



The LANDCARE NSW Advocate

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Landcare NSW Inc. meeting 4 August 08

The Committee of Landcare NSW Inc (LNSWi) met in Sydney on August 4th, with a warm welcome to Stuart Mosely, attending for the first time representing the Western National Landcare Program (NLP) Steering Committee. The committee is achieving good broad representation across the state, although we still have no representatives endorsed from the Murray, Lachlan & Hawkesbury Nepean regions. On the agenda were the vacancies on the State Landcare Committee – a NSW ministerial advisory body. LNSWi has recommended to the Minister for the Environment that the Chairman of LNSWi attend the State Committee meetings as an observer. Mandi Stevenson (Far South Coast Landcare) and Stuart Moseley were nominated for the Southern and Western representative positions respectively.

LNSWi now has its own website – www.landcarenew.org.au. The aim is that this site will become a hub for discussion relevant to landcarers across the state. Registration for the 2008 Landcare Muster, being held in Queanbeyan on November 16th, is now available on the website.

Landcare within the federal government sphere was discussed. It was noted that both Landcare Australia Ltd. (LAL) and the National Landcare Faciliator will continue for another year, whilst the Australian Landcare Council is still in recess with its future still unknown.

Membership

Effective and authentic representation for community based landcare across the state is the core function of LNSWi. The membership rules for the association will be presented to all landcarers at the Muster for endorsement. It is proposed that committee membership is open to landcare or 'care' network representatives who will require written, annual endorsement from their organisations.

Project Updates

National Landcare Program funded *PlaceStories* project – This \$127,000 project will enable LNSWi to deliver train-the-trainer workshops through TAFE NSW in *PlaceStories* – software providing a user-friendly method for creating web-delivered audio-visual stories to celebrate, promote and document landcare and community environmental projects. The 2008 Landcare Muster will showcase Landcare *PlaceStories* from across the state.

Natural Resources Advisory Council Forging Partnerships - \$40,000 was approved to assist in developing the 'network of networks' that is LNSWi through supporting membership participation, administration and the Muster.

NRM Networking Partnerships Conference - In collaboration with Conservation Management Network, LNSWi has been successful in securing \$56,000 to stage this conference in Queanbeyan in November.

Landcare Muster & "Tending the grassroots"

All landcarers in NSW are invited to the 2008 NSW Landcare Muster on 16th November in Queanbeyan. The Muster will set the agenda for the next 12 months, as well as review the activities of LNSWi and its constitution, terms of reference and membership rules.

The Muster is part of 5 days of events "Tending the grassroots"; a significant opportunity for discussion, debate and information sharing for landcarers and others involved in community environmental action. The 5 days in Queanbeyan include a conference, a muster and a forum and field trips, all designed to strengthen community environmental networks. Please join us. Program and registration available at www.landcarenew.org.au See You There.

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