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LANDCARE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC.

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Acknowledgment of Country

The Landcare Association of South Australia Inc. acknowledges the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the Traditional Owners of the lands and waters across Australia. We honour their deep and continuing connection to land, sea, and community, and pay our respects to Elders past and present. Landcare is strengthened when Indigenous knowledge, values, and leadership guide our collective efforts to heal and sustain our landscapes.



FRONT COVER PHOTO: Credit - Rebecca O'Leary, BACK COVER PHOTO: Credit - Rebecca O'Leary

LANDCARE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC.

ABOUT LASA

The Landcare Association of South Australia Inc. (LASA) is the representative voice for community Landcare in SA. The association plays an active part in supporting, advocating and building a stronger voice for all Landcarers.

OUR VISION & MISSION

Thriving landscapes. Connected communities.
We build environmental knowledge and grassroots action to improve the diversity, productivity, sustainability and resilience of living systems for current and future generations.

IMPACT PATHWAY

LASA strengthens networks, builds capacity, and amplifies the voice of Landcare, so that communities are better equipped and resourced to take action on land and water management. This collective action supports resilient, biodiverse landscapes across South Australia.

OUR VALUES TO INSPIRE

INDEPENDENT
decisions are made independently and in our members' interests.

INCLUSIVE
an inclusive and welcoming environment for all.

SHARED LEARNING
through partnerships with Indigenous and Landcare communities, science and industry.

PROFESIONAL
a professional business conducted with respect and integrity.

IMPACTFUL
a dynamic organisation that is outcome focused.

REPRESENTATIVE
the representative voice for SA Landcarers at local, state and national levels.

EVOLVING
an agile and flexible organisation able to respond to changing conditions.

OUR STRATEGIC THEMES AND GOALS

CONNECTED COMMUNITIES WORKING TOGETHER

By 2035, **Landcare groups increase** the land area managed by Landcare groups by 10%.

By 2035, the number of **farming groups and Landcare groups** working with farmers has doubled from 2025 levels.

By 2035, the number of **farmers actively participating** in Landcare projects has doubled compared to 2025 levels.

By 2035, at least 10 **Indigenous groups** are core to the delivery of Landcare projects.

By 2035, the number of **Landcare groups** that include active youth participation in their programs has doubled compared to 2025 baseline levels.

A STRONG VOICE FOR LANDCARE

By 2030, Parliamentary representatives and government agencies recognise LASA as the peak body for Landcare for South Australia and LASA is acknowledged as a voice for community led land management.

By 2035, LASA is recognised as delivering strong value to its members, with growth in memberships across all regions and representation from Indigenous peoples, farming systems groups, and youth.

By 2035, LASA has formalised partnerships with at least three peak industry bodies in viticulture, horticulture, and agriculture, with co-developed Landcare-aligned initiatives implemented.

OUR PEOPLE

2025-2026 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



Shaun Branden
- Chair



Deanne Loan
- Deputy Chair



Fran Doerflinger
- Treasurer



John Chester
- Member



Sarah Castine
- Member



Brett Devitt
- Member

LASA STAFF



Paula Jones
- Cheif Executive Officer



Natalia Diaz
- State Landcare Coordinator

CHAIRPERSON REPORT

SHAUN BRANDEN

Dear Members of the Landcare Association of South Australia,

It has been a year of steady progress and renewed momentum for Landcare South Australia, and on behalf of the Management Committee I am pleased to reflect on the achievements, transitions, and collective effort that have shaped 2025–26.

This year marked Paula Jones's second year as CEO, and the Committee extends its appreciation for her continued leadership, professionalism, and commitment to strengthening LASA's role within the Landcare movement. Under Paula's guidance, LASA has deepened its engagement with member groups, strengthened national partnerships, and continued to deliver programs that support the resilience and impact of Landcare across South Australia.

In April, we farewelled Natalia Diaz, who served as State Landcare Coordinator with dedication and care. The Committee thanks Natalia for her contribution and wishes her well in her future endeavours.

