

Landcare in Greater Sydney

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Grassroots Landcare



Landcare groups

Landcare networks

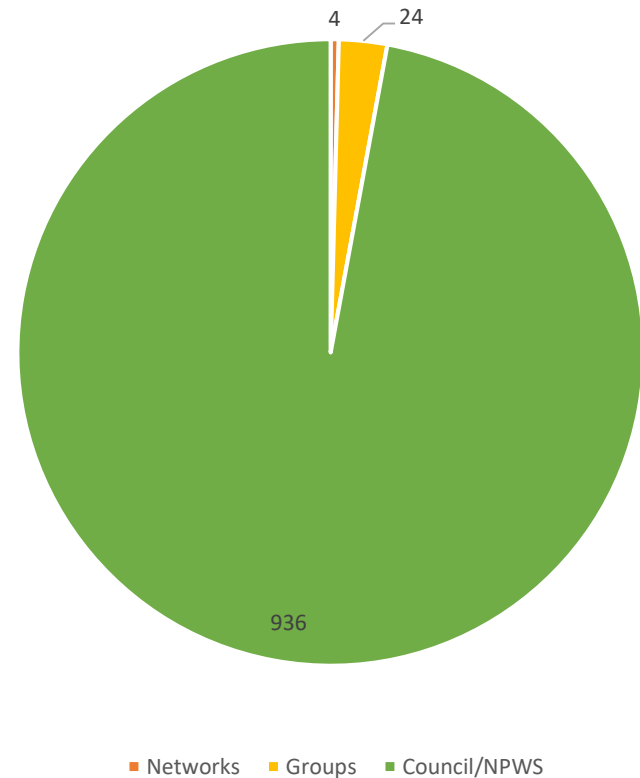
Bushcare groups

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Biennial survey of Landcare and Bushcare community 2019/20 results

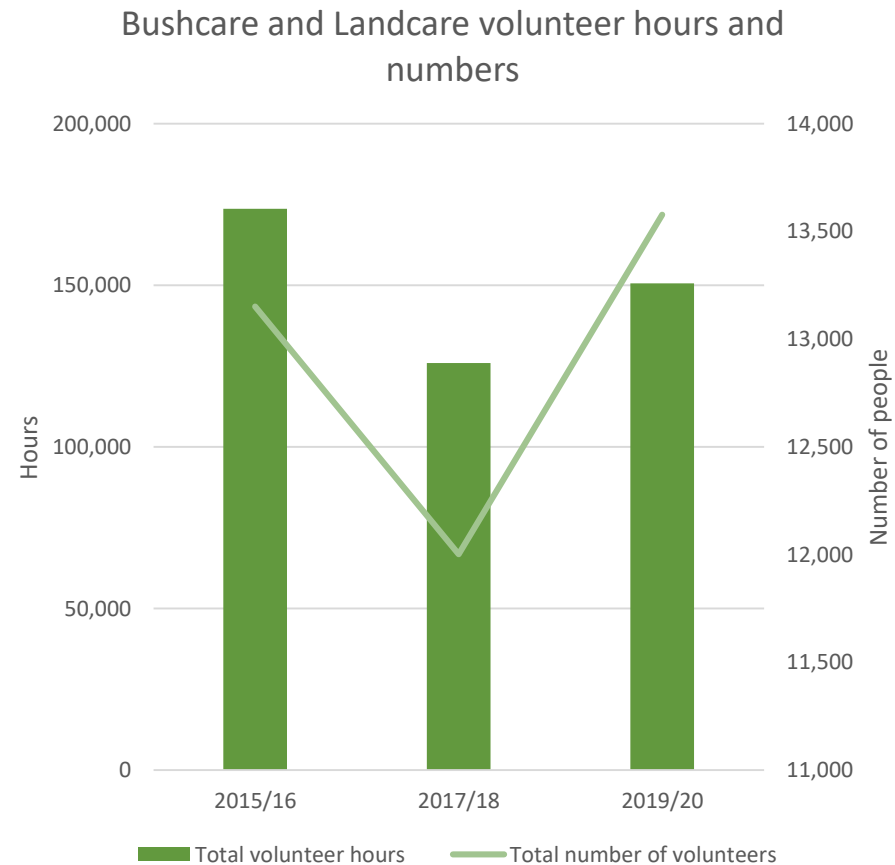
- 964 groups and networks
 - 28 Landcare groups and networks
 - 37 Council and NPWS programs
- 8850 regular volunteers
- 4723 one-off volunteers
- 150,500 hours
 - Estimated 50,000 less due to COVID-19
- \$6.3 million in-kind labour (\$41.72/hour)

