



Capabilities Statement

About Landcare Australia



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The Landcare brand is recognised and trusted, with consistently positive attitudes in local communities towards Landcare projects, and 78 percent awareness among Australians of our ‘Caring Hands’ logo.

We are committed to the principles of sustainable land management, biodiversity, conservation and community involvement.

Through our National Landcare Services team, we:



Manage and coordinate millions of dollars in project funding and in-kind support every year.



Oversee project development, commercial agreements, project delivery and reporting.



Work with multiple stakeholders, including clients, commercial partners, government, Landcare groups, natural resource management agencies, contractors, researchers, agribusiness and educational organisations.



Offer a highly skilled and experienced team of environmental and ecological professionals committed to securing great environmental outcomes, community support and stakeholder recognition.

Project Development and Management

Landcare Australia works closely with partners, clients and their stakeholders to recommend, develop and implement cost-effective methodologies, to meet their objectives for rehabilitation and management of natural assets. We identify key risks, develop suitable mitigations and deliver ecological restoration and land management projects within established time frames and budgets. Landcare Australia is Workplace Health and Safety CM3 certified.

Key Project Achievements



Wallamore Anabranch and Peel River Rehabilitation Project

A major riverbank stabilisation and on-farm revegetation project along nine kilometres of riparian land in Tamworth, New South Wales, was undertaken by Landcare Australia in partnership with a number of organisations.

- Significant riparian bank stabilisation works were completed, including combining rock groynes, rock armouring, earthworks and extensive revegetation.
- Habitat connectivity was increased through the rehabilitation and regeneration of 25 hectares of the threatened Red Gum/River Oak Open Forest ecological community.
- The project was delivered through a partnership between Landcare Australia, the NSW Department of Primary Industries, North West Local Land Services, Lion, the Australian Government 20 Million Trees Program, the Wallamore Road Landcare Group, local landholders and Tamworth Regional Council.

Read more about this project:
landcareaustralia.org.au/wallamore-anabranch-peel-river-rehabilitation-project/



M2 Macquarie Park Motorscapes Project

A large-scale bush rehabilitation project alongside the M2 Hills Motorway in Sydney was undertaken by Landcare Australia as part of our partnership with Transurban.

- A rapid transformation of five hectares of degraded peri-urban space, containing 22 noxious species, to a native bushland with 64,000 indigenous plants.
- Riparian and aquatic habitat improvements in two onsite creeks, through creek bank stabilisation works, sandstone revetment, revegetation and gross pollutant trap installation.
- Community engagement and employee volunteering opportunities were undertaken as part of the project.

Read more about this project:
landcareaustralia.org.au/m2-macquariepark-project/



Dakalanta Wildlife Sanctuary 20 Million Trees Project

Landcare Australia is one of only three national service providers contracted by the Australian Government to undertake revegetation projects under the 20 Million Trees Program.

- The project goal of establishing 595,000 plants across the site was achieved and exceeded.
- Based on Landcare Australia's vegetation monitoring program, more than 2 million plants are now establishing on the site, giving the project an overall surplus of more than 1.5 million plants.
- 1,190 hectares of land was revegetated over two years with 2,380 km of direct-seeding in spite of vast amounts of rocky calcrete on the site.
- Seed from 50 local plant species was collected, processed and sown on the site, with a total of 1,190kg sown.

Read more about this project:
landcareaustralia.org.au/our-programme/20-million-trees/

Land Management and Rehabilitation



Ecological restoration

Landcare Australia's qualified and professional ecological restoration team offers cost-effective, leading solutions grounded in proven ecological principles. We have technical skills, qualifications, practical experience and a commitment to deliver the best environmental outcomes for our clients.

We are experienced in managing revegetation projects across a broad range of scales (<1 ha to 1200 ha), planting densities (400 to 10,000 stems/ha), climate (semi-arid to sub-tropical) and site conditions (e.g. coastal river-flats, mallee and undulating calcrete hills) around Australia.

All projects are carefully planned and managed to reduce risks and impacts associated with varied seasonal conditions and threats, such as pests and diseases. We have access to local expertise via a network of more than 5,000 Landcare organisations. Only species and vegetation communities appropriate for the location and site characteristics are sown or planted. All of our projects involve on-going monitoring for management of weeds, pests and diseases. We use up-to-date technology, including rugged direct-seeders to handle difficult terrain and satellite guidance equipment.

