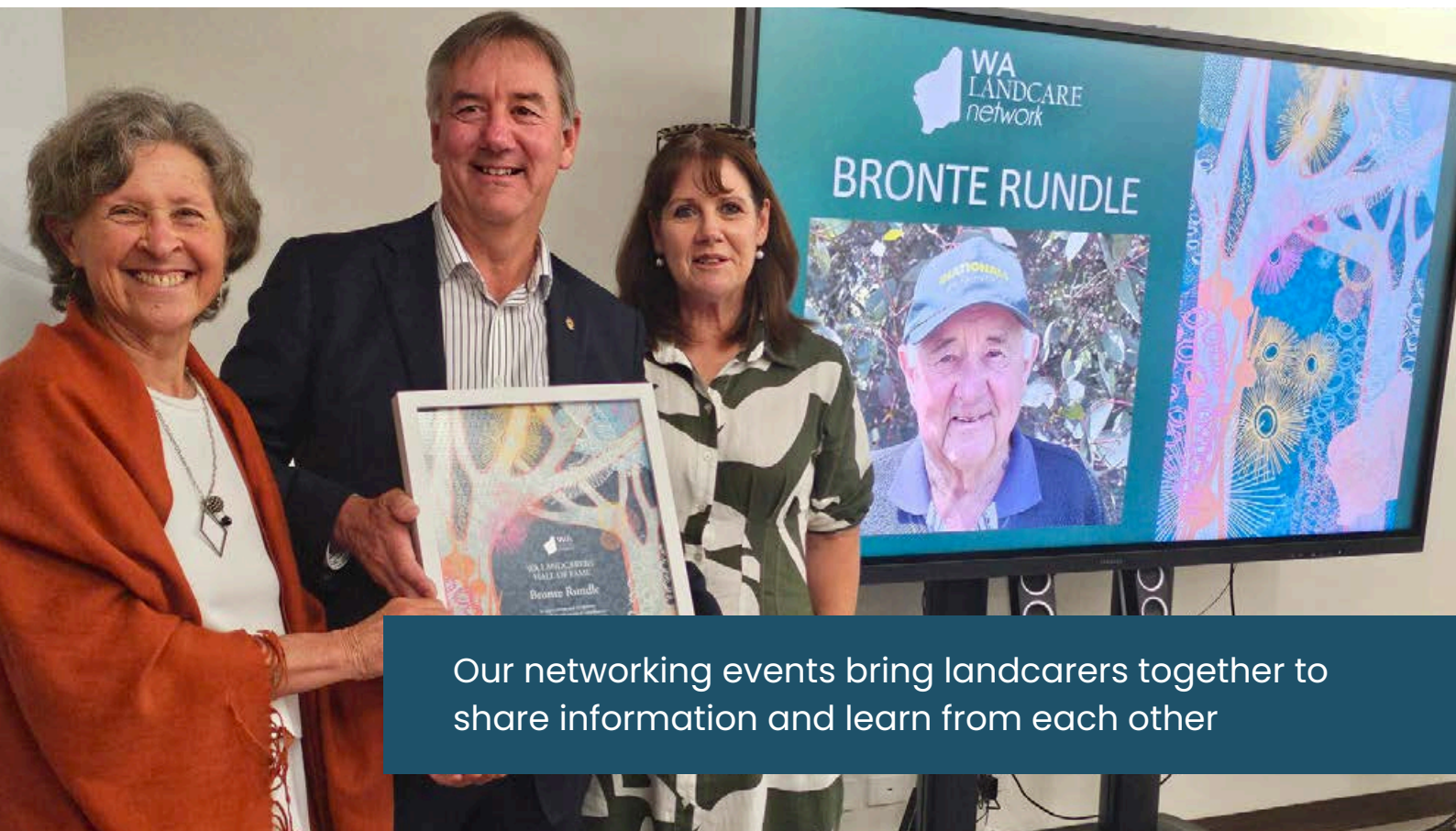
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The WALN committee works as ambassadors for grassroots landcare in WA and was gratified to see to continued growth in membership numbers across categories.

This year we have found the recordings from our online Landcare Checks In and Landcare Build Skills more popular than ever, which is evidence of the quality of the resources being developed from these events. These are available to all attendees and often to the general community.

Our theme for 2025 'Landcare is Climate Action' was very popular and a diverse range of groups received funding to hold events where they shared what is happening in adaptive practice as a response to climate change. Members reported finding this theme uplifting, positive and an inspiration to keep moving forward, despite the challenges.