A major organisational milestone this year was the completion of the 2026–2035 Strategic Plan. This long-term roadmap provides clarity of purpose and direction for LASA, strengthening our advocacy and ensuring we continue to support Landcare groups with consistency and intent. The Committee acknowledges the significant work undertaken by Paula and the team to deliver a plan that reflects the needs and aspirations of our members.

We also reached the finalisation of the original Care for Landcare Program, delivered through the 2022 State Election commitment. The Committee is pleased that the South Australian Government has again committed funding for the continuation of the program as part of its 2026 election commitments.

This renewed support ensures LASA can continue providing vital grants, insurance, and sector coordination for the next four years.

Throughout the year, the Conference Sub-committee and Management Committee have devoted considerable time to the planning and coordination required for the 2026 State Landcare Conference and State Landcare Awards.



ABOVE: Shaun Branden - LASA Chair. Photo credit - Andrea Whitrow

This work has drawn together many moving parts and we deeply appreciate the commitment shown by everyone involved and look forward to standing alongside Landcarers from across the state in Murray Bridge this October, where the conference will bring our community together for an inspiring and energising celebration of Landcare.

I extend my sincere thanks to my fellow Management Committee members, our CEO, our staff, and the many volunteers and partners who contribute to LASA's work. The strength of Landcare in South Australia lies in its people—their passion, commitment, and belief in community-led stewardship of our landscapes.

We look forward to the year ahead and to continuing our support for the Landcare community.

Yours in Landcare,
Shaun Branden
Chairperson
Landcare Association of South Australia Inc.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

PAULA JONES

Dear Landcarers,

As I complete my second year with LASA, I want to express my gratitude to the LASA Management Committee, our State Landcare Coordinator, the LASA sub-committees, and all our members for their continued support and collaboration. This year has further deepened my appreciation for the strength, resilience, and passion that define Landcare across South Australia, and it remains a privilege to work alongside such a committed community.

LASA's first State Landcare Coordinator Natalia Diaz moved on from LASA in April 2026. Throughout her time with us, Natalia contributed with real heart and a strong commitment to supporting Landcare groups across South Australia. I warmly thank her for the difference she made and wish her every success in what comes next.

This year, I've had the privilege of seeing firsthand how LASA's grants and insurance programs empower our member groups. Representing LASA at the national level —including at the National Landcare Conference on the Gold Coast, was a highlight, where we strengthened relationships with other State and Territory Landcare Organisations, the National Landcare Network, Landcare Australia and fellow CEOs.

The completion of the 2026–2035 Strategic Plan was a major achievement for LASA in 2025–26. The plan sets a clear course for the organisation's future, strengthening our advocacy and guiding how we continue to support Landcare groups across South Australia.

This year also marked the finalisation of the original Care for Landcare Program, delivered through the 2022 State Election commitment. We are pleased that the South Australian Government has again committed funding for the continuation of this Landcare Program as part of its 2026 election commitments. We look forward to delivering the next four-year program with continued vital support to our member groups.

A significant focus throughout the year has been the extensive preparation for the 2026 State Landcare Conference and State Landcare Awards, with major work underway across logistics, program development, communications, and sector engagement. This has included close collaboration with partners, detailed planning across multiple workstreams, and sustained coordination to ensure the event reflects the strength and diversity of Landcare in South Australia. I am excited to meet many of you at Murray Bridge in October for what promises to be an inspiring and energising gathering for our Landcare community.

Warm regards,
Paula Jones
Chief Executive Officer
Landcare Association of South Australia Inc.

BELOW: LASA CEO, Paula Jones, at the 2026 National Reconciliation Week Breakfast. Credit LASA.



NATIONAL LANDCARE NETWORK

As part of the Supporting National Landcare Organisations funding the NLN are working with the STLOs to create a National Landcare Impact Framework.

The Landcare Association of South Australia Inc. is a member of the National Landcare Network (NLN) alongside the seven other Landcare peak bodies in each State and Territory. The NLN is the collective voice for community Landcare across the country.

