



# **YOUTH ENGAGEMENT IN LANDCARE**

## **HOW-TO KIT CASE STUDIES**

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# INSPIRATION FROM THE NATION

Still a little stuck on where to start or what you want to do?

Need a little more inspiration?

Check out these additional case studies from other networks across Australia. These groups are also pushing the boundaries on traditional Landcare models and environmental projects.

Here, you will find a range of “outside the box” Landcare activities to help you on your Landcare journey!



# LANDCARE FOR SINGLES

## YARRA VALLEY AND DANDENONG RANGES LANDCARE NETWORK, VIC

‘So, do you plant here often?’ is the charming catchcry coined by the creative minds in the Yarra Valley and Dandenong Ranges Landcare Network in Victoria. Since its inception and with support from Landcare Australia, the ‘Landcare for Singles’ concept has taken place in multiple states and territories across the country, including the Illawarra in NSW, Darwin, Perth and on Queensland’s Gold Coast. ACT Landcare even runs this event on an annual basis now!

Landcare for Singles events provide the perfect opportunity for environmentally conscious people on the look-out for that special someone to try a new and unique form of speed dating, or in this case – speed planting. They are also a great way of attracting new volunteers to your group and spreading the word about the great work your group is doing for your local environment.

**Interested in running a ‘Landcare for Singles’ event in your area? Then download the ‘Project kit’ here with a whole bunch of other great resources to get you going:**



<http://www.landcareonline.com.au/resources/tools-for-groups-2/landcare-for-singles-resource-kit/>



[www.facebook.com/landcareforsingles](http://www.facebook.com/landcareforsingles)



# MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT

## REGROWTH FESTIVAL, NSW

This Landcare event combines the power of creativity, entertainment and passion for the environment to bring participants from far and wide into the Landcare scene! It is a festival showcasing some of the finest international, interstate, and local musicians, while offering a range of activities to keep you entertained over four days in the most sustainable ways.

The Regrowth Festival is an environmentally sustainable event using 100% renewable energy, composting toilets, maximising recycling and composting of waste, environmentally themed workshops, as well as a range of other measures to reduce the ecological footprint of the festival and its patrons. Central to this is the restoration of a degraded area of the festival site through large scale revegetation works where mass volunteer tree planting effort adds to the 67,000 trees already planted at REGEN events.

More info:



[www.re-gen.org.au/regrowth\\_festival](http://www.re-gen.org.au/regrowth_festival)



[www.facebook.com/RegrowthFestival](https://www.facebook.com/RegrowthFestival)





# ROAMING LANDCARE



## HUON VALLEY ROAMERS, TAS

With half of the committee under the age of 35 years old, Huon Valley Roamers Landcare was formed to fill a gap in the Landcare movement locally, and reinvent what Landcare meant to the community.

Formed in 2014, the Roamers take a completely different approach to delivering Landcare projects in Tasmania. Their philosophy is Landcare can be whatever you want it to be – education, experience, appreciation, and caring. The Roamers run traditional on-ground projects with a bit of a twist, and some one-off events.

Regular activities include planting, weeding and track work, but also focus on kids and young families. Planting days with stories told by local Aboriginal elders, and talks by bushfoods experts, planting events with “Yoga for Landcare” warm ups with a local Yoga teacher, and fun educational events focusing on families - including a bat spotting night and a fungi foray have all been a success to date.

Creativity is woven through project design and the group has many plans for the future including discovery trails, art, craft or photography classes, social media projects, pop-up events such as open air exhibitions, theatre, music, dance, regatta days, wrapper-free picnics, twilight events, men’s shed projects and more. The possibilities are endless!

### Contact:



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[@HVRoamers](https://twitter.com/HVRoamers)



[www.huonvalleyroamers.webs.com](http://www.huonvalleyroamers.webs.com)





# FOR THE COAST – TAKING CARE OF OUR OCEANS

## TAKE 3 – A CLEAN BEACH INITIATIVE, AUSTRALIA WIDE

Take 3 has been inspiring people across the nation and the globe since its formation in 2009, with a simple, yet catchy message to take just three pieces of rubbish every time you visit a local beach, waterway or anywhere really, just #Take3forthesea!

Take 3 is a not-for-profit organisation devoted to raising awareness about the consequences of marine debris (and in particular plastics) on the world's oceans and the species who rely on it for survival. Millions of tonnes of plastic waste exist in the ocean and it is Take 3's goal to encourage people to refuse plastics, reduce plastic usage, and recycle plastic where possible.

