



2022-23 ANNUAL REPORT



Growing and supporting community landcare

*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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WA Landcare Network Members on Country at the 2022 WALN Annual Gathering, Avondale.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIR

I acknowledge the First Nations peoples of the lands throughout Western Australia and pay my respects to Elders past and present.

Putting First Nations first is key to WALN's values and we continue to develop stronger working relationships with community around the state, welcoming new Aboriginal organisations to the membership, listening and working to support their aspirations.

What a great year we have had together, celebrating 40 years of landcare in WA! Congratulations to all who have given passion, commitment, time and energy to get us here! We are rightfully excited about what the next 40 years will look like and the role WALN - which is you - will play!

We continue to interact with many more of our members online, from further afield across our beautiful state and we love how equitable that feels. This speaks to our values and vision as a statewide organisation, and I welcome the many new members who have joined us in the last year.

On your behalf WALN has advocated for an increased and more stable funding base for our operations - critical to supporting our Member Groups. We are confident that our great work focused on growing and maturing WA's landcare sector will be seen by funders as a strong investment with multiple benefits for the whole community.

Developing our community's ability to govern, plan, undertake and celebrate the work done at all levels helps to achieve the challenging goals we have as a community to tackle climate change, support sustainability, and improve our overall health and wellbeing. This also requires advocacy to government.

In November 2022 WALN presented the WA Value of Community Landcare Report to the Hon. Minister Tanya Plibersek in person. Details from this pivotal report were used in a national budget submission and to develop a national business prospectus, adding WA's voice to the delivery of landcare across the nation.

In March 2023 WALN brought together a powerful gathering of community landcarers and 75 WA Parliamentarians at the launch of the WA Parliamentary Friends of Landcare Group! The advent of this group provides a direct line of communication for grassroots landcare groups to state-level politics - who now have the clear message that landcare benefits the whole community and is a worthwhile investment for our State's future.

Key to our national advocacy is our participation in the National Landcare Network on the Members Council. Dr Louise Duxbury, our amazing former Executive Officer, became an NLN Board Member in January 2023 and shortly thereafter the Chairperson. We congratulate Dr. Duxbury and thank her for the contribution she has already made in such a short time in the Chairperson's seat.

To all our Members, the WALN staff, our volunteer committee, and the community members we all work with, thank you for everything that you do. Thanks to you our community is resilient, we are strong, we are growing and, we are together!!



Mick Davis, Chair, WA Landcare Network



WHY A LANDCARE NETWORK?

A Collective Independent Voice for WA Landcare

Established in 2014 the WA Landcare Network has recently completed its ninth year as a strong community-based organisation representing grass roots community landcare. We have achieved successive growth beyond 20% per annum resulting in our role as peak body for community landcare in WA feeling ever more assured. We have an active membership of over 320 community landcare groups, environment sector organisations and individuals, totaling over 6000 citizens.

The Vision

A supported network of diverse community organisations working together to address Western Australia's most challenging environmental problems and building communities able to respond positively to changes; resulting in a natural environment with fully functional ecosystems, a sustainable and productive agricultural system; and healthy, happy, and resilient communities.

The Mission

To continue to build and grow the landcare network in Western Australia that supports and strengthens the ability of member groups to undertake their work and have strong state, national public and private support, and involvement.



The hilltop view from Avondale enjoyed during the WALN Annual Gathering 2022

WHAT DOES THE WA LANDCARE NETWORK DO?



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, working every more closely with First Nations Peoples.

During 2022-23 three representatives of WALN, Chair Mick Davis, Deputy Chair Bruce Ivers, and Executive Officer, Jacqueline Lahne were active members of the National Landcare Network (NLN) Members Council attending monthly online meetings and two face to face meetings held in Sydney and Canberra. The Members Council provides strategic direction and input for the National Landcare Network with representatives from around the country sharing their approaches and views on how to best advocate and achieve increased funding for grassroots community landcare.

Dr Louise Duxbury became the WA representative on the NLN Board in late 2022 and the Chair of the Board in early 2023. Lou travelled frequently in the early period to attend meetings with high level Ministerial advisors, advocating for funding and national policy as appropriate. She also attended meetings with key stakeholders to form strategic partnerships for the organisation. Board meetings occur monthly online and are supported by an annual face to face meeting in Canberra.

