Landcare support in the Port Phillip and Western Port region

During 2014-15 Landcare in the region was supported by:

- 1 Regional Landcare Coordinator funded through the Victorian Landcare Program and employed by the PPWCMA
- 2 Sustainable Land Management Coordinators (0.5FTE) funded through the Australian Government National Landcare Programme and employed by the PPWCMA
- 1 Regional Landcare Facilitator funded through the Australian Government National Landcare Programme and employed by the PPWCMA
- 10 local Landcare Facilitators (6.0FTE) funded through the Victorian Local Landcare Facilitator Initiative and employed by various host organisations
- 4 local Landcare Facilitators funded through various sources and employed by various host organisations

During 2014-15 the PPWCMA delivered the following Landcare support activities:

- 2 Regional forums for Landcare Network Leaders (18 people from 12 Landcare networks)
- 13 Conservation Action Planning workshops to improve project design (186 people from 23 Landcare groups and networks)
- 2 Catchment Action Round Tables to improve collaboration for natural resource management (39 people from 16 Landcare groups and networks)
- 2 Shade and Shelter field days (76 people)
- 1 Pasture Cropping workshop (20 people)
- 1 Native Pasture workshop (26 people)

This report reflects the activities undertaken by Landcare groups and networks only. Additional work undertaken by other community groups and volunteers is extensive and beyond the scope of this report card.

Cover photo: Susan Davies of Westernport Swamp Landcare Group and Ian MacLagan of Neerim and District Landcare Group at the third Conservation Action Planning workshop for the Western Port area
Back page photo: Community-based Leaders from Landcare Networks across the region meet at forum organised by the PPWCMA
Snapshot of Landcare – Port Phillip and Western Port region 2014-15

85 Landcare Groups covering 731,366 hectares (57.2% of the region), including 3 new groups.

76.8% of all private rural land covered by groups.

Data is based on surveys completed by 62 Landcare groups and 10 Landcare networks for the 1st July 2014 – 30th June 2015 period.

Completed surveys were received from the groups Hurstbridge and District Landcare Group and Australian Landcare International which are not shown on the map.

Average total membership in 2014-15 was 49.1 people per group.

Over 2,899 members managing over 1,889 properties covering over 82,445 Ha (includes 401 new members recruited in 2014-15, managing over 237 properties).

79 of the groups have formed 13 Landcare Networks.

2014-15 PPWCMMA Community Grants
- Victorian Landcare Grants – 47 groups and networks received $183,537 for 11 projects and 36 support grants
- National Landcare Programme – 15 groups and networks received $249,963 for 15 projects

Other Funding secured by Landcare in 2014-15:
An additional $1,885,840 was reported as having been received from a variety of other sources.

Volunteers contributed an estimated $1,546,830 value in reported volunteer time ($30/hr) delivering activities in 2014-15 related to on-ground works, learning, administration and communication.

Landcare groups and networks reported for 2014-15 delivery of:
- a. 374 ha of revegetation
- b. 26 ha of direct seeding
- c. 58 km of waterway protection from stock
- d. 97 ha of remnant protection from stock
- e. 238 ha of remnant protection through covenant or similar
- f. 1590 ha of weed control
- g. 1708 ha of rabbit control
- h. 1033 ha of fox control
- i. 8501 indigenous plants grown

Reported Group Health in 2014-15 averaged 3.6 out of 5.

Reported Network Health in 2014-15 averaged 3.7 out of 5.

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