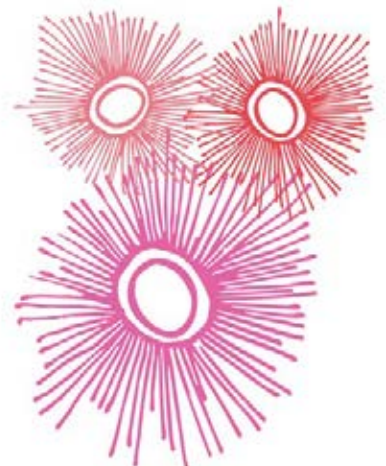
The WA Coastal Marine Network (WACMN) has been busy delivering projects funded by DPLH and State NRM and building a solid foundation for a purely coastal network in WA. WALN continues to sponsor and mentor this dedicated group. Their Annual Coastal Forum was very successful, and they will design and host this again in 2025 along with the Coastal Awards. WALN would like to formally recognize the continuing commitment of Dr Carmen Elrick-Barr and Dr Ailbhe Travers, along with the Core Strategic Group members and Perth NRM. Their vision and commitment are carrying this important project forward and we encourage you to support their face-to-face and online events and join their network if you too love the magnificent WA coastline.



Our networking events bring landcarers together to share information and learn from each other

The second round of inductions into the **WA Landcarers' Hall of Fame** was an early evening sundowner following the WALN Annual Gathering and it was another great success. A passionate group of more than 70 folks celebrated 12 Landcare Champions from around the State, in the company of their peers, families and friends and politicians from the Parliamentary Friends of Landcare.

The e-newsletter **Landcare News** received several bouquets throughout the year, and our 'open' rate remains higher than average. The LinkedIn profile and Instagram followings continue to grow the Network's presence and to expand our reach to sectors related to landcare and the environment, including health and education. For a movement necessarily concerned with succession, the demonstrated engagement of a younger audience through these platforms is gratifying. This will be enhanced even more by the new WALN website and the Landcare Expertise Exchange, which will make connecting with peers in the movement as easy as the click of a button. .





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A cornerstone component of WALN's capacity building offerings, Landcare Checks In and Landcare Build Skills provide the chance for landcarers to regularly come together online to chat, learn, exchange info and network about landcare issues. The recordings of many of these events provide an invaluable resource for members to view in their own time, and to revisit as required. For attendees these are followed with a resource package including a PDF of the presentation, contact details, handouts and relevant information, providing a comprehensive package of information for reference and sharing. The number of folks watching the recordings varies widely with some well in the hundreds.

Landcare Checks In - what did we cover for you?

Open Mic – Preparing for the upcoming State and Federal Elections

Healthy Country Planning and its application for landcare

Tackling Weeds in a Bushland Reserve

Crafting Compelling Stories for Funding Success

Landcare Issues in the Political Spotlight – live session with Q & A State

Atlas of Living Australia and Community Landcare

State NRM Community Stewardship Grant Information 2025 – significant positive changes

National Update and Opportunities for Community Landcare in 2025

Polyphagous Shot Hole Borer for Landcarers

Insurance Tailored for Landcare

Landcare Issues in the Political Spotlight, Counting Down to the Federal Election (Cancelled)

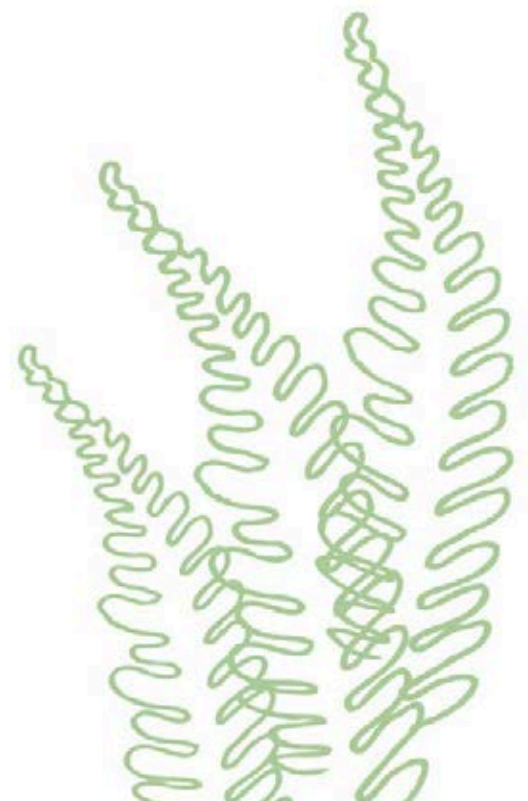
Community Landcare Catch Up – Sharing Landcare Stories

Landcare Build Skills

Landcare Project Design 101

Fundraising for Community Landcare

Soil Management Practices – a hugely popular workshop with lots of views!





WALN brings together community landcare, First Nations, politicians, research and industry to address the environmental challenges we face in the 21st century.