Jacqueline provided representation on the NLN Selections Committee which follows due process to appoint nominated persons from each state to the NLN Members Council, and on the NLN Governance committee, supporting the Governance functions of the national peak body for the landcare movement.



The Launch of the WA Parliamentary Friends of Landcare at WA Parliament House, March 2023

Years of background effort paid off with the launch of the WA Parliamentary Friends of Landcare Group at a gala evening in the courtyard of WA Parliament House. The launch of the group provides all community landcarers' with improved access to their local Politicians, either by mentioning the Parliamentary Friends of Landcare Group when requesting meetings or attendance at events or by contacting WALN directly and we can pave the way!

WALN published and promoted the Value of Landcare Report '[People Place Future - The Value of Community Landcare in Western Australia](#)' including handing the publication personally to Hon. Minister Tanya Plibersek, Federal Minister for the Environment, while at the National Landcare Conference in Sydney. The report has been referred to widely at the state and national level with case studies used to support national funding applications.

WALN facilitated, coordinated, or attended more than 20 meetings throughout the year to advocate on behalf of the landcare community, with key discussions resulting in the launch of the WA Parliamentary Friends of Landcare Group.

On behalf of the membership WALN sent a formal letter to Hon. Minister's MacTieran and Whitby regarding the recent Independent Legislative and Policy Review of Scientific Licensing and Animal Ethics.



Oral McGuire and community landcare members at the 2022 Annual Gathering at Avondale, Brookton where a cultural day was held and lots of seedlings planted.



Network, Consult and Communicate with Members and the Broader Landcare Movement

WALN recognises and values the landcare community as the grassroots carers for the WA environment and our State's future. The network is open to all organisations with an interest in landcare and is effectively owned by grassroots landcarers. We connect landcare groups from around the state, provide landcare information and resources, and share communications across the network. We liaise and connect with First Nations groups, government agencies and private sector stakeholders to make landcare efficient and effective.

This year we saw an increase in Ordinary Membership from 164 to 182 groups (11 % increase) and Associate Membership from 96 to 144 members (50 % increase) during the financial year increasing WALN's reach in the landcare community. The drive to grow WALN's membership is continuous, occurring through promotion of Ordinary and Associate membership at events, in monthly Landcare News, through targeted email campaigns and through our diverse range of offerings to members. Every new member adds to the voice of the landcare movement in WA and nationally.

Through continuous sponsorship and mentoring the WA Coastal and Marine Community Network achieved additional funding from the Department of Planning, Lands & Heritage with two CoastWest Grants to continue their terrific work in rebuilding a coastal and marine network. They also receive additional funding input from the State NRM Grant 'Maturing the Sector Through Capacity Building' that WALN commenced in February 2023. CMCN's online presence and strategic events drive growth for this network.

A powerful Annual Network Gathering was held in August on Country, at Oral McGuire's extraordinary property at Avondale, near Beverley. A firepit, culturally immersive conversations, exceptional bushtucker and a rigorous hilltop location made for a wonderful day of connection and cultural exchange, along with the planting of a few thousand native seedlings.

WALN ran an active booth at the 2022 State NRM and Coastal Conference at Mandurah and facilitated one of the discussion spaces for Day 2. We also contributed to the speakers secured for the conference, including a keynote, and assembled the Regenerative Agriculture and Healing Country panels.

While our very popular Landcare News enjoyed a revamp, we also commenced communicating on LinkedIn and Instagram. These have been invaluable in attracting audiences who use a diversity of social media platforms beyond Facebook and have greatly increased the opportunity for people to find our events and activities and to sign on to participate.

As always, we responded in a timely manner to a diverse range of over 36 enquiries generated from the WA Landcare Network website.

The resource repository on the WALN website www.landcarewa.org.au has continued to grow providing further resources and critical information for WALN members and the wider landcare community. There is a diversity of YouTube recordings of most of our online events including Landcare Checks In, Landcare Builds Skills, and some online Hot Topic Forums.



