

2024-2025
Goulburn Murray
Landcare Network
**ANNUAL
REPORT**



Goulburn
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Landcare



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Background & History

Goulburn Murray Landcare is based in Shepparton, Victoria, and operates in the agricultural floodplains of the Goulburn Broken and North Central catchments of Victoria. It covers approximately 3,000 square kilometres and supports 25 Landcare and environmental groups to carry out their projects including sourcing funding, project management and administrative assistance.

The group was formed in 1995 and was managed by community volunteers. Goulburn Murray Landcare works to achieve sustainable land management by working closely with Local and State Government agencies, schools, local Landcare and environment groups.

Goulburn Murray Landcare obtains funding for habitat restoration, school environmental programs, community forums and courses and pest plant and animal activities. We work with community groups, Government agencies and land managers to deliver positive outcomes and to implements projects around the themes of sustainable agriculture, biodiversity and education. GMLN is proudly independent, but enjoys strong working relationships with government agencies and other community organisations.



GMLN Aims

- ✓ To support Landcare groups in the Agricultural Floodplains
 - ✓ To provide opportunities for the exchange of ideas and experiences between Landcare groups
 - ✓ To publicise and promote the links between sustainable production and natural resource management
 - ✓ To strengthen community business partnerships, by attracting support from and building relationships with, business and industry
 - ✓ To strengthen partnerships with government agencies, local government, schools, tertiary institutions, urban communities and other groups as appropriate
 - ✓ To influence regional planning and policy decision making
 - ✓ To seek funding for Landcare projects
 - ✓ To coordinate resources and information sharing
 - ✓ To encourage research partnerships with Landcare
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GMLN Executive Board 2024/2025

Goulburn Murray Landcare Network is governed by Committee of Management that oversees the network's operations. The committee provides leadership and sets the overall direction for the network, aligning its activities with the vision and mission of Landcare. It ensures the network operates effectively and responsibly, adhering to relevant policies and procedures.



John Laing

President

(Dhurringile & District Landcare Group)



David Sutton

Vice President

(Naring Landcare Group)



Graham Liersch

Treasurer

(Koyuga Kanyapella Landcare Group)



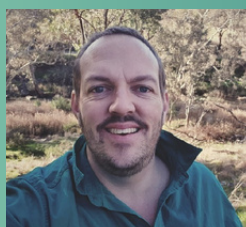
Joy Liersch

Secretary

(Koyuga Kanyapella Landcare Group)



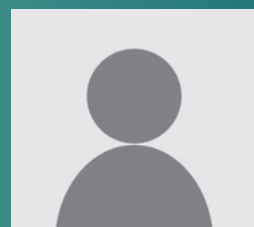
**Nick
O'Halloran**



**Jock
Richardson**



**Paul
Hockett**



**Bernadette
Fitzpatrick**

General committee members

GMLN Staff for 2024/2025



Fiona Stuart

*Landcare Facilitator
Office Manager*

Fiona worked three days a week coordinating BEAD and Living the Good Life projects for 2024/2025, along with coordinating the annual Floodplain Ecology Course, whilst also undertaking the administrative duties for the office.



Dan Walker

Landcare Facilitator

Dan worked three days a week throughout 2024/2025, focusing on making strong connections with our Landcare groups, and on our Living the Good Life and Farm Forum events. He also worked on a number of Fee for Service projects.