Number of groups across Greater Sydney



Biennial survey of Landcare and Bushcare community Comparing years

- 20% increase in the number of volunteer hours
- 13% increase in number of volunteers
- More regular volunteers relative to one-off (65% compared with 50% in previous period)

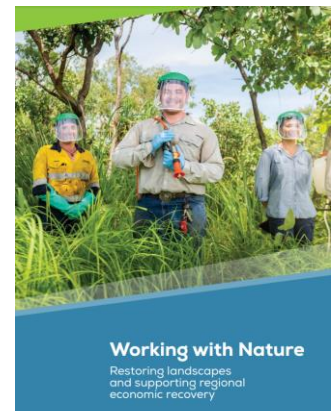


Landcare support

National and State bodies



- Lobbying and fundraising
- Representing local Landcare
- Communications and engagement
- Large-scale programs



Landcare support

Landcare coordinators

- NSW Landcare Program 2019-23



Local Land
Services

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- \$22.4 million
- Funds local and regional coordinators across the state
 - 12 regional coordinators
 - 72 local coordinators
- “Working Together” Aboriginal communities engagement program



Landcare in Greater Sydney

Many hands, one voice



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LANDCARE GROUPS

- Greater Sydney Landcare Network
- Hawkesbury-Napean Landcare Network
- Parramatta River Catchment Group
- Cooks River Alliance
- Oceanwatch

Greater Sydney

- ❑ 6 local coordinators
- ❑ 1 regional coordinator
- ❑ 1 Streamwatch coordinator
- ❑ 1 Regional Agricultural Landcare Facilitator



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Landcare on the ground

Celebrating Landcare champions

- Forum to thank and acknowledge volunteers across the region
- Regional Landcare forum and awards
- Regional winners nominated up to State awards



Landcare on the ground

Cultural immersion road trip



- 30 Landcarers learning more about our First Nation's culture
- *"It made me think more about how I can incorporate recognition of local language, significant places and knowledge into Landcare events and activities."*



Landcare on the ground

Ciaron Dunn - Cooks River Alliance

- Wants to see Aboriginal community driven Landcare groups
- Land councils, local govt. community reference groups
- *“speaking about things we weren’t taught in school”*



Landcare on the ground

Saving the Cumberland Plain with fire

- Cultural and ecological burning program funded by SOS
- 8 sites, including Lt. Cantello Reserve, Hammondville
- Greater Sydney Landcare Network, NPWS, Firesticks Alliance, local councils



Landcare on the ground

Koala habitat in North west Sydney

- Little Wheeny Creek Landcare Group
- 13 landholders restoring and replanting koala habitat
- Additional 20 landholders interested in getting involved in 2nd round of the project