National Landcare Network

8
State and Territory organisations

2,095
Landcare member groups

248,584
Volunteers engaged

4,322,419
Volunteer hours contributed

$93M
Estimated group funding leveraged

$203M
Estimated value of volunteer contribution

839,400
Estimated number of people reached through Landcare

We would like to acknowledge the work of Sarah Barrett and Karen Ashford who are LASA's representatives for the NLN members council and John Chester who is the South Australian nominee on the NLN Board of Directors.



ABOVE: LASA CEO, Paula Jones, presenting as part of the State and Territory Landcare Organisations at the National Landcare Conference, September 2025. Credit Natalia Diaz

LASA continues to work with the National Landcare Network to deliver two national grants - Strengthen Landcare – Repair Nature Program (2024 – 2027) and Supporting National Landcare Organisations (2024- 2028). This funding is through an agreement between the National Landcare Network (NLN) and the Commonwealth Government - Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) and the Department of Climate Change, Environment, Energy and Water (DCCEEW).

Our Chief Executive Officer (CEO) had the opportunity to work face-to-face with the other seven State and Territory Landcare Organisations (STLO) CEO's and NLN staff, in the Gold Coast after the National landcare Conference in September and again at a meeting hosted in Adelaide in March 2026.

Meeting in person proved vital for strengthening relationships, aligning priorities, and shaping a cohesive team of STLOs.

Work continues on these programs, and we look forward to close collaboration with the NLN team, including their new CEO, Andrew Richards.

STATE PROGRAM

CARE FOR LANDCARE

Thank you to the South Australian Government for funding the Care for Landcare Program, 2025-26 was the final year of the original four year program.

This program has shown that investment results in meaningful on-ground actions that benefit the environment and communities. It has laid a strong foundation for the next four years of Care for Landcare Program, with funding recently committed by the South Australian Government. LASA looks forward to continuing this work and supporting the grassroots Landcare community with renewed energy and purpose.

Reflections on the Care for Landcare Program (2022 to 2026)

More connected Landcare Network

$290,000 to over 150 groups

Free Insurance + $55,000 reimbursed

Diverse training program

Major uplift in communication + visibility

Stronger partnerships

BELOW: Plant Identification Day in Victor Harbor, April 2026 - Credit LASA



MEMBERS CONNECTIONS

Throughout 2025–26, LASA strengthened relationships with Landcare groups across South Australia through consistent communication, on-ground engagement, and targeted support. We connected directly with many groups, attending events, workshops, working bees, meetings, and planting days. These visits provide valuable insights into local priorities, challenges, and opportunities, helping LASA tailor its support to the diverse needs of rural, regional, and peri-urban communities.

A well-attended Members Forum was held alongside the LASA AGM, offering a space for groups to share experiences, raise issues, and build connections. Member feedback and engagement throughout the year informed planning for the 2026 State Landcare Conference, ensuring the event reflects the interests and aspirations of the grassroots Landcare community.

TRAINING

Training and capacity-building remained central to LASA's support for members. A diverse suite of learning opportunities was delivered across the year, including ecological skills, cultural knowledge, digital literacy, and wellbeing. These sessions helped volunteers build confidence, strengthen their technical abilities, and deepen the understanding of the landscapes they care for.

Key training activities included:

- A Plant Identification Day in Victor Harbor
- An Environmental Grief Webinar exploring emotional resilience
- A Bioblitz workshop supporting citizen science
- An Introduction to Artificial Intelligence webinar
- An Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management session

These opportunities were well received and contributed to stronger, more capable volunteer groups. LASA also continued its First Aid reimbursement program, supporting volunteers to obtain nationally recognised qualifications that enhance safety and preparedness during on-ground activities.



ABOVE: State Landcare Coordinator and CEO visit to Friends of Hindmarsh River Estuary, November 2025. Credit LASA

GRANTS

The Care for Landcare small grants scheme continued to be one of the most valued components of the program. Grants support practical, administrative, and community-focused activities across the state, enabling groups to undertake revegetation, weed and pest management, equipment purchases, citizen science, volunteer engagement, and educational initiatives.