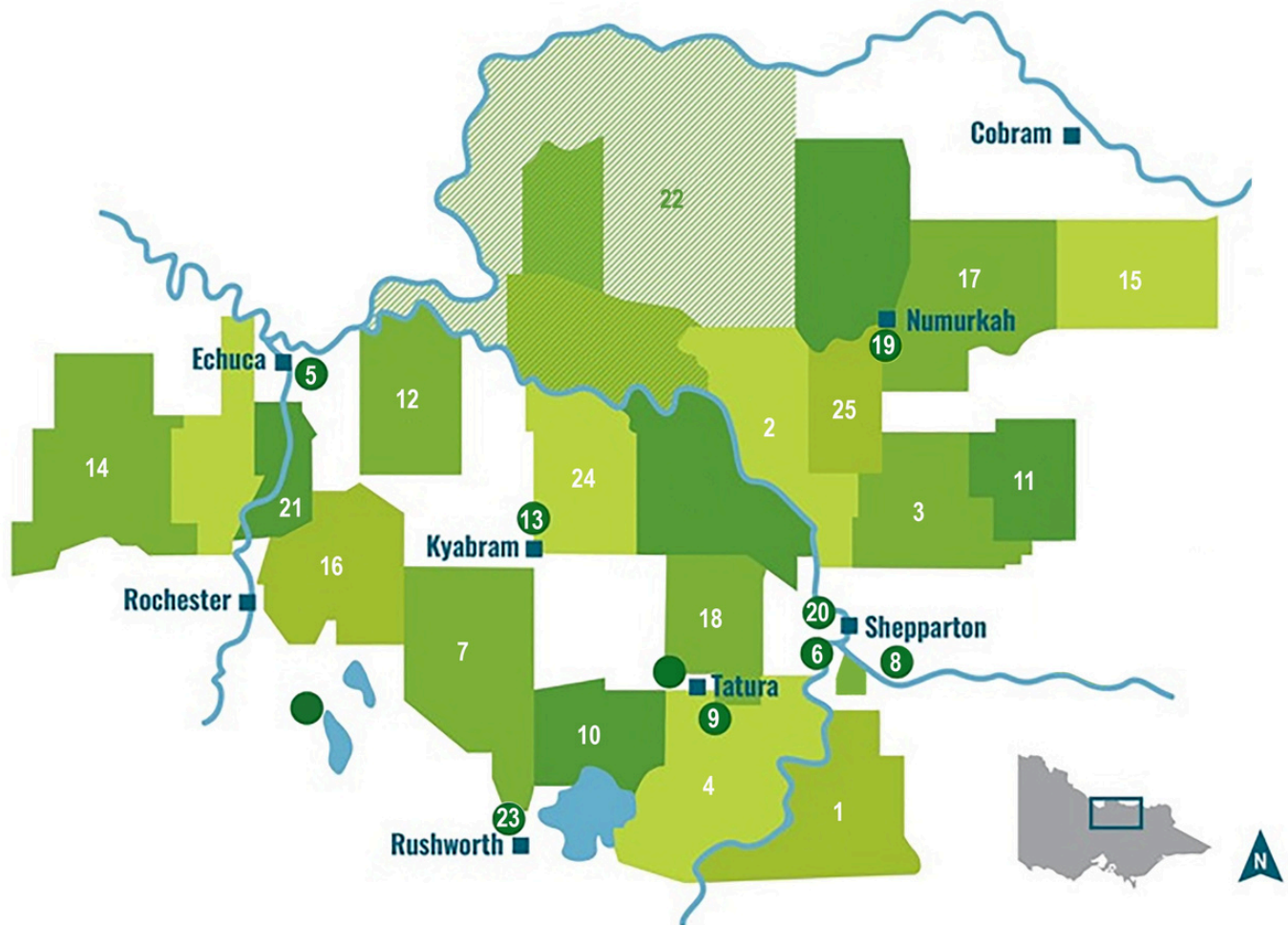
Carolena Helderman

Biodiversity Officer

Carolena worked one day a week and oversees the Landcare Legacies project, and assisting with other GMLN projects as required.

Goulburn Murray Landcare Network

Landcare Groups



1. Arcadia & District Landcare Group
2. Bunbartha Kaarimba Landcare Group
3. Congupna Tallygaroopna Landcare Group
4. Dhurringile & District Landcare Group
5. Echuca Moama Landcare Group
6. Friends of the Australian Botanical Gardens, Shepparton
7. Girgarre Stanhope Landcare Group
8. Goulburn Valley Environment Group
9. Goulburn Valley Tree Group
10. Harston Community Landcare Group
11. Katandra West Landcare Group
12. Koyuga Kanyapella Landcare Group
13. Kyabram Urban Landcare Group
14. Lockington & District Landcare Group
15. Muckatah Landcare Group
16. Nannella Timmering Landcare Group
17. Naring Landcare Group
18. North West Mooroopna Landcare Group
19. Numurkah Urban Landcare Group
20. Shepparton Mooroopna Urban Landcare Group
21. Strathallan Family Landcare Group
22. Super Parrot Project
23. Waranga Catchment Landcare Group
24. Wyuna Landcare Group
25. Wunghnu Drumanure Landcare Group

GMLN Partners



GMLN Key Outcomes in 2024/2025

The Victorian Landcare Facilitator Program (VLFP) has extended our funding for 2 part-time Landcare facilitators until March 31, 2026, with further funding hopefully being announced for the program after this.