Landcare on the ground

Young adult engagement

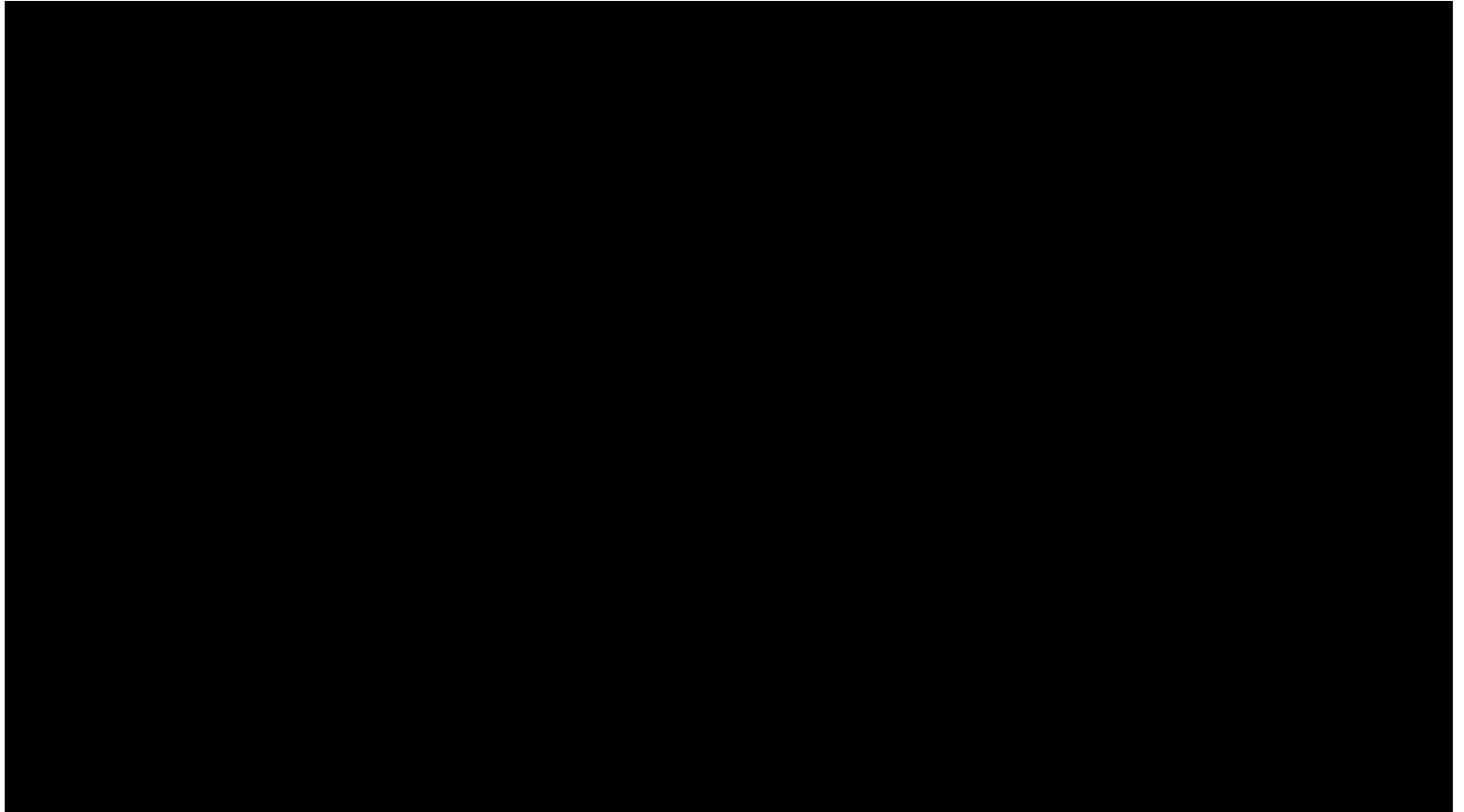
- Succession planning for Landcare
- “Get your hands dirty”
- Combining Landcare activities with adventure
- Mentoring young leaders / leadership training





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Caring for our rivers

- Streamwatch
- Changemakers in Parramatta
- Cattai Hills Environment Network – Platypus eDNA project
- A community voice for the Hawkesbury-Nepean River



Thank you OFF!

- All welcome to upcoming Landcare community engagement and capacity building activities
- Subscribe to regional Landcare newsletters 😊
 - GS LLS Landcare and community news
 - GSLN newsletter
 - Streamwatch newsletter
- What type of support does your group need to thrive?
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