Key outcomes included:

- 37 groups successfully acquitting their 2025 grants
- More than $69,000 invested in on-ground and community activities
- 42 groups opting in for the 2026 round
- Equal funding of $2,250 provided to each eligible group - total 2026 allocation of $94,500

The accessible, non-competitive model ensured equitable distribution of funds and reduced administrative burden, allowing groups to focus on delivering meaningful environmental outcomes.

BELOW: A Field Guide to the Bugs of the Barossa Bushgardens funded by LASA's grants scheme. Credit Barossa Bushgardens



INSURANCE

LASA's free insurance package remains a cornerstone of support for member groups. The Master Policy provides comprehensive coverage for typical Landcare activities, including:

- Public Liability
- Volunteer Personal Accident
- Association Liability

This year, 33 member groups accessed the policy—an increase of 27% from the previous year. The insurance package significantly reduces financial pressure on volunteer groups, enabling them to operate safely and confidently while directing more resources toward on-ground work.

BELOW: State Landcare Coordinator visit to Cape Jervis Coastal Community Group, December 2025. Credit LASA.



INSURANCE REIMBURSMENTS

To complement the Master Policy, LASA again delivered the Insurance Fee Reimbursement Scheme, supporting groups with additional insurance needs such as equipment, theft, or specialised coverage. This initiative helps ensure groups can protect their assets and operate effectively without facing prohibitive costs.

Key outcomes included $11,000 reimbursed to member groups.
This scheme continues to be an important part of LASA's broader support framework, recognising the diverse needs of volunteer-led organisations.

