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Landcare Australia confirms new CEO

The Board of Landcare Australia this week confirmed the appointment of Dr Shane Norrish as its Chief Executive Officer. He has been acting in this role following the April departure of Tessa Matykiewicz.

Dr Norrish joined the organisation in 2007 as the Landcare Farming Program Manager and managed corporate partnerships supporting sustainable agriculture projects. More recently as Head of Landcare Services, he managed numerous large environmental and habitat restoration projects as well as Landcare Australia's responsibilities as a Service Provider for the Australian Government's Green Army and 20M trees programs.

Chairman Doug Humann said, "Shane has served as an integral member of Landcare Australia's leadership team for many years. He brings considerable experience in resource management and environmental issues, as well strong leadership and senior management expertise to this role."

Prior to joining Landcare Australia, Dr Norrish's agricultural research experience in Australia and overseas included a strong background in participatory on-farm research, working closely with farmers and their consultant advisors. He has often observed challenges being successfully addressed by local farmers, land managers, advisors and researchers collaborating to improve knowledge, test ideas and implement better practices. He sees this occurring regularly within the Landcare community.

Dr Norrish said, "Landcare remains an inspiring community movement, supported by stakeholders who continue to value Landcare community achievements. Landcare's success is underpinned by people working together using local experience and knowledge, creating strong partnerships and leveraging their local resources."

Dr Norrish considers integration of biodiversity conservation into a productive landscape remains a significant challenge facing many land managers. He wants to ensure that the Landcare community continues to be recognised and supported as a key delivery partner for sustainable land management, rehabilitation and conservation solutions.

"I look forward to further extending the reach of Landcare Australia to support the Landcare community, and increasing involvement from corporate organisations and government at all levels."

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About Landcare Australia

Landcare Australia is a not-for-profit organisation with a vision of all Australians actively caring for the land and water that sustain us? For over 25 years, Landcare Australia has worked collaboratively with federal, state and local governments, corporate partners and sponsors, and individuals, to build capacity for the Landcare community to better manage Australia's crucial land and water assets.

Landcare Australia delivers hundreds of projects annually through the volunteer efforts of local community groups, Indigenous groups, and the more than 5,400 Landcare and Coastcare groups that make up the Landcare movement.

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