



LITTLE RIVER LANDCARE

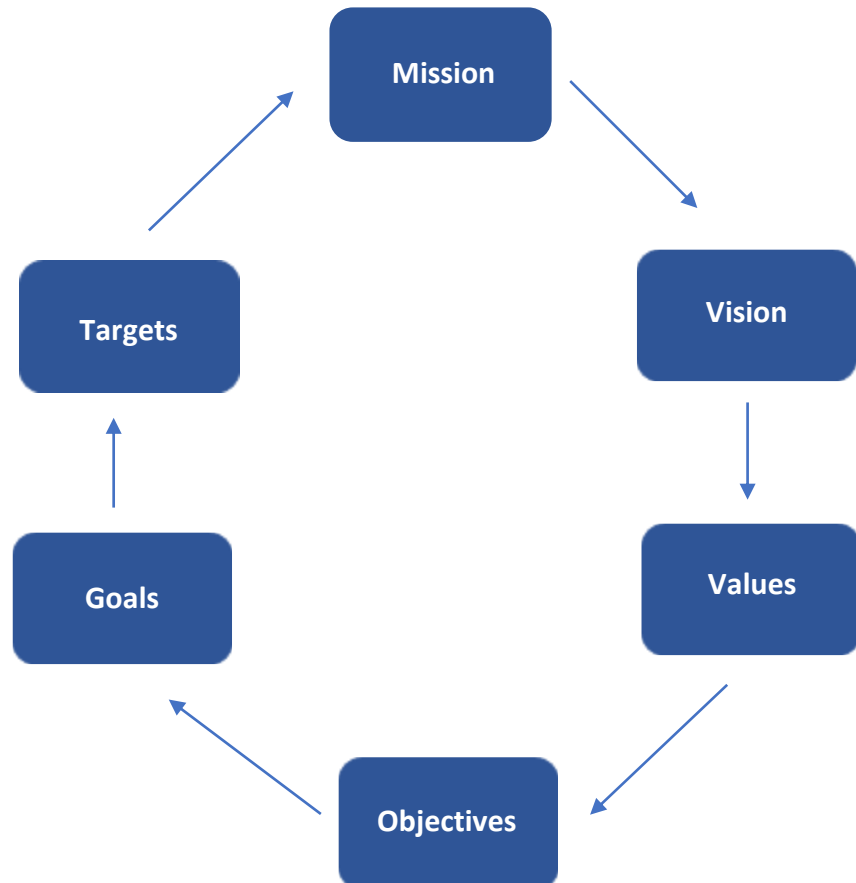
Strategic Plan 2020-23

Landcare is a community based organisation which fosters the adoption of sustainable land management practises to improve the health of the environment, farms and communities. This Strategic Plan supports the Landcare philosophy and sets out the framework for Little River Landcare to meet the overarching goals, actions and outcomes of Landcare.

INTRODUCTION

Little River is a grassroot Landcare which operate a Committee of environmental specialists, community delegates and landholders. The organisation services the community through programs that improve sustainability of agricultural activities and landscape function, encourage active participation of community members and facilitate knowledge transfer to all ages. Little River Landcare Strategic Plan 2020-23 (Plan 2020-23) is built around three components; mission, vision and values, which govern the goals and targets of Plan 2020-23.

STRATEGIC PLANNING



DISTRICT The Little River Catchment covers the Little River catchment area plus a small part of the Bell River catchment, the Curra Creek and Eurimbla district. The district spans across four sub catchments, each occupying a percent of the total catchment area (see below).

Sub catchment	Baldry	Cumnock	Suntop/ Arthurville	Yeoval	TOTAL
Area (ha)	111 134	43 990	66 932	36 266	258 322
Percent (%)	43	17	26	14	100