Strengthen WALN's Capability

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The WALN committee grew at the November 2024 AGM with the addition of Anne-Marie Offer, Chair of the Leschenault Catchment Council, and Dan Friesen from Friends of Clontarf Hill, who joined as General Members. They bring a valuable diversity of experience and skills, increasing committee membership to eight and strengthening our representation of the movement. A longer-term goal is to expand the committee to ten members. They meet online every eight weeks, and contributed to two strategic planning sessions across the year to ensure WALN continues to meet the needs of grassroots landcare.

Minor updates to the Strategic Plan included adding the statement: "We seek external funding to maintain financial stability to enable us to continue to meet our membership's needs." This acknowledges the clear need to diversify funding for both WALN and the broader sector, including philanthropic and corporate support, and in time, donations and bequests.

During the second year of delivering the **Maturing Community Landcare Sector Through Capacity Building – Next Steps** project, a new website design was developed for WALN incorporating an innovative national-first portal: the **Landcare Expertise Exchange (LEE)**. Funding from State NRM and Lotterywest was gratefully secured to deliver the LEE project, which will showcase and activate the deep technical skills, knowledge, and expertise held across the community landcare sector.

Operated by the Landcare Expertise Exchange Facilitator (LEEF), the portal will provide users across the State – and beyond – with access to information, advice, and connection. This will support extensive collaboration, knowledge-sharing, and the mobilisation of the remarkable expertise within the movement. This project has increased WALN's staff capacity to 2.3 FTE, significantly boosting our ability to respond to the many varied requests for advice, connection, information, and action that we receive each week from the movement.

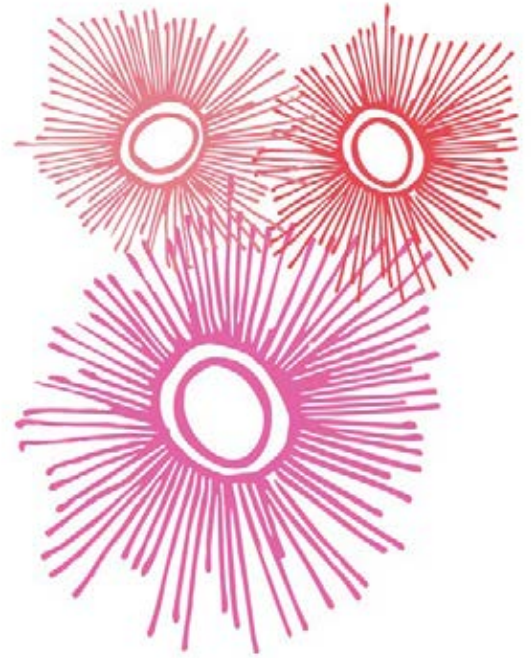


Continued funding from State NRM, the National Landcare Network and Lotterywest supports our members with networking, connection, skills and capacity building activities.

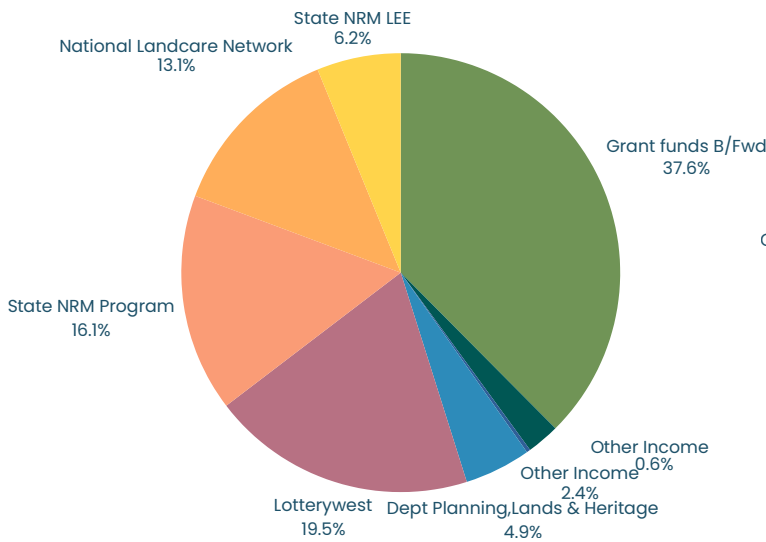
2024-25 Financial Report

On behalf of the membership we are grateful for core funding sources from the National Landcare Network, the State NRM Community Stewardship Grant program and Lotterywest. WALN continued to auspice Department of Planning Lands and Heritage grant funds for the WA Coastal Marine Network. WALN began the 2024-25 financial year with a carryover of funds from all except Lotterywest.

