

Lithgow Oberon Landcare Association



LOLA Regional Landcare Network Plan

LOLA is preparing a Regional Landcare Network Plan and would like your input.

Lithgow Oberon Landcare Association (LOLA) is an incorporated association with local Landcare representation across the Lithgow and Oberon Local Government Areas (LGAs). Since LOLA incorporation in 1997, there has been decline in Landcare Group activity and outcomes attributable to a range of factors including but not limited to:

- changes in government funding prioritisation;
- changes in landcare responsibility and management boundaries;
- a lack of locally dedicated coordinating resourcing to facilitate community engagement and fostering of landcare activities;
- disconnection of the broader Landcare community; and
- decline in community participation within the Lithgow and Oberon LGAs.

LOLA successfully secured funding and appointed a Landcare Coordinator position within the Region to enhance coordination, focus and facilitation of community engagement. To further support the outcomes of the Landcare Coordinator, LOLA has engaged Gondwana Consulting to assist in the development of a Regional Landcare Network plan.

It is envisaged that the development of a Regional Landcare Network Plan will:

- Help identify / uncover what community individuals and volunteers understand Landcare to be currently, and want Landcare to look like in their local area both now and in the future;
- Provide a framework that will help guide strategies that increase volunteering participation rates in Landcare-based activities, by better understanding community expectations;
- Develop and outline recommendations that will assist LOLA to re-engage with Landcare Groups across the region; and
- Help develop Landcare-based priorities for the next 5 - 10 years which are relevant to the community.

It is important that both existing and future landcare participants, regional and state landcare stakeholders along with the wider community have input and participation in preparing the Regional Landcare Network Plan. Your input throughout the planning process will help identify what you value about local landcare, how you participate and enjoy it, perceived landcare management issues or challenges to address, and your aspirations for what local landcare may look like and what are the priorities over the next 5-10 years.

This brief “reply-paid” survey is a first step in the planning process. Your responses, inputs and ideas would be appreciated and will contribute to the plan’s preparation. There will be opportunities for further community involvement during the Plan’s preparation. Please see the information page on Lithgow Council’s website <http://council.lithgow.com/> for additional information about upcoming workshops and project updates. **Please complete and return your survey by the 11 August 2019, or sooner.**

For further information about this survey or to offer your ideas and input to the preparation of the Plan please contact Brett Rodgers, at Gondwana Consulting, on email brett@gondwanaconsulting.com.au or 0430 168 648. For information about LOLA and the Regional Landcare Network Plan project overall, please contact Richard Stephens, Landcare Coordinator at Council on email richard.stephens@lithgow.nsw.gov.au or 0263549960.





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LOLA Regional Network Plan - Survey

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Your time to complete this survey is appreciated and will inform the development of a detailed Regional Landcare Network Plan.

Thank you for your participation.

1. What is your gender?

- Female
- Male
- Indeterminate/intersex/unspecified

2. Your age group?

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> Under 18 | <input type="radio"/> 45-54 |
| <input type="radio"/> 18-25 | <input type="radio"/> 55-66 |
| <input type="radio"/> 26-35 | <input type="radio"/> 66-70 |
| <input type="radio"/> 36-44 | <input type="radio"/> 71+ |

3. Your Town or Suburb or Area?

4. How would you best describe your landuse situation?

- Urban resident
- Peri-urban resident
- Rural resident
- Lifestyle landholder
- Farming / agricultural enterprise

Other category (please specify) / additional comments?

5. Are you currently or have you ever been a member of a Landcare group within the Lithgow Oberon Region? Please select from below.

- Capertee Environment Group
- Capertee Valley Landcare
- Clarence/Dargan/Bell Landcare
- Friends of Hassans Walls
- Jenolan Caves Landcare
- Lithgow Creekcure
- Lithgow and District Landcare
- Lithgow Escarpment Landcare
- Lithgow Environment Group
- Mt Kanimbla Landcare
- Oakey Park Creekcure
- Oberon High Country Landcare
- Rydal/Tarana/Oberon Grazier Group
- State Mine Creekcure
- Tuglow & Districts Landcare
- Vale of Clwydd Landcare
- I am not a member of any group within the Lithgow Oberon Region
- Other (please specify)

6. Thinking about why you stopped your involvement in Landcare activities or why you left a group, what was the main reason for not wanting to be part of a group or being involved?

7. Thinking about why you may have previously chosen not to pursue an interest in Landcare what did you consider to be the main impediments to your interest /participation?

- Lack of knowledge/confidence regarding Landcare and Landcare activities and techniques
- Opposition to working on land managed or owned by others.
- I was not aligned with philosophies and intent of Landcare outcomes
- I considered Landcare outcomes were generally a stretch and not readily achievable
- Competing priorities for volunteering availability and time
- Health and mobility limitations
- Lack of confidence and trust in the organisation and administration of local Landcare groups
- Perception that Landcare groups are a 'closed shop' and uninviting

Other (please specify)

8. Thinking about your current involvement in local Landcare activities, what do you think has the most impact limiting your access and individual participation?

	Least 1	2	3	4	Most 5
Transport to and from local Landcare activities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Competing priorities for my availability and time	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mobility	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Personal Cost of participation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Local Landcare activities are not aligned with my objectives	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Communication and administration of local landcare activities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

9. What is the main method by which you receive information about upcoming Landcare activities? How could this be improved?

- Phone call
- Email
- Social Media
- Website
- Printed media
- Advertising within the community (shopfronts and community noticeboards)
- Local Radio
- Word of mouth
- Other
- How could this be improved? (please specify)

10. Thinking of how you engage or would like to engage with Landcare, what is your preferred method of communication for receiving information regarding participation and upcoming activities?

11. What do you consider to be the 3 main issues or challenges that need to be addressed in the future management of local Landcare? (Please list in your order of importance/concern.)

12. How would you suggest these issues or problems are addressed for future management and support of local Landcare?

13. How much time do you have available for participation in Landcare activities?

- Less than 1 day per month
- About 1 day per month
- 1 - 2 Days per month
- 3 - 4 Days per month
- More than 4 days per month

14. What other improvements or changes would you like implemented regarding the management or support of local and Regional Landcare that would lead to an increase in your and other's participation?

15. Briefly describe how you would like local Landcare in Lithgow Oberon to look in 5 to 10 years time?

16. Any other comments, ideas or suggestions you would like to make are welcome.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.

Contact details for future involvement/notification:

If you would like to be kept informed of additional opportunities to provide input or comments during preparation of Regional Landcare Network Plan please provide your name and preferred contact details below.

Name:	Preferred contact details (e-mail, telephone or postal address):
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(Privacy Statement: All information collected is to assist in the development of the LOLA Regional Landcare Network Plan. A summary of submissions may be published as part of the Plan however individual respondents will not be identified (please note that these may be made available through Freedom of Information processes if requested).

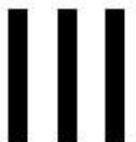
Thank you for your time and responses

TO RETURN THIS SURVEY

Fold it into thirds (at edge marks shown), with the mailing label below showing on the outside (& your contact details folded inside), & seal the end & edges with tape. Then drop it into any Australia Post mailbox, **YOU DO NOT NEED A STAMP.**
Please complete and return your survey by 11 August 2019, or sooner.

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