Executive Officer, Jacqueline Lahne and Landcare Networker, Kylie Payne at the WALN stand at the 2022 State NRM and Coastal Conference, Mandurah.



Sustain & Build Capacity of the WA Landcare Movement

WALN aims to build a landcare network that supports and strengthens the capability of landcare groups and individuals and enables them to get the landcare job done. We also aim to assist landcarers to undertake their work and build strong state, national public and private support, and involvement. Through increased support, coordination, and capacity the landcare community can collectively achieve better environmental outcomes for WA.

2022-2023 saw us deliver a diverse range of offers, both online and in person, depending on what members asked for. These provided the chance for landcarers to regularly come together to chat, learn, exchange info and network about landcare issues. These sessions attracted increasing numbers of landcarers and sector professionals with typical numbers between 25-50 participants. WALN events covered topics including:

Landcare Checks In

- Connections in Biosecurity Update
- Keeping our Waterways Healthy
- Helping Farmers to Understand Soil Health
- Community Landcare Collaborating with Aboriginal Ranger Groups
- 2023 State NRM Community Stewardship Grants Tips and Tricks
- Increasing the success of your revegetation project in a drying climate
- Navigating the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2021
- Restoring aquatic habitat diversity in southwest rivers

Pop up Hot Topic Forums

- WA Forest Alliance – Update on Current Activities

Landcare Builds Skills

- Increasing our Impact with Landcare Advocacy,
- Succession Planning for Landcare Groups.

Landcare Coordinators Network - Sharing Solutions

WALN provided support for network development events to facilitate the sharing of landcare solutions and the development of communities of practice. Some groups utilised our very successful Landcare Checks In model, some commenced first with face-to-face events depending on their needs. Six member groups across the state, from Port Hedland in the Pilbara, the Kimberley, and the Gascoyne in the north of the state, through to groups in the Great Southern experienced real benefit from commencing this form of regularly, accessible, and affordable networking.

WALN supported Soil Health App Demonstrations in four locations around the southwest and commissioned the production of a short video on soil health to be finalised soon, look out late in 2023 for this exciting reveal!

The popular online 'Landcarers in Profile' Series proudly showcased three-member group activities in each month's Landcare news as a great way to introduce new members and to share activities happening across the state.

The WA Landcare Insurance Scheme provided access for increased numbers of incorporated member groups and the wider landcare community by offering significantly lower public liability insurance costs.



A screen shot of a Landcare Checks In with folk from around the State enjoying landcare discussions. Highlighted in yellow is WALN's Member Development Manager, Casey Woodward



Strengthen WALN's capability

WALN facilitates good governance, follows sound principles to deliver professional services to its membership.

During 2022-23 WALN secured ongoing National Landcare Program funding to continue to support and grow the WA Landcare Network and represent WA in landcare discussions at the Federal level.

A State NRM Community Stewardship application was developed and lodged for a three-year program to continue to provide peak body services to community landcare and the broader sector in WA.

WALN facilitated landcare community input and prepared funding submissions at the National Level as part of the National Cabinet Budget Submission Process and contributed to the development of a Business Prospectus for the National Landcare Network used to promote strategic partnerships and seek to secure increased funding.

'Maturing the Community Landcare Sector Through Capacity Building' State NRM Grant, for \$146,426 was designed and secured which commenced delivery in February 2023 and runs for 12 months. This included a new role of 'Membership Development Manager' to provide direct capacity building services and drive member growth for WALN, funded fully from the State NRM Grant.

WALN staff contributed to the development of \$48m funding bid to the federal government titled Australian Landcare Community Futures Framework.



Healthy middle-aged seedlings, Lake Bryde revegetation. Photo courtesy of Bruce Ivers.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS 2022-23 SNAPSHOT

Membership

11% ↑ 

Ordinary Members

50% ↑ 

Associate Members

Landcare Advocacy

1  WA
Parliamentary
Friends of
Landcare

20+  Advocacy
Meetings

1  Members
Survey
Commenced

1  Value of
Landcare
Report
Published

Networking and Capacity Building

9  Landcare
Checks In

2  Landcare
Build Skills

2  Network
Gatherings

10  Sharing
Solutions
Networking
Events

Communications

11  Landcare
News

1757  Facebook
Followers

WHO ARE THE WALN 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; and

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

During 2022-2023 WALN enjoyed growth in both Ordinary and Associate membership. Ordinary Membership increased from 164 to 182 groups (11 % increase) and Associate Membership increased 96 to 144 members (50 % increase) increasing WALN's reach in the landcare community, the environmental sector and interested community members around the state.