Our key outcomes for the year are listed below:

- GMLN employed 3 individuals, and continued overseeing payroll management for the Upper Goulburn Landcare Network.
- Our office was staffed three days per week when possible, in 2024/2025 by Fiona, Dan and Carolena, with working from home still proving to be a useful option.
- We participated in 28 school and community activities, including various Clean Up Australia Day sessions, National Tree Day planting sessions, various school education days in conjunction with RiverConnect, and multiple Mini Beasts sessions with John. As a result, we were able to reach approximately 1,108 people.
- We once again successfully coordinated and ran the Floodplain Ecology Course at Morning Glory Resort in Barmah. The October 2024 course was well attended with positive feedback received about the course.
- We held 10 very successful “Living the Good Life” events, from weeds and soils workshops, to Fish Hatchery tours and Wildflower walks.
- We made submissions and participated in community consultations such as the Farm and Environment working group, RiverConnect IAC, GBCMA Chairs meetings, LVI Board meetings and various local council meetings.
- We received 360 local plants through the Fifteen Trees program to support community tree planting projects with local schools and Landcare groups.
- We received funding through the Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority to deliver a workshop for farmers - ‘The Ins and Outs of Farm Emissions’ with agricultural consultant, Cam Nicholson from Nikon Rural Services.
- We received funding through the Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority to assist in the coordination and delivery of a Just A Farmer Screening which was attended by 135 people in Kyabram in November 2024.
- We also received funding through the Australian Government Natural Heritage Trust Funding for the Climate Smart Agriculture Program – Nature Services for Agriculture’ to be held from 2025-2028, which will include 4 field days and 4 workshops over the 4 year program.

Executive Reports

◆ Presidents Report

This year marks thirty years of Goulburn Murray Landcare Network! Started as a way to organise and coordinate activities and projects across the Landcare groups being formed in our region, GMLN has continued to provide assistance and resources to our Landcare members and groups. The gathering in Kyabram in October to celebrate this milestone highlighted the many people that have contributed to maintaining and managing Landcare in our region; well done everyone involved.

Education continues to be a focus for community engagement. The BEAD program for primary and secondary students showcases environmental and farming sustainability issues; the LTGL program highlights these issues for all ages with engaging fun activities; and soil health and on farm sustainability issues are covered by workshops and field days. The FEC this year brought the science of floodplain management to the educators and on ground personnel working on floodplain management and education. Well done Fiona, this is always a challenge to pull together.

Group structure is continuing to evolve as Fiona and Dan work with our groups and Landcare Victoria to get a working model in place. This will continue into next year and will guide how the Goulburn Murray Landcare executive committee operates and how groups contribute and participate in the network.

Dan has been working on our fee for service program, offering on ground support to the regions farmers and land managers. Carolena Helderma has finished up with Goulburn Murray Landcare. Carolena has been the grey box woodland coordinator, working with the GBCMA and landowners to improve grey box woodland extent and connectivity. Dan has taken over these duties.

GMLN partnerships with the GBCMA and local government are ongoing; Dan is on the new Shepparton Irrigation Region Forum (SIRF) and Fiona is on the RiverConnect Implementation Advisory Committee.

Thank you to the executive committee members who have helped guide GMLN activities and strategic development for the past year.

A big thank you to Fiona and Dan for your work this year keeping us on track and the network operating efficiently; and thank you to everyone that helped or participated in keeping Landcare active in our region.

John Laing
President

◆ Treasurers Report

This 24/25 financial report is quite a turnaround on the previous year. Last financial year we had a \$50,000 loss, and this financial year we have a \$120,000 profit. These figures are skewed by Government grants that are very haphazard. The GMLN total equity has increased by \$50,000. With the funding so chaotic it's fortunate that we have reserves to cope with budget deficiencies caused by government timelines.