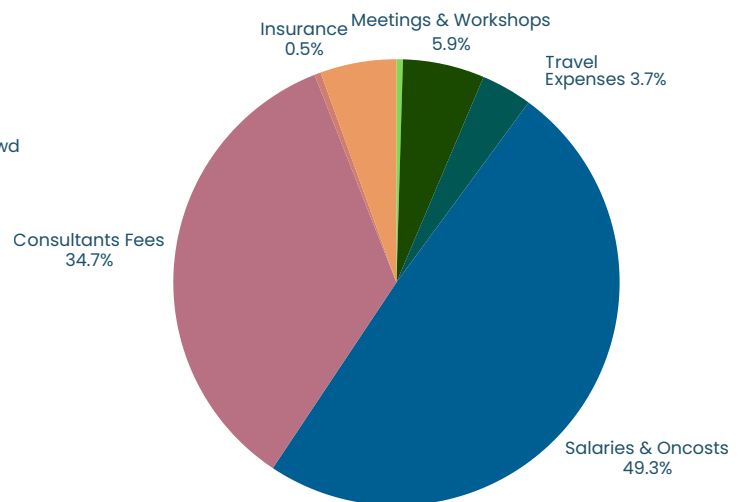
WALN carried forward \$345,647 of grant funds into the 2024-25 financial year to continue to deliver grant funded projects.



2024-25 Income \$



2024-25 Expenditure \$



Breakdown of 2024-25 Income

Grants Funds B/Fwd	\$345,657
National Landcare Network	\$120,804
State NRM Program	\$147,826
State NRM Lee Portal	\$56,930
Lotterywest	\$179,448
Dept Planning Lands & Heritage	\$44,950
State NRM Coastal Marine Network	\$19,400
Other Income	\$22,205
Bank Interest	\$2,579
TOTAL INCOME	\$738,683

Breakdown of 2024-25 Expenditure

Administration	\$20,294
Consultants Fees	\$127,443
Insurance	\$1,717
Meetings and Workshops	\$21,763
Salaries and Oncosts	\$181,107
Travel Expenses	\$13,593
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	\$373,592
Unexpended Grant Funds C/Fwd	\$345,657
Net Income	\$19,434
TOTAL	\$738,683

Further details of the 2024-25 Income and Expenditure are available in WA Landcare Network Inc Financial Report of the Year Ended 30 June 2025 prepared by Foric Accounting Certified Practicing Accountants and available for viewing by contacting WALN at enquiries@landcarewa.org.au.

CEO Report



2024-2025 was a hectic year for WALN with meeting our busy contract deliverables, responding to growing member needs and managing a staff changeover, which has a big impact on a small team! We loved that our intern from Notre Dame University, the wonderful Eve Holohan (B.Env.Sc. B.Politics International Relations), was perfect for the role of Member Services Manager when Casey Woodward moved to the State NRM team. An active member of WALN Member group, Friends of Clontarf Hill, Eve hit the ground running with her understanding of what members may be looking for from a Peak Body.

We also welcomed Vanessa Slater (B.Env.Sc. Hons) as the Landcare Expertise Exchange Facilitator (LEEF). Ness has years of experience as a rural and peri-urban landcare coordinator and jumped with gusto into work on the new website and portal for launch in late 2025.

I would like to formally acknowledge the terrific work of the team (past and present) that make WALN what it is, including our very supportive and knowledgeable committee. We all care about the movement and about how we can work with you to futureproof landcare in WA.

Our need, very similar to many of you, is to plan well ahead for succession and this informs our focus on attracting and engaging young people and diversity into the movement. The very refreshed website and the LEE portal is part of this strategy.

The Year to Come

The 2025 launch of the LEE is designed to build even greater connections across the state with the live portal acting as a connector where landcarers share the enormous knowledge, information and skills they have with one another. The community landcare movement is such an asset to this state and our aim is to demonstrate this fact to a wide range of potential partners. A Project Bank on the site will enable members to promote projects they need funded, including the opportunity for catchment and landscape scale project plans to attract collaborators and investors.

A review of the WALN Strategy will see the committee test a range of ideas that further support the on-ground action that is starting to result from the environmental marketplace. We will examine how, as the Peak Body, WALN can facilitate you and your groups, the grassroots landcare community, to benefit and gain everything you need to keep moving forward.

Thanks once again for everything you do. Our society benefits tremendously from your actions and we will continue to work hard to see your amazing contribution better supported and valued.

Our theme for 2026 is **landCare, Connect and Collaborate** and we look forward to working with you all, as a thriving growing network, to benefit the environment of this beautiful place we call home.

Jacqueline Lahne
CEO, WA Landcare Network





We consider ourselves privileged to provide care and support for the people who, in turn, care and support our precious environment – you!



Thanks to our funding bodies for their continued and invaluable support.



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