Our restoration services include:

- Bush regeneration using a wide range of techniques, equipment and machinery appropriate for site conditions and required timeframes
- Suitable indigenous plant selection
- Native seed collection, sourcing, storage and pre-treatment
- Evaluation of projected climate change impacts on vegetation communities and suitable sources of genetic material
- Site preparation, revegetation and ongoing maintenance
- Nest box selection and installation.





Erosion and sediment control

We integrate appropriate erosion and sediment control methodologies suitable for project site conditions. We work closely with our clients to achieve prevention of off-site environmental impacts. Our services include:

- Design and execution of sediment and erosion control plans
- Selection of vegetation and other protective groundcover
- Water diversion and velocity dissipation structures
- Sediment barriers and stockpile management.

In areas actively eroding or prone to poor water quality, we provide:

- Watercourse stabilisation through rock revetment and armouring
- Gully arrest and rehabilitation through installation of diversion banks, rock armouring and livestock exclusion fencing
- Water quality improvement through installation of livestock and vehicle crossings, retention basins and gross pollutant traps.



Weed management

Landcare Australia has demonstrated expertise in managing weeds using techniques and equipment appropriate for the scale, location, species and density of populations. We salvage large areas of land dominated by Weeds of National Significance, noxious and environmental weeds. Control methods used range from large-capacity excavators and positraks fitted with forestry mulchers, flail mowers and rotary axes, with intensive ground crew follow-up to control re-emergence. We also use standard manual bush regeneration techniques, aimed at supporting the recruitment of indigenous species with minimum intervention.



Biodiversity offset management

Landcare Australia establishes and manages sites for clients and partners that are protected under conservation agreements for biodiversity offsets or similar purposes, such as BioBanking and conservation covenants. We assist with the development and execution of management plans to secure the ecological integrity of the sites, including condition assessment, weed control, vertebrate and other pest control, threatened flora and fauna, support of regenerating indigenous vegetation, fencing and monitoring.

Environmental Management and Approvals

Landcare Australia provides technical advice and assistance for clients with both regulatory and voluntary environmental initiatives.

Our services in this area include:

- Vegetation and bushland condition assessment
- Vegetation and ecological community mapping
- Vegetation Management Plans
- Soil sampling and assessment
- Erosion and Sediment Control Plans
- Habitat Hectare Assessments
- Offset Management Plans
- Weed Management Plans
- Targeted flora and fauna surveys
- Threatened Species Management Plans
- Design, implementation, and evaluation of ecological monitoring programs
- Georeferencing and GIS mapping
- Spatial data analysis
- Review of Environmental Factors
- Construction Environmental Management Plans
- Experimental design
- Data collection and data analysis
- Modelling of projected carbon sequestration in environmental plantings
- Preparation of Bush Fire Hazard Reduction Certificate Environmental Approvals

Employee Engagement



For more than 20 years, Landcare Australia has been running employee engagement initiatives with a range of businesses of all sizes, including Telstra, Diageo, Elders, Transurban and Westpac. Our Corporate Volunteering program offers businesses on-ground community engagement, enhanced employee engagement and positive brand alignment.

In many of our rehabilitation projects, Landcare Australia can integrate a corporate volunteering component, offering a meaningful experience for employees to work on-ground, delivering positive environmental outcomes and building stronger workplace teams. Corporate teams leave their Landcare volunteering day with a better understanding of biodiversity, their local area and how their activities at home and work may be impacting our environment.

Read more about our Corporate Environmental Volunteering:

landcareaustralia.org.au/landcare-get-involved/get-your-workplace-involved/corporate-volunteering/

Communications and Stakeholder Relations

Since inception, Landcare Australia has worked with and supported groups and other stakeholders in the grass-roots Landcare community to undertake environmental and natural resource management projects. We are experienced in managing community and stakeholder consultation processes and working with local groups on projects.

Our expertise in this area includes:

- Community engagement
- Indigenous engagement
- Integration of community groups in projects, matching their interest and capacity
- Government liaison (local, state and federal)

We also proactively work with our federal and state government partners, community groups and more than 20 corporate partners to share positive Landcare stories with the broader community.

Through our media relations activities, we reach millions of Australians a year. We also communicate regularly to a highly engaged and passionate monthly digital audience of close to 70,000 subscribers.

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