CARE FOR LANDCARE CONTINUED

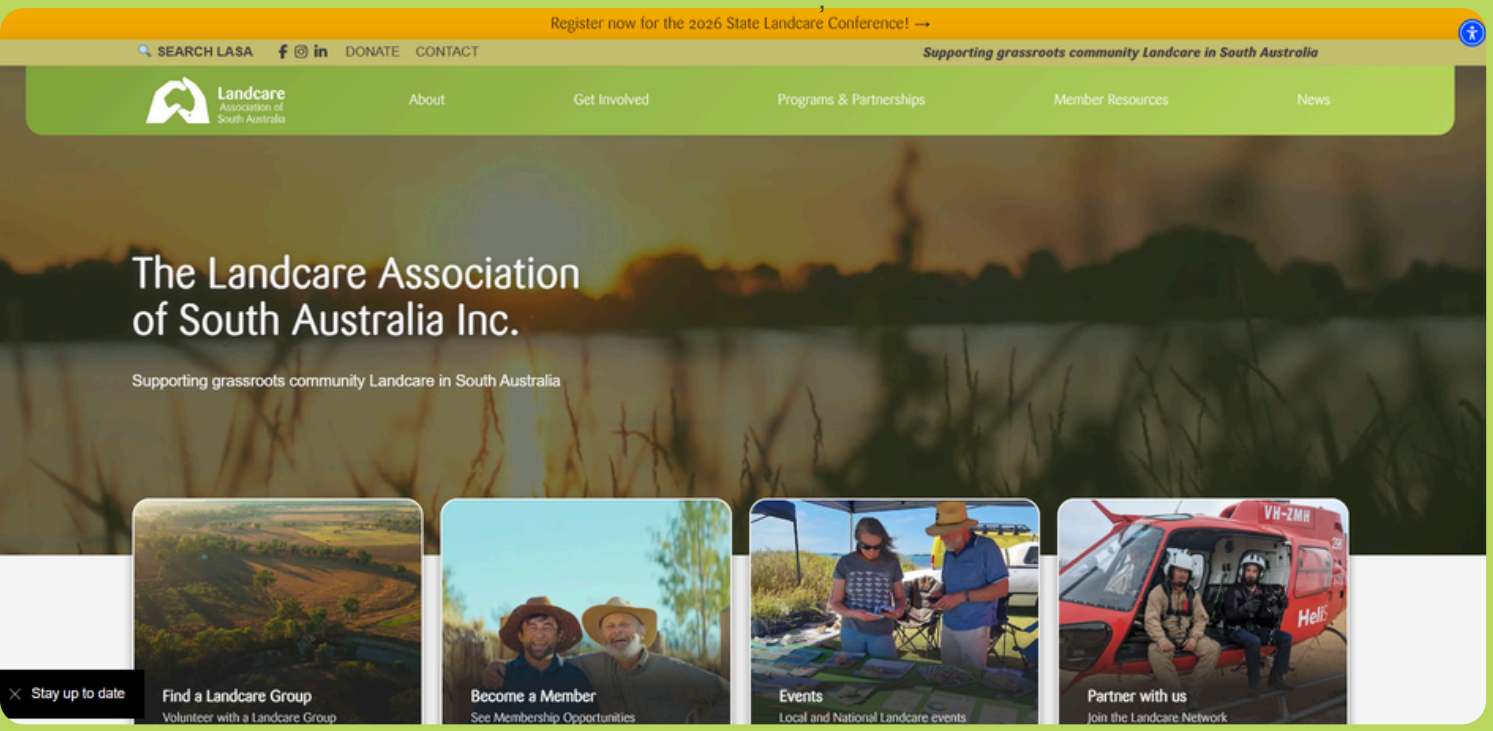
WEBSITE

LASA's new website, launched in early 2026, has significantly improved communication, accessibility, and member engagement. The modern platform provides a central hub for resources, events, and information, with features designed to support both new and established groups.

These enhancements have strengthened LASA's digital presence and improved the way members connect with information, opportunities, and each other.

Key improvements include:

- An interactive members map showcasing Landcare activity across the state
- A user-friendly event-upload function
- Enhanced security, stability and accessibility
- Integration with LASA's upgraded CRM system
- Information of members benefits including frequently asked insurance questions
- Easy access to resources, policies and publications
- LASA staff and management committee information



INDIGENOUS ENGAGEMENT

The Indigenous Engagement Working Group (IEWG) continues its work, strengthening relationships with First Nations communities and supporting opportunities for cultural learning and collaboration. Activities include participation in statewide forums, listening tours, and support for Indigenous involvement in Landcare events.

Key initiatives included:

- Supporting South Australian Indigenous participants to attend the National Landcare Conference
- A Listening Tour to the Limestone Coast
- Participation in the Disability Inclusive Emergency Planning forum

BELOW: A few of the South Australian representatives at the National Landcare Awards, Gold Coast, September 2025. Credit LASA



STRATEGIC PLAN

LASA completed its new Strategic Plan 2026–2035, setting a clear long-term direction for the organisation and the broader Landcare movement in South Australia. Developed through extensive consultation with members, staff, and the Management Committee, the plan outlines priorities for advocacy, member support, partnerships, environmental impact, and organisational sustainability.

The plan provides a roadmap for strengthening Landcare over the next decade and ensures LASA continues to evolve in response to community needs and environmental challenges.



ABOVE: LASA CEO, Paula Jones, Co-convenors of the Parliamentary Friends of Landcare, Hon Geoff Brock MP and Eddie Hughes MP, and LASA Chair, Shaun Branden at the Parliamentary Friends of Landcare Dinner, November 2025.

STATE LANDCARE COORDINATOR

LASA's State Landcare Coordinator, Natalia Diaz, moved on from LASA in April 2026 and we wish her all the best. The confirmation of Government funding allowed the recruitment process to occur for a new State Landcare Coordinator in June 2026.

BELOW: Natalia Diaz, State Landcare Coordinator's farewell from LASA. Credit LASA.



BELOW: SA State Landcare Award WInner, Sarah Barrett, LASA Staff - NAtalia Diaz and Paula Jones at the 2025 National Landcare Awards - Credit LASA



CARE FOR LANDCARE PROGRAM 2025-2026

$94,500 grants to 42 grassroots groups

Free insurance for 33 groups

$11,000 in insurance reimbursed

Expanding group members to 78

PARLIAMENTARY FRIENDS OF LANDCARE

The Parliamentary Friends of Landcare Dinner on 11 November 2025 brought together Parliamentarians, Landcare SA representatives, volunteers, and community members for an evening focused on recognising the work of Landcare groups across South Australia.