MEMBER GROUPS

182 ORDINARY MEMBERS @ 30 June 2023

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| Activate Tree Planting | Clever Clogs Community Organisation for Climate Action |
| Albany and Surrounds Feral Cat Working Group | Cockburn Wetlands Education Centre Inc. |
| APACE AID Inc. | Cockburn Community Wildlife Corridor Inc. |
| Armadale Branch Wildflower Society of WA | Conservation Council WA |
| Armadale City Rivercare Group | Corrigin Farm Improvement Group |
| Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group Inc. | Cottesloe Coastcare Association |
| Armadale Settlers Common Management Group | Denmark Environment Centre |
| Augusta Community Nursery/Augusta Land and Coastcare | Denmark Bird Group Inc. |
| Australian Coastal Society | Denmark Weed Action Group Derby Landcare Group |
| Avon Valley Environmental Society Inc | Dolphin Discovery Centre |
| Avongro Inc. | Dumbleyung Land Conservation District Committee |
| Badgebup Aboriginal Corporation | Dunsborough Coast and Land Care Inc. |
| Baigup Wetland Interest Group | Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council |
| Baldivis Children's Forest | Ellen Brockman Integrated Catchment Management |
| Balingup Friends of the Forest | Group Environs Kimberley |
| Bannister Creek Catchment Group | Falcon Coastcare |
| Bibbulmun Track Foundation | Fitzgerald Biosphere Group Frenchman Bay Association |
| Bicton Environmental Action Group | Friends of Bold Park Bushland Inc. |
| Blackadder Woodbridge Catchment Group Inc. | Friends of Booragoon and Bluegum Lakes |
| Blackwood Basin Group | Friends of Bill Brown Park Friends of Cantonment Hill |
| Blackwood Biosecurity Inc. | Friends of Clontarf Hill |
| Blackwood Environment Centre | Friends of Coolbina Bushland |
| Bungendore Park Environment Group Inc. | Friends of the Dale River |
| Busselton Dunsborough Environment Centre Inc. | Friends of Erindale Road Bushland |
| Cambridge Coastcare | Friends of Gabbiljee |
| Canning River Residents Environment Protection Assoc Inc. | Friends of Galup - Lake Monger |
| Cape Conservation Group Inc. | Friends of Gracetown and Cowaramup Bay |
| Capel LCDC | Friends of Hollis Park |
| Carbon Neutral Charitable Fund | Friends of Inglewood Triangle |
| Care For Hedland Environmental Association Inc. | Friends of Jirdarup Bushland |
| Caring for the Avon River Environment Inc. | Friends of Lake Claremont Limited |
| Carnamah LCDC Chapman River Friends | Friends of Lake Gwelup |
| Chittering Landcare Centre | Friends of Meelup Regional Park Inc. |
| Claise Brook Catchment Group | Friends of Mosman Park Bushland |
| | Friends of Nguraren Kalleep Reserve |