Fiona our office manager and Eastern Facilitator, who is skilled with the accounting software Xero, has enabled us to have the confidence to smooth out these fluctuations. Fiona has just been given the good news that funding for our Facilitators has been extended to March 2028.

This year our Network has started a new initiative to enable Landcare Groups that are in recess, to park funds in a holding account for future revitalization. The Network holds these monies on trust. Over time, inactive bank accounts can have issues with signatories being difficult to contact and the bank account frozen. At present we have four Landcare Groups that are using this service.

I would like to thank our president John for his leadership and our facilitators Fiona and Dan for their support and cheerful way.

Graham Liersch
Treasurer

Reports

◆ Funded Projects in 2024/25

Funding Source	Amount ex GST	Grants included
DEECA – Victorian Landcare Grant	\$18,500	Living the Good Life (LTGL)
DEECA – Victorian Landcare Grant	\$12,500	Biodiversity Education Aquatic Discovery (BEAD)
Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority	\$2,500	The Ins and Outs of Farm Emissions with Cam Nicholson
Australian Government Natural Heritage Trust Funding	\$100,000 (2023-2028)	Landscape Legacies - Restoring Grey Box Grassy Woodlands
Australian Government Natural Heritage Trust Funding	\$10,300	Barmah Country - working with First Nations in the Barmah Ramsar cultural landscape (Floodplain Ecology Course)
Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority	\$2,000	Just A Farmer
Australian Government Natural Heritage Trust Funding	\$41,800 (2025-2028)	Climate Smart Agriculture Program– Nature Services for Agriculture

We were once again successful in securing funding from the GBCMA and the State Government Victorian Landcare Grants to continue our highly successful “Living the Good Life” project which is aimed at getting small landholders interested in landcare activities and providing them with information to better manage their land. This is always well supported by the community and is a great project which we hope will continue on next year.

We also receive funding for our education Biodiversity Environment Aquatic Discovery (BEAD) program in 2024, to continue supporting our local schools and community groups through the provision of various environmental education sessions (see BEAD report).

We were provided funding from the GBCMA to help deliver the Landscape Legacies - Restoring Grey Box Grassy Woodlands project which will deliver actions to improve the condition of the threatened Grey Box Grassy Woodlands and derived native grasslands. This work was undertaken by our Biodiversity Officer, Carolena.

We again received some funding from the GBCMA for the Floodplain Ecology Course which is always popular and booked out well in advance.

There are more detailed reports for the projects mentioned above further on in the report. Thank-you to all the Landcare volunteers who have supported GMLN projects. Without you we would not be able to continue delivering these projects.

◆ Biodiversity Environment Aquatic Discovery (BEAD) Project 2024/25



Through continued funding through the Victorian Landcare Grants we were able to continue to engage as many students and community members as possible in spending time in their local environment and appreciating their surrounds. This program is always a valuable part of environmental learning for our schools and local community, and this year we reached over **1,860** people who participated in at least one of our learning activities

These are some of the events we were able to attend throughout 2024 and 2025:

- **NatureScripts** – Nature Scripts, as part of Headspace, offers a nature-centric social prescription program for young people aged 18 to 25, fostering wellness and connection with the outdoors. We have provided several programs for the NatureScripts this year including macroinvertebrates and tree planting.
- **Tree planting** with Girgarre PS, Lockington PS, The a2 Milk Company, and St Georges Rd PS.
- **Landcare Week** activities with Rushworth P-12
- **Water Week** activities with Cobram Special School
- We also joined forces with **RiverConnect** to assist with multiple school and community sessions, including the Caring for Nature – RiverConnect Youth Camp, Plants & Pollinators at Kidstown, Ramble at Reedy multi school day, River Tails & Trails, and the Zombie Fish Primary School education day.

Regardless of the event we are attending, you can always be guaranteed that John and his collection of Mini Beasts will always be the centre of attention. We are forever grateful for his dedication and passion to teach children (and adults too) about the various types of terrestrial invertebrates in our environment.

Special thanks to all our support teams that we work with regularly, from RiverConnect; Parks Vic; COGS; Moira Shire; GV Water; GBCMA; Headspace; Landcare groups and individuals.

Your enthusiasm and assistance is invaluable in enabling us to deliver this project.