The event highlighted the strong, bipartisan support for Landcare, with attendance from Co-conveners Hon Geoff Brock MP, Eddie Hughes MP and Josh Teague MP, alongside several other Members of Parliament. Volunteers from groups across the state shared practical insights into their projects and challenges, grounding the conversation in real community experience and reinforcing the importance of continued support for grassroots Landcare.

The evening also provided an opportunity to outline the value of the Care for Landcare Program and introduce LASA's Future Proofing Landcare in SA proposal, which aims to strengthen organisational capacity and deepen partnerships across the sector.

The discussions were constructive and genuine, underscoring the importance of bringing volunteers and decision-makers together. The Parliamentary Friends of Landcare group reaffirmed commitment to supporting Landcare SA, and the event once again demonstrated the power of collaboration in advancing Landcare across South Australia.

BELOW: Eddie Hughes MP, Co-convenor of the Parliamentary Friends of Landcare, addressing the Parliamentary Friends of Landcare Dinner, November 2025.



MEMBERS SPOTLIGHT

As at the 30th of June 2026 LASA supports:

- 78 Member groups
- Representation of over 2,000 volunteers across the state
- Individual and Associate Members
- eNewsletters and social media channels which reach over 53,000 people.

BELOW: State Landcare Coordinator visit to Victor Harbor Community Garden, November 2025.



SA LANDCARE IMPACT & ENGAGEMENT SURVEY

Thank you to all our members who completed our 2025/26 SA Landcare Impact and Engagement Survey.

From the responses we received LASA is proud to highlight some of the statistics on the Landcare community in South Australia.

Over 2000 active volunteers

Over 132,000 volunteer hours*

$6,680,000 worth of volunteering**

Over 100,000 native seedlings planted

Manage over 33,000 hectares of land

85% of groups are 'Moving' or 'Thriving'

**Extrapolated from responses.*

***Using Volunteering SA&NT replacement hourly rate for August 2025.*

MEET THE GROUPS

Keeping connected to groups is a core focus of LASA. Here's a snapshot of four incredible groups around the state.

BETHANY RESERVE BIODIVERSITY GROUP

Submitted by Felicity Hage.

The Bethany Reserve Biodiversity Group is a fledgling grassroots community formed early in 2026. We share both a love for what the 12.76 hectares of the Reserve area offers, along with concern that it needs help to strengthen and make more lush and resilient.

We are removing invasive nonnative plants, such as Watsonias, Amaryllis belladonna (Belladonna lilies) and Piptatherum miliaceum 'Smilo grass' as priorities, and replanting and nurturing native grasses, shrubs and trees.

There is a patch of Exocarpos cupressiformis 'Native Cherry' trees that have grown from a very old primary tree that we want to protect. The area has some native specimens we love – Callistemon sieberi 'Bottlebrush', Eucalyptus camadulensis 'River Red Gums, and Acacia pycnantha 'Golden Wattles'. We also have small patches of Kangaroo and Wallaby grass that we want to preserve and collect seed from for further planting.

BELOW: Credit - Bethany Reserve Biodiversity Group



We are working toward increasing the amount of nature play options across the Reserve area and highlighting the Aboriginal stories of the area given the significant hollowed old eucalypts dotted along the creek line.

The Reserve is an important place to people from across the region and for visitors to the Barossa. Many generations of people have fond memories of the Reserve, for celebrations small and large, playgroups and children enjoy its natural birdsongs and nature play opportunities, dogs take their owners for walks, photographers capture its beauty, meditators and picnickers take in the energy of its quiet spaces and musicians and singers come to mix their talents into its open air. Its birdlife is diverse and enjoyable. We want to enhance these experiences for visitors while supporting the natural biodiversity.

We very much appreciate the assistance and support from Landcare SA, Northern & Yorke Landscape Board and especially the Barossa Council who own the Reserve land.

BELOW: Credit - Bethany Reserve Biodiversity Group



LOWER EYRE COASTCARE ASSOCIATION

Submitted by Kerryn McEwan.

For close to three decades the Lower Eyre Coastcare Association volunteers have been undertaking coastal environment protection and restoration on the southern tip of Eyre Peninsula, on the traditional lands and waters of the Nauo people.