Friends of North Ocean Reef – Iluka
 Foreshore Friends of Paganoni Swamp
 Friends of Piesse Brook Inc.
 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 & Marmion
 Foreshore Friends of Susannah Lakes
 Friends of Trigg Bushland (Inc.)
 Friends of Upper Lesmurdie Falls Inc.
 Friends of Warwick Bushland
 Friends of Yongka Birl
 Gascoyne Catchments Group
 Geographe Catchment Council
 Geographe Community Landcare Nursery Inc
 Gero Clean Up Crew
 Gillamii Centre Inc.
 Gingin Water Group Inc.
 Goldfields Nullarbor Rangelands Biosecurity Assoc.
 Gondwana Link Ltd
 Green Skills Inc.
 Greening Australia
 Helena River Catchment Group Inc.
 Jane Brook Catchment Group Inc.
 Kariyarra Aboriginal Corporation
 Katanning LCDC
 Kerkhof Carnaby Group
 Lake Mealup Preservation Society
 Landcare Serpentine Jarrahdale Inc.
 Leschenault Catchment Council
 Leschenault Community Nursery
 Lower Blackwood LCDC
 Lower Helena Association
 Lyndon Land Conservation District Committee
 Ledge Point Coastcare
 Mandurah Environment & Heritage Group
 Margaret River Regional Environment Centre
 Moore Catchment Council Inc
 Mullaloo Beach Community Group Inc
 National Trust of Western Australia
 Nature Conservation Margaret River Region
 Noongar Land Enterprise Group
 North Stirling Pallinup Natural Resources Inc.
 North Swan Land Conservation District Committee (Bullsbrook Landcare)
 Northern Agricultural Catchments Council Oil Mallee Association
 Origins Centre Soc. Inc
 Oyster Harbour Catchment Group
 Palomino Catchment Group
 Peel-Harvey Catchment Council
 Peron Naturaliste Partnership Inc
 Peel Region Western Ringtail Possum Action Group
 Perth Intrepid Landcare
 Perth NRM
 Promote Preston
 Quinns Rocks Environmental Group Inc
 Rangelands NRM WA
 Ravensthorpe Agricultural Initiative(RAIN)
 RegenWA
 Revegetation Industry Association of WA
 River Conservation Society Inc.
 Roleybushcare Inc
 Roebuck Bay Working Group
 SERCUL: South East Regional Centre for Urban Landcare
 Singleton Coastcare
 South Coast Management Group
 South Coast Natural Resource Management Inc.
 South West and Peel Coastal Management Group
 South West Catchments Council
 Southern Rangelands Pastoral Alliance Inc.
 Susannah Brook Catchment Group Inc.
 Swan Estuary Reserves Action Group Inc.
 Talbot Brook Land Management Assoc. Inc.
 Tangaroa Blue Foundation
 The Katanning Wildflower Group
 The Seed Library Inc.
 Toby Inlet Catchment Group Inc.
 Toodyay Friends of the River
 Toodyay Naturalists' Club Inc.
 Torbay Catchment Group Inc
 Track Care WA
 Trees4Australia
 Trillion Trees (Formally Men of the Trees)
 Urban Bushland Council WA Inc.
 Undalup Association Inc.
 WA Coastal and Marine Community Network
 WA Landskills Inc
 WA Malleefowl Recovery Group
 Wagin Woodanilling Landcare Zone Inc.
 Wannamal Lake Catchment Group
 Warren Catchment Council Inc.
 Waterbird Conservation Group Inc
 Western Australian Forest Alliance
 West Koojan Gillingarra Land Conservation District Committee
 Wheatbelt NRM Inc.
 Wildflower Society of Western Australia Inc.
 Wilson Inlet Catchment Committee Inc.
 Wilson Wetlands Action Group
 Wirambi Landcare
 WISALT Inc (Whittington Interceptor Sustainable Agriculture Land Treatment Society)
 Woodvale Waters Friends of Beenyp Channel Group
 Woolkabunning Kiaka
 Yass Area Network of Landcare Groups
 Yarra Yarra Catchment Management Group

THE WALN TEAM

WALN operates with a volunteer Executive Committee representing members 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.

2023 WALN Office Bearers and Committee

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| Chair | Mick Davis | Friends of Upper Lesmurdie Falls Inc. |
| Deputy Chair | Bruce Ivers | Bicton Environmental Action Group |
| Secretary/Acting Treasurer | John Holley | Gondwana Link |
| Committee | Julian Sharp | Southern Forest Community Landcare |
| | Monty House | South Coast NRM |
| | Bonnie Jupp | Perth NRM |
| | Sabian Wilde | Perth NRM (Retired) |
| | Pierre Bouvais | WA Coastal and Marine Community Network (Retired) |

2022-23 Part-time Support Staff

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|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Executive Officer | Jacqueline Lahne |
| Communications Officer | Caroline Hughes |
| Member Development Manager | Casey Woodward (Commenced March 2023) |
| Landcare Networker | Kylie Payne (Ceased Dec 2022) |
| Membership Officer (Volunteer) | Jane Putland |