Date	Name	Location	Description	Pax
10.7.2024	Dharnya Day (Naidoc Week)	Barmah National Forest	Various activities	200
23.7.2024	Girgarre PS National Tree Day	Curr Road, Girgarre	Tree planting	25
30.7.2024	Lockington PS National Tree Day	Forrest St Bushland Reserve	Tree planting	53
31.7.2024	St Lukes PS Enviro Ed	St Lukes PS	Various activities	90
6.8.2024	Rushworth P-12 Landcare Week	Rushworth P-12 College	Various activities	75



Biodiversity Environment Aquatic Discovery (BEAD) Project 2024/25 (cont)

Date	Name	Location	Description	Pax
27.8.2024	A2 Corporate Tree Planting	Kilmartin Road, Cooma	Tree planting	20
2.9.2024	Mooroopna Lions Club Meeting	Mooroopna Bowls Club	Presentation	20
9.9.2024	Wyndham Early Learning Centre Bush Kinder	Moirra Park	Bush walk and native animals	30
30.9.2024	Nest Box Installation	Numurkah	Nest box installation	9
5.10.2024	Caring for Nature – RiverConnect Youth Camp	Arcadia fish hatchery	Landcare presentation	7
10.10.2024	Floodplain Ecology Course	Morning Glory Resort Barmah	Terrestrial Invertebrates	24
23.10.2024	Cobram Special School Water Week activities	Cobram Sports Stadium	Macroinvertebrates	80
26.10.2024	Murchison Community Garden Grand Opening	Murchison	Landcare display	100
10.11.2024	Plants & Pollinators	Kidstown	Various activities	50
16.11.2024	Relax Tatura	Tatura	Various activities	100
11.12.2024	Educators End of year lunch	Kyabram Club	Landcare celebration	15
4.12.2024	Ramble at Reedy	Reedy Swamp	Various activities	85
20.1.2025	Naturescripts Nature Squad	Kidstown	Various activities	32
25.1.2025	Clean Up Australia Day	Princes Park Shepparton	Rubbish collection	15
12.3.2025	Nest Box Install with ACE College	ABGS	Nest box installation	10
15.4.2025	River Tales & Trails	Shared Pathway	Various activities	250
18.4.2025	Seventh Day Adventist	Strathallan Glider Sanctuary	Nest box painting	50
1.5.2025	The Zombie Fish Primary School education day	Shepparton Lake	Biodiversity Twister	140
25.5.2025	Botanic Gardens Open Day	ABGS	Various activities	200
27.5.2025	Polytech Tafe	Glen Waverley	Landcare overview	35
10.6.2025	Mini Beasts at Dookie PS	Dookie PS	Mini Beasts	10
25.6.2025	St Georges Rd Shepp planting day	St Georges Road PS	Plant ID & planting	120
30.6.2025	Barmah Kindergarten native animals	Barmah Kindergarten	Australian Native Animals	16
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The Living the Good Life project provides access to practical information to local landholders across the agricultural floodplains and brings together new and existing small landholders to gain valuable skills and knowledge and enable them access to resources that will encourage them to make their properties more sustainable and productive.

Living the Good Life workshops and presentations for 2024/2025 consisted of:

- **First Aid Training** (December 2024) to support our Landcare Group members
- **Biodiversity in the Backyard** at GV Tree Nursery in Tatura. (May 2025). This is the third time we have held the event and its proving very popular with over 200 people coming through the nursery and 480 plants being sold. Guest presenters this year included Clancy Lester (the Bee Man), Kirsty Ramadan (Bohollow Wildlife Shelter) and Kylie Hoskin (planting indigenous plants).
- **Trees for Mum** (May 2025) in Shepparton and Echuca for the Mothers Day Classic. Over 300 native plants were distributed to the public during the events while promoting our Landcare Network and groups.
- **Kyabram Community Nest Box Workshop** (May 2025). Over 35 people attended this Sunday morning workshop in Numurkah, constructing 30 squirrel glider box kits. We also discussed the many styles of nest boxes as well as what fauna would call these home.
- **BoHollow Native Wildlife Rescue** (July 2025) saw 33 people attend to learn about Wildlife first response and how they can assist injured animals and the Wildlife shelter.
- **Rakali Revealed: Discovering Our Native Water Rats** (May 2025) with Geoff Williams from the Australian Platypus Conservancy, who educated us about Rakali and their role in our waterways.
- **Planning for Change** (September 2025) with Kim Boswell was well attended with members from our surrounding Landcare groups coming together to