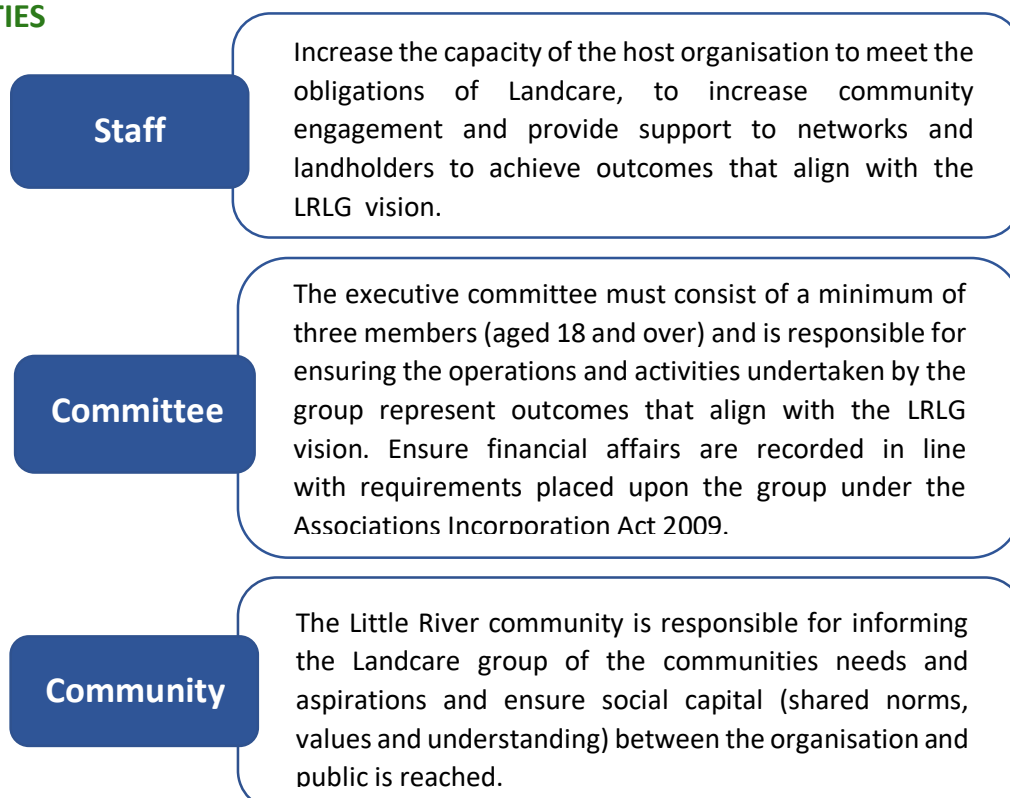
OUR MISSION *“To engage, empower and support the Little River community manage and restore natural environments and improve sustainability of agricultural activities within the catchment”.*

OUR VISION To promote a productive, healthy and diverse biological and social environment within the Little River catchment area.

OUR VALUES

- **Community** - Strive to help improve the community within the Little River catchment area
- **Quality** - Act with honesty and integrity and provide a credible organisation both within the Little River community and throughout the Landcare network
- **Relationships** – Collaborate with a range of organisations and individuals to build partnerships that help achieve the Landcare philosophy

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES



OBJECTIVES The core objectives of Little River Landcare Group (LRLG) address the biospherical, economic and social issues affecting the land and people within the Little River catchment. The principal issues were identified through ongoing anecdotal feedback from community members and landholders, Little River’s Community Consultation Survey 2020 and Little Rivers Catchment Management Plan.

Table One: LRLG Core Objectives

Objective 1	Objective 2	Objective 3	Objective 4	Objective 5
Provide community members and landholders with the necessary skills and knowledge to manage natural resources in a way that will achieve a viable and stable district.	Promote and support landholders to manage land in an integrated manner to achieve long-term sustainability.	Protect and enhance biodiversity and landscape function.	Promote and support biosecurity measures that help reduce pest animals and invasive weeds to levels that do not result in economic losses or environmental damage.	Support and provide opportunities that help increase community and landholder well being.

Objective 1: Provide community members and landholders with the necessary skills and knowledge to manage natural resources in a way that will achieve a viable and stable district		
Goal	Action	Target (per annum)
1.1 Grow engagement opportunities to increase presence within the community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a LRLG Communication Plan Develop/ update LRLG communication avenues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Website – relevant news and organisation information Facebook – regular announcements Twitter account Big Picture newsletter Quick Post articles – local newspapers Signpost events Promote the benefits of LRLG membership throughout LRLG communication avenues 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishment of LRLG Communication Plan Establishment of LRLG website Blog 5% increase in the number of followers of LRLG Facebook page Establishment of Twitter followers database Delivery of 12 The Big Picture newsletters 5% increase in the number of individuals subscribed to receive The Big Picture newsletter Delivery of 12 Quick Posts 5% increase in new members
1.2 Increase community awareness of the impacts to the natural environment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote and provide up to date environmental research Promote and support practises that enhance the natural environment Provide community with credited environmental collateral (journals/ brochures/ reports) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delivery of a “current news” section in The Big Picture newsletter Delivery of 12 environmentally focused Quick Post topics Collection of ten environmental resources from LRLG
Promote and support CoPs to encourage dissemination of skills and knowledge throughout the community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote and deliver regular LRLG signpost events Support CoP groups that assist in meeting the needs of the community <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engaging women in the environment (EWE) Netherwoods group UPA Seek funding for opportunities to support existing CoP groups and/ or opportunities for new CoP groups 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delivery of quarterly signpost events Secure resources to support one existing CoP group event Secure resources to support the formation of one new CoP group (throughout Plan 2020-23)
1.3 Foster intergenerational environmental awareness programs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seek funding to support a Primary School Environmental Awareness program Pursue new partnerships to support the delivery of environmental activities for students i.e. tours/ education day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishment of a Primary School Environmental Awareness Program Secure support for one school project/ activity i.e. Tree day
Objective 2: Promote and support landholders to manage land in an integrated manner to achieve long-term sustainability		
Goal	Action	Target
Promote and support sustainable agriculture practises.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase community awareness of sustainable agriculture practises Develop case studies of locally implemented sustainable agriculture practises Provide and/ or support opportunities for CoP knowledge sharing Establish a database of local sustainable agriculture champions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delivery of two Blogs on sustainable agriculture practises/ options Delivery of five case studies on local applications of Reg Ag Delivery of one field day event outlining a sustainable agriculture practise i.e. grazing management/ regenerative agriculture Establishment of a LRLG local champions database
2.2 Empower landholders to implementing sustainable agriculture practises.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seek funding opportunities to support landholders implement sustainable grazing/ management practices Promote opportunities to assist landholders to increase skills and capabilities to implement change (i.e. training) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secure resources to support two landholders implement sustainable agriculture practises (i.e. improve soil health) Promotion of ten local/ regional workshops focused on the benefits of sustainable agriculture