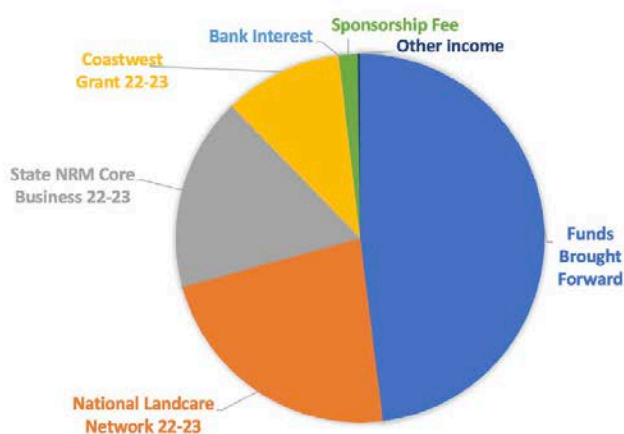
WA Landcare Network Chair, Mick Davis (R), and friends at the Launch of the WA Parliamentary Friends of Landcare, March 2023

2022-23 FINANCIAL REPORT

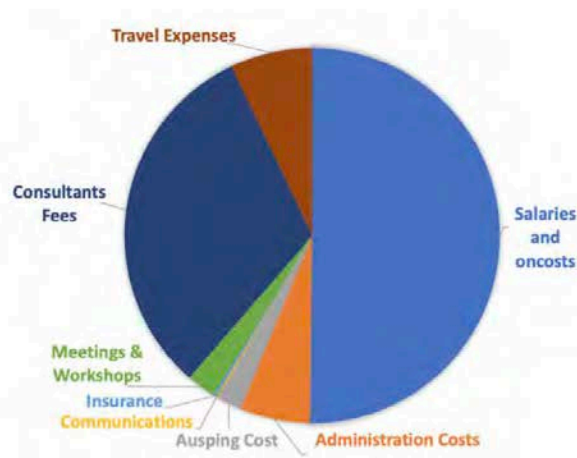
WALN began the 2022-23 financial year with a carryover of both National Landcare Network and State NRM Program Core Business Support Funds.

During 2022-23 WALN completed delivery of a two-year core business support project funded by the Western Australian Government's State NRM Program and secured and commenced a subsequent State NRM grant entitled 'Maturing the Community Landcare sector through Capacity Building'. Both grants significantly increased WALN's capacity and complemented ongoing funding from the National Landcare Network. WALN carried forward funds into the 2023-24 financial year to complete delivery of this grant by early 2024.

2022-2023 Income \$431,308



2022-23 Expenditure \$324,350



Breakdown of 2022-23 Income

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| State NRM Funds Brought Forward | \$130,710 |
| NLP Funds Brought Forward | \$55,330 |
| Landcare Awards Funds Brought Forward | \$3,575 |
| Coastwest Funds Brought Forward 2022-23 | \$17,491 |
| National Landcare Network 2023 State | \$97,918 |
| NRM Grant | \$73,213 |
| 2023 Coastwest Grant | \$45,000 |
| Sponsorship Fee | \$7083 |
| Bank Interest | \$43 |
| Other Income | \$945 |
| TOTAL INCOME | \$431,308 |

Breakdown of 2022-23 Expenditure

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| Administrations Costs | \$19,616 |
| Auspicing Costs | \$7,083 |
| Communications | \$463 |
| Consultants Fees | \$102,305 |
| Insurance | \$788 |
| Meetings and Workshops | \$8,284 |
| Salaries and oncosts | \$162,791 |
| Travel Expenses | \$23,020 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURE | \$324,350 |
| Funds Carried Forward to 2022-23 | \$105,201 |

Further details of 2022-23 Income and Expenditure are available in 'WA Landcare Network Financial Report for the Year Ended 30 June 2023' prepared by Independent Auditors Fong Richards, Certified Practicing Accountants and available for viewing by contacting WALN at enquiries@landcarewa.org.au.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT



Thanks to you all for participating in the many varied events we delivered this year, online and in person. The big growth in member numbers means a big increase in the people we all to get to meet, share information and network with, and that is what we are all about.