This project also funds our annual **Farm Forum series**, with topics for this years series including:

- **Soil, Plant & Animal Nutrition** (November 2024) with Gwyn Jones to provide knowledge, skills and attitudes to plan and manage strategies to enhance farm productivity.
- **Rabbit Control Workshop** (February 2025) with Jaye Caldwell, Biosecurity Officer with Ag Victoria on how to plan and implement a rabbit control program on your property.
- **Natural farming workshop** (June 2025) with Luke Harrington from ReGen Farming to explore the fundamentals of natural farming and plant nutrition.

Our events reach a wide audience within our communities. Providing opportunities for the community to connect and increase knowledge is crucial to our Network. These planned events allow us to promote our network and Landcare in general to the wider public. Over 650 individuals were engaged throughout the delivery of LTGL events in 2025, and we look forward to delivering LTGL again in 2026.

◆ Floodplain Ecology Course 2024



This year we celebrated the 15th year of The Floodplain Ecology Course which was held in October 2024. We have been blessed with a wonderful course that consistently draws amazing presenters with great depths of knowledge and the ability to impart their information with passion and good humour.

The attendees come from such varied backgrounds and areas of expertise. All come with the hope they will gain insights into floodplain operations and management. Everyone has such great expectations when they arrive because most of our participants have booked into the course on recommendations from past attendees.

We are grateful for the continued input and support from Keith Ward (GBCMA), Neville Rosengren (Geomorphologist), and Ian Rutherford (Geographer and fluvial geomorphologist) and the many other presenters who were so generous with their time and knowledge. These included: Darren Baldwin (Rivers & Wetlands), Daryl Neilsen (CSIRO), Graham Stockfeld (Turtles Australia), Hilda Stewart & Ralph Hume (Parks Vic), Jo Geddes (GBCMA), John Laing (GMLN), Kate Bennetts (Fire, Flood, and Flora), Keith Chalmers (VEWH), Lindy Lumsden (DEWLP Arthur Rylah Institute), Michael Shackleton (Latrobe University), Nick O'Halloran (Ag Vic), Nyil Khwaja (Arthur Rylah Institute), Sue Logie (Superb Parrot Project), Susan Watson (The Living Murray) and Zeb Tonkin (Arthur Rylah Institute). A massive thankyou to all our amazing presenters for their generosity with both time and knowledge. We cannot run the course without them.

Morning Glory Resort is a fantastic venue and engages them from the beginning. The staff are so helpful and answer every request we have quickly and efficiently. We cannot thank them enough. Doug and Kaye from Murphs Roving Roast cater for all meals during the week. Highlights are always the Bush Banquet and of course "curry night". Doug makes us all feel special with his amazing meals and generous servings. We all go home happy and perhaps with a larger size belt.

This year we received funding for the course through the Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority which will allow us to continue providing this course for the next four years and we thank them for their continued support.

Fiona Stuart
FEC Coordinator



◆ Biodiversity Report

The five-year Linking Landscapes funding commenced in May 2024 and will continue through to June 2028. Coordinated by the Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority (GBCMA), the Linking Landscapes project aims to protect Grey Box Woodlands under the Australian Government's Regional Land Partnerships Program.

GMLN received funding from GBCMA to support 34 hectares of revegetation and protection works over the five-year period. Landholders are being engaged via an Expression of Interest form available through GBCMA. I began site assessments in October, taking over from Carolena, and will present findings to the working group at the November meeting.

We currently have one management agreement in place with a landholder in Rushworth, and two additional agreements are being drafted with landholders in Waranga and Kialla, covering a combined 43 hectares. Carolena has provided a thorough handover and left detailed notes for my reference.

I am continuing to progress agreements and undertake site visits with potential new landholders into 2025/2026 and look forward to seeing on-ground implementation commence.

Dan Walker

Project Coordinator

◆ Fee for Service Report

This year marks our second year since implementing on our Landcare Fee for Service model. In 2024/25 we commenced the following 2 projects.

