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# Landcare Week

Collaborative Communities - Landcare in Action



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## Celebrating Australia's annual Landcare Week

Vote online today for your favourite sustainability hero

**1 September:** It's National Landcare Week from 5–11 September, a time for all Australians to acknowledge and reflect on the great work being carried out by over a hundred thousand volunteers who give up their valuable time to care for this great country we call home.

Landcarers across Australia grow our food, look after our environment, care for our coastlines, and protect our native animals. National Landcare Week was created to celebrate our hardworking Landcarers who are fostering a better environmental future for all.

Tessa Jakszewicz, CEO of Landcare Australia, says this is a great opportunity to recognise the effort and dedication of everyone involved in Landcare.

“Being a Landcarer is about participating in activities that better our land and coastlines,” Tessa says. “You don't have to join a group or be a member of some sort of club to be a caretaker of the land, and that's what we're trying to emphasise during National Landcare Week and at our upcoming National Landcare Conference.”

The theme of this year's National Landcare Week ties in with the theme of the National Landcare Conference and Awards (held in Melbourne from 21 – 23 September), which is Collaborative Communities – Landcare in Action.

The conference and awards celebrates the achievements of national Landcare champions and the Landcare community. Awards will be handed out to nine outstanding Australians for their tireless efforts in their various works and projects.

A great way to get involved with National Landcare Week and the awards is to vote in the People's Choice Award category for your favourite Landcare hero out of this year's 69 national finalists. This is an amazing opportunity to support Landcarers who are making a big difference in the community and beyond.

You can vote for the People's Choice Award right up until the day before the awards evening; voting closes at 6 p.m. (AEST) on 21 September. Visit [nationallandcareconference.org.au/awards](http://nationallandcareconference.org.au/awards) to place your vote for who you believe has best championed the Landcare ethos.

*The National Landcare Awards are being delivered by Landcare Australia in partnership with the Australian Government's National Landcare Programme and the Victorian Government, and are sponsored by Fairfax Media, Indigenous Land Corporation, and ManpowerGroup Australia.*

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## About Landcare Australia

Landcare Australia Ltd is a not-for-profit organisation, leading the promotion of and providing financial support to the Landcare national resource management programme in Australia; aligning the practice of environmental management with land productivity, and devolving governance and management to local communities.

Landcare Australia works collaboratively with federal, state and local governments, corporate partners and sponsors, and individuals, to deliver hundreds of projects annually through the volunteer efforts of local community groups, indigenous groups, and the more than 5,400 Landcare and Coastcare groups across Australia.

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

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