Take 3 have actively educated over 35,000 school students and 30,000 members of the Australian community since 2011. Take 3 works with local councils, state government departments, businesses, schools (pre, primary and secondary), surf lifesaving clubs, and community groups to increase awareness about marine debris, promote behavioural change and support local communities to address the ever-escalating problem of marine debris in our oceans and waterways.





More info:



[www.take3.org.au](http://www.take3.org.au)



[www.facebook.com/take3.a.clean.beach.initiative](https://www.facebook.com/take3.a.clean.beach.initiative)



[@take3beachclean](https://twitter.com/take3beachclean)



[@take3beachclean](https://www.instagram.com/take3beachclean)



# WORKING WITH SCHOOLS

## INDUNA YOUTH LANDCARE, NSW

Induna School is a Department of Education and Communities School which operates in co-operation with Acmena Juvenile Justice Centre. Induna provides individualised teaching and learning programs for secondary students with special needs.

In 2012, Induna Education & Training were encouraged to become involved in a project coordinated by Clarence Landcare. The project focused on involving indigenous youth in propagating local native seeds collected as part of a Biodiversity Project.

As the school already had a greenhouse, this was an exciting opportunity for students and teachers to become more involved in a community project with an environmental focus. With support from Clarence Landcare and teachers at the school, students successfully propagated over 4,000 native plants, these were all distributed to local landcare projects.

Through this project, the students decided to start their very own Landcare group, Induna Youth Landcare which is supported by a coordinating teacher and Clarence Landcare.

Although the group is just over a year old, they have already successfully attracted funding through a Junior Landcare grant for a “Beefriendly for Biodiversity” project, where students grew 1,000 native plants and constructed 20 native stingless bee hives!



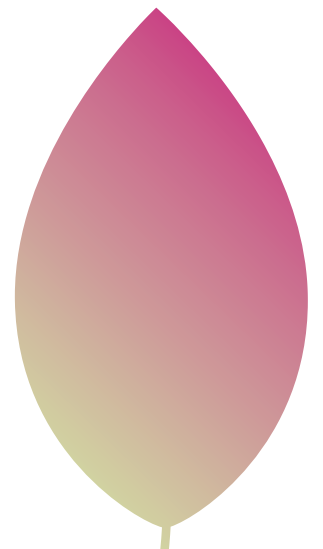




# SCHOOL RESOURCES

**WORKING WITH A YOUNGER AUDIENCE?  
NO WORRIES, LANDCARE AUSTRALIA HAS  
YOU COVERED.**

Landcare Australia has worked with a range of partners to develop useful tools for teachers to implement projects in their school whether they be new to Landcare or already keen green thumbs. Resources help teachers develop projects linked to the school curriculum which are fun and interactive and include anything from developing a worm farm to restoring and protecting native habitat for wildlife.



# RESOURCES TO HELP YOU IMPLEMENT SCHOOL PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES:

## Landcare in the Curriculum

These resources have been produced and designed to support the Australian Curriculum, which sets consistent national standards to improve learning outcomes. Sustainability is now one of the three cross curriculum priorities set by the Australian Curriculum, to help develop the knowledge, skills, values and world views needed to help people contribute to a more sustainable environment. Check out the website to download your copies of a range of 'How to' guides and 'Landcare in the curriculum' resources.



[www.juniorlandcare.com.au/curriculumresources](http://www.juniorlandcare.com.au/curriculumresources)

## Young people in Landcare Handbook

The handbook supports those running a Landcare program for young people and encourages the integration of Landcare into their school activities. A ten week Landcare Curriculum program has been outlined to support the delivery of Landcare messages structured through ongoing activities that can be used to continue the ongoing engagement of young people in Landcare activities.

An effective way to engage young people in Landcare is to integrate Landcare into the activities that they are already involved in or to make it available to them during school time.

The topics that are covered take new Landcare volunteers through a range of activities that will allow them to build an understanding of Landcare principles and land management and conservation. The curriculum is designed to deliver an understanding of biodiversity, ecosystems and land management and conservation principles to participants.

Topics in the handbook include:

- Your Landcare Site and Safety
- Remnant Bushlands and monitoring
- What is a weed?
- Treating and removing weeds
- Native Habitat





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