Lagoona Farm - A revegetation project aimed at increasing biodiversity, stock welfare and aesthetics on an irrigated cropping and beef property in North Mooroopna. The project saw 1,400 native tubestock planted in 12 small plots all over the farm, including under central pivot irrigation. This project is an excellent demonstration that irrigation and revegetation can be integrated through good planning. We look forward to working with the farmer to monitor and evaluate the project.



Department of Transport and Planning McCoys Bridge revegetation project - GMLN were engaged to undertake the rehabilitation and revegetation alongside the McCoys Bridge in Kotupna. The bridge saw recent upgrades to the structure damaged by the floods in 2022, 6 large Red Gum trees were removed to allow access to the site.

Our scope of works included:

- Planning and estimating
- Ground preparation
- Nursery order management
- Sub contractor management
- Planting, direct seeding and weed control
- Ongoing maintenance till June 2026 of the site including, weed control and watering
- Reporting and monitoring to the DTP



Landcare Group News



Throughout 2024-2025 we continued to reach out to our Landcare Groups as much as possible. Many of our Landcare Groups have been busy hosting a variety of working bees, tree planting days, rubbish collection days, weeding sessions, and many other Landcare events.

The changes in tax reporting and charity registration affected nearly all of our groups this year, and whilst it was tedious and at times frustrating task, it also gave us the opportunity to touch base with our group members to reassess their groups future.

Our teams remained actively engaged throughout the year. Below is a summary of some of their key activities and accomplishments.

Shepparton Mooroopna Urban Landcare Group

SMULG continued with their regular 'Weeding Wednesdays' throughout the Goulburn Valley. They also assisted in maintenance at the Botanic Gardens, ran a pop up station at River Tales & Trails and assisted at the Wander the Wetlands and Zombie Fish Day events, and participated in various kindergarten & school educational sessions.

Lockington Landcare Group

ran a tree planting day with the Lockington Primary School to plant 130 plants at the Forrest Street Bushland Reserve. They hosted a Looking Over the Farm Gate dinner for local farmers to connect and network, they held a stall at the 2025 Lockington Market, and ran a school holiday program engaging students and parents in our local environments and farming systems.

Kyabram Urban Landcare Group

held a wattle walk to celebrate National Wattle Day at the Ern Miles Reserve in August 2024, and ran a Clean Up Australia Day event in 2025.

Congupna Tallygaroopna Landcare Group

held a very popular Trees presentation with Dr Greg Moore that was attended by 54 people exploring the beauty and functionality of trees in our environment

Nannneella Timmering Landcare Group

held their 4th annual Regen the Plains event on a gusty day in July with 45 volunteers descending on to two farms to assist with planting 420 native seedlings.

Landcare Group News



Strathallan Rochester Family Landcare Group

Ran their annual Carp Catch event at Rochester with 166 registrations and 100+ carp removed from the Campaspe river.

Waranga Catchment Landcare Collective

organised a great day at Rushworth P-12 College with various environmental education activities, reaching over 75 students, and held a stall at both the Colbinabbin Market and Rushworth Easter Festival.

Koyuga Kanyapella Landcare Group

held trips to Torrumbarry Weir & Gunbower Island, Ironstone Park Nursery, and Heathcote. They manned a stall at the Port of Echuca Easter Event, and undertook weed control, baited rabbits and organised plants, guards, stakes & terracotta for planting in July.

Echuca Moama Landcare Group

Held a stall at the Echuca Discovery day, handed out plants for Trees For Mum at the annual Mothers Day Classic, and hosted a river walk with students from Kilmore College.

Dhurringile Landcare Group

With the gentle persuasion from John Laing, the group was able to reform and also attracted some new members. They have plans to run a tree planting day later in the year.

Muckatah & District Landcare group

ran multiple working bees at the PK Reserve that they manage as a committee of management agreement with DECCA. The group installed a new park bench for users to enjoy and rest in this beautiful reserve.

Stanhope Girgarre Landcare Group

assisted in tree planting with Girgarre Primary School students on Curr Road.

Nannneella Timmering Landcare Group

held their 4th annual Regen the Plains event on a gusty day in July. 45 volunteers descended on to two farms to assist with planting 420 native seedlings.

