

Landcare support in the Port Phillip and Western Port region

During 2012-13 Landcare in the region was supported by:

- 1 Regional Landcare Coordinator funded through the Victorian Landcare Program
- 7 Community NRM Coordinators (5.4FTE) funded through a combination of funding from Melbourne Water and the Australian Government Regional Landcare Facilitator Initiative
- 10 local Landcare Facilitators (6.0FTE) funded through the Victorian Local Landcare Facilitator Initiative
- 3 local Landcare Facilitators funded through other sources such as local government and bushfire recovery
- Development of the PPWCMA Landcare Support Plan

During 2012-13 the PPWCMA delivered the following Landcare support activities

- 2012 PPW Landcare Awards Presentation and Celebration (253 people)
- 2 regional peer learning forums for Landcare support staff (31 people)
- 1 Environmental Best Management Practice training for Landcare support staff (14 people)
- 8 Catchment Action Round Tables to improve collaboration for natural resource management (142 people)
- 4 property planning workshops (62 people)
- 5 Farm Chemical Users Courses (79 people)
- 4 horse property management workshops (106 people)
- 3 plant identification workshops (69 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.

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Port Phillip and Western Port Landcare Report Card 2012-13



A snapshot of Landcare in the Port Phillip and Western Port Region from 1st July 2012 to 30th June 2013



The Port Phillip and Westernport CMA (PPWCMA) is one of ten regional Catchment Management Authorities in Victoria. The PPWCMA provides leadership to a range of stakeholder organisations and works to deliver integrated catchment management and sustainability of the region's natural assets by building cooperation, coordination and partnerships amongst these organisations.



Snapshot of Landcare - Port Phillip and Western Port region 2012-13

78 Landcare groups covering 673,620 hectares (52.7% of the region)

71% of the region's private rural land is covered by groups

Average reported total membership in 2012-13 was 68 people per group



Over 2,461 members managing 1,550 properties covering over 74,328 Ha (Includes 282 new members recruited in 2012-13, managing 174 properties)

64 of the groups have formed 11 Landcare Networks

2012-13 PPWCMA Community Grants (includes Victorian Landcare Grants)

64 groups received \$425,363 for 30 projects and 35 support grants, and delivered:

- 194 community learning events
- 23.71 Ha of revegetation
- 1574.3 Ha of weed control
- 50 Ha of rabbit control
- Fencing for 16.04 Ha of remnant vegetation

Volunteers contributed an estimated \$411,664 in time and leveraged resources

Other funding secured by Landcare groups and networks in 2012-13:

- Victorian Government Communities for Nature Grants** - 24 groups received \$201,967 for 24 projects
- Australian Government Community Action Grants** - 9 groups received \$174,101 for 9 projects
- Australian Government Caring for Our Country program** - 1 group received \$87,938 for 1 project

Reported changes in capacity during 2012-13 – **Landcare groups:**

- Increased capacity to **secure funds:** 50% 'Somewhat'; 14% 'Considerably'
- Increased **exposure or profile:** 61% 'Somewhat'; 22% 'Considerably'
- Increased capacity to **engage and influence:** 56% 'Somewhat'; 11% 'Considerably'

Reported changes in capacity during 2012-13 – **Landcare networks:**

- Increased capacity to **plan strategically:** 50% 'Somewhat'; 25% 'Considerably'
- Increased capacity to **govern and administer:** 50% 'Somewhat'; 25% 'Considerably'
- Increased capacity to **secure funds:** 75% 'Somewhat'
- Increased **exposure or profile:** 100% 'Somewhat'
- Increased capacity to **develop member groups:** 75% 'Somewhat'; 25% 'Considerably'
- Increased capacity to **build relationships** with other organisations: 50% 'Somewhat'; 50% 'Considerably'

Reported Group Health in 2012-13 averaged 3.4 out of 5