Early conservation efforts focused on installing many kilometres of coastcare fencing to manage offroad vehicles and rehabilitate areas historically grazed. These areas are now thriving with self-regenerating native vegetation.

More recently we have concentrated on revegetation, erosion control and access management along the Puwanna-Greenly coastline. This is a very challenging windy site, and we are continually refining our techniques to improve plant survival and reduce erosion. We have done a number of trials with erosion matting including planting into slotted solid matting versus seeding into mesh matting, laying out the matting at various orientations to the prevailing winds, seeding into the matting using emu pats, using prunings (brushing) for water and wind erosion. In this year's planting area we have laid brush around all the plantings.

BELOW: Credit Lower Eyre Coastcare Association



Our most recent trial, at a very barren windy site not visible from the track, is using non-treated timber pallets (as they are readily available for free) with brush threaded through them to hold the brush in place.

In 2026 we celebrated the 10th Puwanna-Greenly community planting day. Along with cake and unveiling a plaque we planted and guarded 2000 tubestock.

We propagate ~ 3,500 local native tubestock annually in partnership with Lake Wangary School. Students experience the full cycle, from seed collection and propagation to planting and monitoring, fostering lifelong environmental stewardship.

We continue to be a lobby group for the environment in the Lower Eyre Council area on issues impacting the coast and water quality issues in Coffin Bay.

BELOW: Credit Lower Eyre Coastcare Association



CLARE VALLEY PRIVATE LANDS GROUP

Submitted by Sarah Castine.

The Clare Valley Private Lands Group in SA's mid north was established in 2023. It was built on the simple belief that thriving natural systems underpin climate resilience in farming landscapes and that private land conservation is essential to enhancing biodiversity and bringing back threatened species.

The group uses a partnership model between schools and local landowners (usually farmers) to support revegetation activities in the landscape.

Each year, students participate in restoration activities and plant about 1,000 seedlings and care for them over the summer months. The group has partnerships with five schools including St Joesph Clare, Watervale Primary, Blyth Primary, Manoora Primary and Clare High.

These schools are addressing a range of environmental and farming challenges including inland salinity, erosion gullies, lack of shade and shelter for livestock, weed infestations, and low biodiversity on a number of sites.

The group's work has grown over the past few years and funding has now been secured for a part-time network coordinator which was launched in mid-2026.



ABOVE: Credit Clare Valley Private Lands Group

The network will now run a series of field days focused on rare and endangered species in the mid-north, monitoring and collecting appropriate data, ecosystem services for farming enterprises and market based incentives to support farmers in protecting and restoring biodiversity. On-ground restoration works will also scale to a further five sites in the next 12 months.

Partnerships have been fundamental to this progress. The group continues to work alongside local schools, landholders, the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board, Trees For Life, Arborgreen, local government and a growing network of community volunteers. These partnerships are creating opportunities for young people to connect with working farms and develop a deeper understanding of their role as future custodians of the landscape.

BELOW: Credit Clare Valley Private Lands Group



KANGAROO ISLAND LAND FOR WILDLIFE

Submitted by Heidi Groffen.

On Kangaroo Island, conservation starts with people who care deeply about the land and its wildlife. Kangaroo Island Land for Wildlife (KI LfW) brings together more than 50 private conservation member properties, school students and the wider community, working across more than 25,000 hectares of connected private land.

Together, we are tackling some of the island's greatest conservation challenges. KI LfW coordinates landholder-led feral cat control using camera-trap monitoring, targeted trapping and innovative control technology. More than 150 feral cats have been removed through landholder-led control in the past 12 months, reducing predation pressure on threatened species including the Kangaroo Island dunnart, southern brown bandicoot and western whipbird.

Alongside feral cat control, KI LfW is building a long-term picture of the island's biodiversity through threatened species camera monitoring and Phytophthora cinnamomi dieback monitoring, helping landholders understand changes across their properties and target conservation action where it is needed most.

By working together, KI LfW landholders are taking practical action to protect and save Kangaroo Island's unique species in a changing climate.

