

# Landcare Victoria Inc. Board

Landcare Victoria Inc. is governed by a volunteer Board which oversees and steers the organisation by setting strategic direction and providing governance.



Jane Carney
Chair
North East - Ovens Landcare Network Inc.

Jane is a livestock producer from Rosewhite in North East Victoria where she runs a beef enterprise on 426 hectares with a focus on breeding high performance Angus cattle. Jane grew up with intensive irrigated agriculture and has spent her professional career working within the agricultural sector in Australia and the USA. Jane believes that farmers as land stewards have a

responsibility to the community to farm sustainably and in doing so, have an opportunity to be part of the solution for climate change. Jane has been chair of the Landcare Network Inc. Board since May 2021.



Leanne Jackman
Deputy Chair – Operations
Wimmera - Northern Grampians Landcare Group

Leanne is a long-term member of the Northern Grampians Landcare Group, and a member of the Project Platypus Board since 2008. She has enjoyed involvement with the Victorian Landcare Council and the Advisory Committee for the Wimmera Catchment Management Authority over the past few years. Leanne farms bio-dynamically with

her husband on a property bordering the Grampians National Park, with a strong focus on sustainable farming practises.

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Paul Foreman Deputy Chair – Partnerships

North Central - Central Victorian Biolinks Alliance Inc.

Paul is a highly regarded and skilled ecologist and botanist and with over 30 years of experience in land management and nature conservation across a range of sectors specialising in botanical, vegetation management, strategic planning and biodiversity conservation services. Paul is also an ecologist with Biolinks Alliance, an NGO

catalysing community-driven conservation and sustainable land management based on the principles of science, collaboration and innovation. Paul is also a member of the Muckleford Landcare group.



Michael Walker Treasurer Port Phillip & Westernport

Michael's passion for horticulture, agriculture, forestry and turf industries includes extensive experience in executive and business development roles in challenging environmental and economic conditions. His commitment to best practice, professional development and sustainability provides a sound value proposition for

boards and committees with which he engages. Michael provides comprehensive business development to the Landcare Network, supporting and empowering members through education, communication and respect and has a personal consultative approach supporting networks which responsibly manage Australia's environments. He qualified in horticulture, business, marketing and governance.



Beth Ripper OAM Secretary

West Gippsland - Maffra and Districts Landcare Network and Avon Landcare Group

Beth is an active participant and enthusiastic promoter of community networks. She is a member the Boards of Maffra and District Landcare Network and the Gippsland Plains Rail trail, and President of the Avon Landcare Group. She has also served two terms as an elected Wellington

Shire councillor – including one term as Mayor. Beth is a founding member of The Wellington Sustainability Group and works part time for the Gippsland Community Power Hub - working on community renewable energy and efficiency projects. She is also a partner for Small Planet Cafe in Briagolong, providing great food to encourage a plant-based diet.



### **Alice Knight**

Corangamite - Pittong Landcare Group
Alice is passionate about Landcare and was a keen leader in the Woady Yaloak catchment group. Alice won the Bob Hawke award for best farming practice and encouraging others to participate in Landcare and is a recipient of the Joan Kirner award. Alice was awarded an OAM for services to the environment the CFA and the Anglican church of Australia and has just retired as chair of the Corangamite CMA having been the chair for 10 years.

Alice is keen to see Landcare move forward with a new vision to support landowners' participation and investment on the ground.



## **Terry Hubbard**

Goulburn Broken - Upper Goulburn Landcare Network

Terry was awarded the medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in the 2016 Queen's Birthday Honours list for services to conservation and the environment and received the prestigious Joan Kirner Award at the 2017 Victorian Landcare Awards for services to Landcare. Terry is the past President of the Strath Creek Landcare Group, President of the Upper Goulburn Landcare Network,

positions held for over 15 years, and past Chair of the National Landcare Network. His keen interest in water quality drives the partnership of the Strath Creek Landcare Group and the GBCMA in their endeavours to install riparian fencing and restore creekside native vegetation.



#### Ian Arney

Mallee - Millewa Carwarp Landcare Group

Ian is president of the Millewa Carwarp Landcare Group and has been a farmer for over 30 years. Ian has a strong commitment to Landcare, including sustainable farming practices and completing a wildlife corridor that runs along the full length of his property (about 4.5 km). Ian is also a local State Farming Organisation (Victorian Farmers Federation – VFF) President, VFF regional

Livestock Council Mallee representative, and VFF Land Management Committee representative and a member of the Farm Owners Academy (FOA).



Debbie Shea

Glenelg-Hopkins - Upper Hopkins Land Management Group

Debbie has been a sheep producer for over 20 years and is a co-ordinator for the Ararat Bestwool Bestlamb Group. Debbie is a facilitator for Girls & Grass Advisory Group which is part of the independent farmer group Perennial Pasture Systems. Debbie has built governance and strategic planning skills and knowledge through her

experience working on Advisory Groups with Agricultural Industry Bodies and has been recognised for balancing environmental and profitability outcomes. She spent ten years as a board member with the Glenelg Hopkins Catchment Management Authority, seven of which she served as Deputy Chair.



### **Danny Pettingill**

Professional Landcarer - Loddon Plains Landcare Network

Danny is the Landcare Facilitator and Project Officer for Loddon Plains Landcare Network. Danny brings this energy into landscape development, restoration and sustainable & regenerative farming projects. Danny was included in the top 12 finalists of Landcare Australia's 2020 Bob Hawke Landcare Award, and was the recipient

of the 2019 Victoria Government's Our Catchments Our Community Leadership in Innovation Development Award. Danny sits on the City of Greater Bendigo Farming and Agribusiness Advisory Committee and is part of the BKI Industry Advisory group (Agriculture and Conservation).



#### Kerri Robson

Professional Landcarer - Gecko Clan Landcare Network

Kerri has worked as the Gecko Clan Network Project Officer for the past 9 years. She works with and supports 20 Landcare groups stretching from Yarrawonga to the Strathbogies and across to Nagambie. Kerri works closely with the Landcare groups to deliver a range of projects on the theme of sustainable agriculture, biodiversity, community engagement and emergency response. Of particular importance is to listen to and wherever

possible respond to what the local community needs.

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