Objective 3. Protect and enhance biodiversity and landscape function			
	Goal	Action	Target
3.1	Protect and enhance native habitat for biodiversity throughout the catchment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seek funding to increase threatened species/ EEC located within the catchment district Seek funding to increase native vegetation within the catchment district Seek funding to enhance riparian zones within the catchment district Support partnerships increasing awareness to protect and enhance native terrestrial areas and riparian zones 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secure funding for one activity enhancing TS and/ or EEC throughout the catchment (throughout Plan 2020-23) Secure funding for one activity enhancing remnant native grasses and forbs throughout the catchment (throughout Plan 2020-23) Secure funding for one activity enhancing riparian habitat throughout the catchment (throughout Plan 2020-23) Delivery of one activity (i.e. Blog) promoting the benefits of increased native habitat and/ or riparian zones
	Empower and support landholders to implement practises that enhance biodiversity and landscape function.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seek funding to assist landholders to increase skills and capabilities and implement change Promote opportunities to assist landholders to increase skills and capabilities to implement change 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secure resources for one landholder to enhance biodiversity/ increase landscape function (throughout Pan 2020-23) Promotion of two local/ regional workshops focused on the benefits of biodiversity
Objective 4. Promote and support biosecurity measures that help reduce pest animals and invasive weeds to levels that do not result in economic losses or environmental damage			
	Goal	Action	Target
4.1	Promote biosecurity measures for pest animals and invasive weeds.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase community awareness of local biosecurity risks (pest animals and weeds) to businesses and/ or environment Promote and support events/ field day increasing awareness of biosecurity measures Collaborate with and support pest animal or weed management groups 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delivery of one locally applicable biosecurity management case study Delivery of one event promoting local biosecurity measures Establishment of a local biosecurity management database/ contact list
4.2	Empower and support landholders to implement biosecurity measures.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seek funding to assist landholders to increase skills and capabilities and implement change Promote opportunities to assist landholders to increase skills and capabilities to implement change 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secure resources to support one landholder implement integrated biosecurity measures Promotion of two local/ regional workshops on biosecurity practices/ measures (pest animals and/ or invasive weeds)
Objective 5: Support and provide opportunities that help increase community and landholder well-being			
	Goal	Action	Target
5.1	Invigorate and grow correspondence opportunities throughout LRLG communication networks.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop and encourage a two way communication network <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feedback form on website Facebook forum Promote and support local well being events throughout LRLG communication avenues i.e. community van or CoP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishment of an open web forum Promotion of two well being events/ activities (locally or regionally)
5.2	Engage with external parties to improve well being facilities within the catchment district.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop partnerships with local/ regional businesses offering supporting opportunities Promote and assist organisations implement well being support services within the catchment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishment of a local/ regional partnership database offering well being support services Promotion of three collateral resources available for collection at LRLG office and/ or events

SUMMARY

The Little River Strategic Plan will be reviewed every three years by the LRLG committee, stakeholders and staff. An Annual Report evaluating the core objectives and targets will be developed to communicate the success of the Plan and assist in identifying priority areas and recommendations for succession year.

AUTHORISATION:

This version was approved on: 17/2/2021

This version takes effect on: 17/2/2021

Authorised by: Stefanie Woodgate

Chairperson: Don Bruce