BELOW: Credit KI Land for Wildlife



BELOW: Credit KI Land for Wildlife



LASA'S ADVOCACY

LASA is one of twelve leading nature organisations who make up the South Australian Nature Alliance (SANA). Through SANA's collective voice, they strive to protect, preserve and restore nature in the SA region.

With South Australia having a new Biodiversity Act, work continues as the legislative process is followed. The Act is an exciting and long-overdue step towards stronger environmental protection in the state. LASA extends thanks to SANA for supporting the case for future funding of the Care for Landcare Program beyond June 30,2026.

LASA'S PARTNERSHIPS

Our achievements this year have been made possible through collaboration with a wide range of partners — from First Nation's communities and non-government organisations to government agencies and corporate supporters.

We extend our sincere thanks to all our partners for ongoing commitment to community Landcare.

LOOKING INTO THE FUTURE

CARE FOR LANDCARE PROGRAM

Thanks to the State Government election commitment this program will continue to be the foundation for strengthening Landcare in South Australia. With 2026-27 being the beginning of another four years of the program we are grateful to be able to continue the program well into the future.

A State Landcare Coordinator is a major part of the Care for Landcare Program and we look forward to welcoming Rebecca O'Leary, who joins LASA as the new State Landcare Coordinator in August 2026.

BELOW: LASA Management Committee Member Brett Devitt, LASA Staff Paula Jones and Natalia Diaz



BELOW: Hon Lucy Hood MP with LASA CEO, Paula Jones and Friend of Parks and Nature Inc. President, Duncan MacKenzie announcing the South Australian Governments 2026 Election Commitment - Protecting our Environment, March 2026.



STATE LANDCARE CONFERENCE AND AWARDS - OCTOBER 2026

With the last State Landcare Conference held in 2019, LASA will host the next State Landcare Conference in Murray Bridge, in October 2026, with the theme of Growing Strong Together: Grassroots Landcare in Action.

The State Landcare Awards will be hosted at the Conference dinner and we look forward to networking with the South Australian Landcare Community there!



STATE LANDCARE CONFERENCE 2026

Growing Strong Together: Grassroots Landcare in Action

Connecting people through grassroots action to help shape community, climate and place

Landcare Association of South Australia

FRIDAY 16 – SATURDAY 17 OCTOBER 2026
BRIDGES EVENT CENTRE, MURRAY BRIDGE

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

LASA would like to thank the 2025/26 Management Committee for their collective strength and dedication, providing direction and support to Landcare in South Australia – Shaun Branden (Chair) Deanne Loan (Deputy Chair), Fran Doerflinger (Treasurer), Sarah Castine, Brett Devitt, and John Chester.

BELOW: CreLASA Staff and Management Committee Members at the Carbon Ready Ag Conference, Port Pirie August 2025. Credit LASA



Thanks go to the LASA representatives who represent Landcare in SA at the National level - John Chester, Sarah Barrett and Karen Ashford.

A huge thank you to the volunteers from outside the Management Committee, who contribute to the great work done by LASA's Sub Committees - Gerry Butler Chair of LASA's Indigenous Engagement Working Group and Karen Ashford who contributes greatly to LASA's State Landcare Conference Sub-Committee.

LASA also thanks the Honourable Lucy Hood MP for her support of the South Australian Landcare community and the continuation of the Care for Landcare Program, throughout her time as Minister for Climate, Environment and Water.

We also thank the Honourable Emily Bourke MLC, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, for continuing to support the Care for Landcare Program and look forward to working together to continue supporting our Landcare community.

Thank you to all our members for your ongoing dedication to Landcare in South Australia. We extend our appreciation to our partner organisations—particularly the National Landcare Network, the Landcare State and Territory Organisations, the Government of South Australia, and our associate members—for continued collaboration and support.

BELOW: NLN Staff and STLO CEO's meeting in Adelaide, March 2026. Credit NLN



BELOW: LASA Deputy Chair, Deanne Loan and LASA CEO, Paula Jones at the 2026 SA Environment Awards . Credit LASA



BELOW: LASA CEO at the Nature Foundation planting day at Tiliqua Nature Reserve - June 2026 . Credit LASA





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