We are here and continue to grow due to renewed funding from the National Landcare Network, (NLN) and thanks to our partnership with State NRM Office's Community Stewardship Program. These partnerships are critical and help us to help you to do the wonderful work you do for our environment!

The change of government we thought would deliver better recognition of the national landcare movement is yet to deliver and we continue to advocate strongly while developing increasing partnerships with other potential investors. Ensuring a continuing flow of dollars from government, corporate and philanthropic areas is complex, and we are here to help you identify and navigate opportunities as they arise. We work hard to keep our collective voice in the ears of those who influence policy and decisions.

In a recent communication to the federal government, I said...*'Community landcare delivers to the nation all year round, year upon year. It needs and deserves government partnership to continuously build social capital at scale, while delivering measurable outcomes towards Net Zero 2050 and addressing the grave concerns expressed in the State of Environment Report. The social infrastructure that is community landcare is a unique national asset...which needs to grow rapidly in response to the environmental challenges we face. It is an integral part of an approach that shares the responsibility, and the solutions, across the whole community.'*

Thanks for being part of WALN, we value you and everything you do for the beautiful environment of Western Australia.

The Year Ahead

Specifically in 2023-2024 we will focus on:

- Delivery on our state and national contracts while identifying and applying for more diverse funding nationally and globally for our members;
- Continuing diverse member growth across the breadth and depth of this huge state to ensure equity for all community landcarers while increasing engagement with and growth of First Nations group members and continue to place them first;
- Build on the great success of the WA Marine and Coastal Community Network to date by continuing to sponsor them;
- Engage politicians through the Parliamentary Friends of Landcare Group to facilitate relationships with groups and pathways for self-advocacy to complement the work of WALN and the NLN;
- Continually shape our program of activities to meet Member needs.

WALN AS PART OF THE NATIONAL LANDCARE NETWORK

WA Landcare Network is a member of the National Landcare Network (NLN) alongside the other Landcare peak bodies in each State and Territory giving a voice to community landcare across the country.

The Network has over 2,000 active State and Territory Landcare Organisation members representing 6,000 plus individual Landcare groups and over 160,000 Landcarers across Australia. These groups feed into the representative nature of the NLN through the Members Council. WALN would like to acknowledge the work of Mick Davis, Bruce Ivers, and Jacqueline Lahne who are members of the National Landcare Network Members Council and Dr Louise Duxbury for her terrific work on the NLN board, and as Chair for the second half of the past financial year.

The National Landcare Network's work is informed by international and national initiatives including regional NRM strategies, the National Standards for the Practice of Ecological Restoration in Australia (SERA, 2016) National Standards for Volunteer Involvement (Volunteering Australia, 2015). Working together, the network delivers consistent impact in line with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs) that driven by both foundational values and network capacity to achieve local action that contributes to global outcomes.

During the 2022-2023 financial year WALN continued to collaborate closely with other State and Territory Landcare Organisations, led by the National Landcare Network. We were particularly proud to contribute to the budget submission for the next phase of the National Landcare Program (NLP3) and support the development of the new National Landcare Network Prospectus 'Now Is The Time To Invest In Landcare'.



Purple-crowned Lorikeet at Avondale Farm. Photo courtesy of Eddy Wajon

WORKING TOGETHER

This year WA Landcare Network has enjoyed an unprecedented level of collaboration with other Landcare State and Territory Organisations (STOs), led by the NLN. With increased organisational capacity, the NLN has facilitated several knowledge exchange and co-design workshops with the aim of representing the needs of community Landcarers across the country and elevating a united representative voice and vision for policy makers.

NLN facilitated workshops included:

- Regular STO C/EO Workshops
- National STO Communications Forum
- Future Framework Codesign
- National Environmental Science Program
- Needs and capacity of the National Network
- Advocacy & Knowledge Sharing
- Collaboration
- State of the Environment Report 'Landcare; a beacon or hope'
- Biodiversity Markets.



Map of the National Landcare Network showing over 2,000 active STO members based on data provided in August 2022.

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



natural resource
management program



Be part of the Collective Landcare Voice in Western Australia
Join the WA Landcare Network [**HERE**](#)

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