



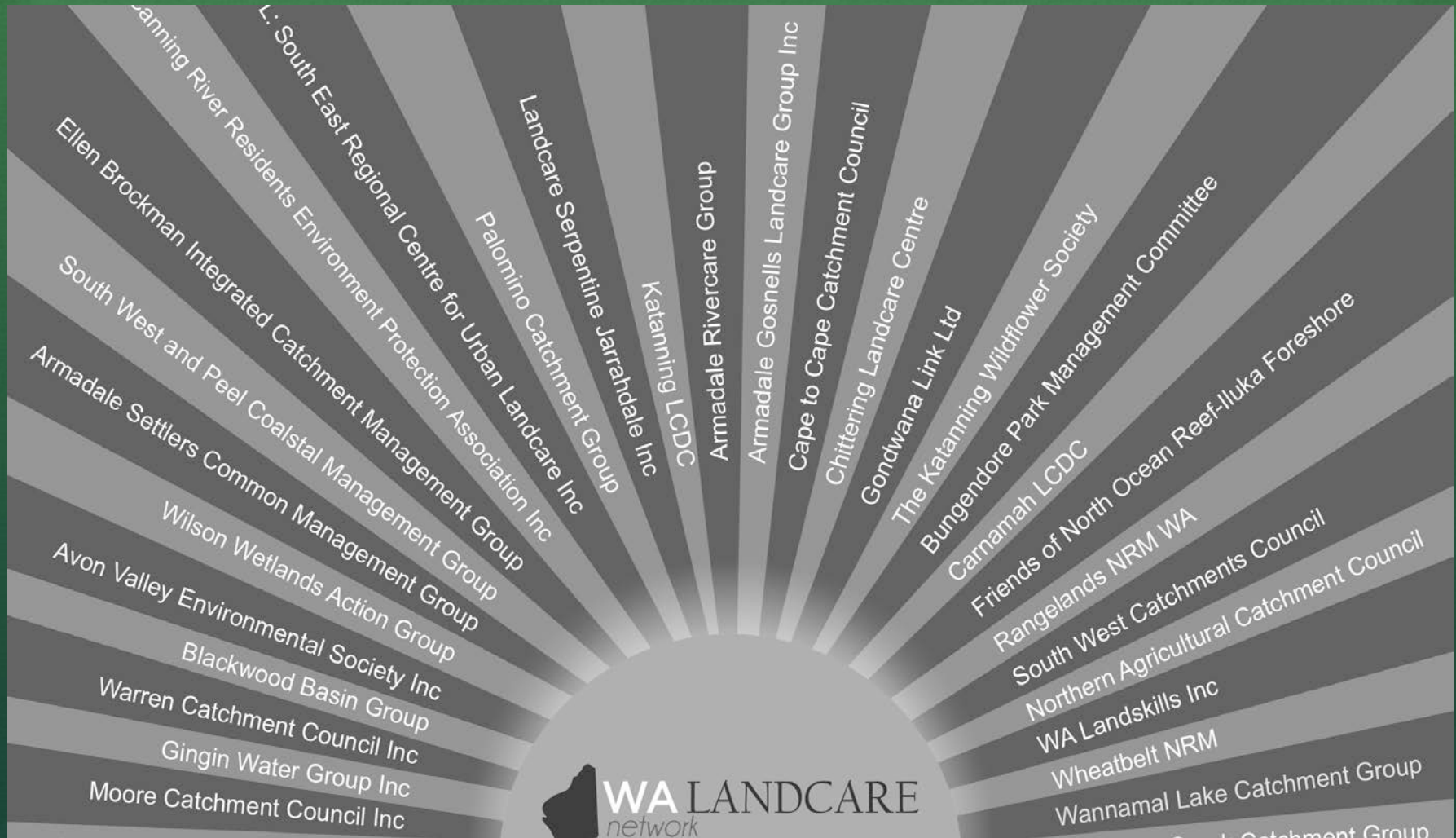
Strengthening Landcare in WA

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WALN as the Peak Representative Body of Community-based Landcare Groups in WA



Establishment of WALN

- WALN was established in 2013 under the auspice of National Landcare Network. Both NLN and WALN are currently funded under the Australian Government's National Landcare Programme.



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Key Points

1. Role of WALN as a peak body
2. What advocacy on behalf of members means
3. How WALN will identify challenges faced by members

WALN as a Peak Body

A 'peak body' is a non-government organisation whose membership consists of smaller organisations of allied interest. The peak body thus offers a strong voice for the specific community sector in the areas of lobbying government, community education and information sharing between member groups and interested parties (Melville and Perkins 2003).

WALN as a Peak Body contd.

- Australian Government recognises WALN's role a representative body of community landcare groups
- There is no other group acting in this space
- WALN intends to meet with as many local networks and key groups in near future
- Provide opportunities for two-way communication, information sharing and discussion
- Develop strong relationships with the government agencies and private organisations
- Hold discussion forums

WALN Community Landcare Forum

First forum held in May was an all-round success

Finding out what members and key stakeholders want

WALN can focus and formulate its strategic direction
in Landcare advocacy

Identify challenges faced by members



Identify challenges faced by members contd.

- Major challenges are usually funding and coordination
- Groups need varying levels of funding and coordination
- Finding ways to fit into funding program criteria and guidelines
- Most enduring challenges often related to legislation and community cooperation

WALN Strategic Direction

- Initiate peer to peer learning program
- Mentoring
- Organise discussion groups to increase confidence and skills of landcarers
- Building relationships, changing relationships
- Identify issues important at the grass-root level

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