2024-25 Snapshot of Achievements



Goulburn
Murray
Landcare

OUR LANDCARE COMMUNITY



*We supported 16
Landcare Groups, and
5 Friends of groups*

OUR VOLUNTEERS



*Over 7099 volunteer
hours were contributed,
worth \$319,455 in-kind*

KNOWLEDGE SHARING



*We engaged with over
2,900 people from
17 schools and 49 GMLN
Landcare events*

PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT



*We assisted in planting
690 plants (approx. 1.5ha)
across the Goulburn
Broken Catchment area*

ENGAGEMENT



*We had 1,405 social
media followers and 435
email subscribers to our
bi-monthly newsletter*

FUNDING



*We received \$225,500 in
State and Federal funding
for Landcare Facilitators
and various projects*



Not-For-Profit - Association Report

Goulburn Murray Landcare Network Incorporated

ABN 25 431 176 621

For the year ended 30 June 2025

Prepared by Skybridge Financial - Group

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Committee's Report

Goulburn Murray Landcare Network Incorporated

For the year ended 30 June 2025

Committee's Report

Your committee members submit the financial report of Goulburn Murray Landcare Network Incorporated for the financial year ended 30 June 2025.

Committee Members

The names of committee members in office at anytime during or since the end of the year are:

John Laing

David Sutton

Graham Liersch

Joy Liersch

Nick O'Halloran

Bernadette Fitzpatrick

Jock Richardson

Paul Hockett

Significant Changes

No significant changes in the nature of these activities occurred during the financial year.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Committee on:

John Laing

Graham Liersch

Dated:

Income Statement

Goulburn Murray Landcare Network Incorporated For the year ended 30 June 2025

	2025	2024
Income		
Revenue	383,116	215,963
Other Income		
Fee for Service	780	-
Membership	127	399
Total Other Income	907	399
Total Income	384,023	216,363
Gross Profit	384,023	216,363
Expenditure		
Employee Benefits Expense	132,514	116,931
Other Expenses	128,498	148,879
Charity Donations	300	500
Staff Expenses	162	-
Total Expenditure	261,474	266,310
Profit Before Income Tax	122,549	(49,948)
Profit for the Year	122,549	(49,948)
Profit Attributable to Members of the Entity	122,549	(49,948)

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements. These statements should be read in conjunction with the attached compilation report.

Income and Expenditure Statement

Goulburn Murray Landcare Network Incorporated

For the year ended 30 June 2025

	2025	2024
Income		
Grants & Other Income	239,137	140,879
Sales	141,300	66,983
Total Income	380,437	207,863
Gross Surplus	380,437	207,863
Other Income		
Management fees	3,585	8,500
Total Other Income	3,585	8,500
Expenditure		
Depreciation	-	9,904
Motor Vehicles	2,537	2,490
Travel and Accommodation	9,065	9,346
Accommodation	16,976	16,261
Advertising	1,131	4,467
Auditor fee	4,200	4,000
Bank Fees	357	322
Catering	24,645	21,114
Charity Donations	300	500
Cleaning	27	5
Consulting & Accounting	15,986	15,517
Contractors	3,466	3,802
Employee Entitlements - Holiday Pay	(181)	(1,691)
Employee Entitlements - Long Service Leave	356	1,863
Entertainment	211	-
General Expenses	4,851	2,297
Hire of Equipment	-	436
Insurance	5,484	4,927
Interest Expense	4	-
Light, Power, Heating	420	408
Office Expenses	1,651	1,093
Petty Cash	-	(36)
Postage, freight & courier	23	13
Printing & Stationery	700	216
Project Supplies	9,946	24,545
Rent	22,112	21,418
Repairs and Maintenance	13	654
Staff Expenses	162	-
Subscriptions	324	2,474
Superannuation	13,374	11,183
Telephone	2,346	2,789

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements. These statements should be read in conjunction with the attached compilation report.

	2025	2024
Training	2,023	417
Wages and Salaries	118,965	105,576
Total Expenditure	261,474	266,310
Current Year Surplus/ (Deficit) Before Income Tax Adjustments	122,549	(49,948)
Current Year Surplus/(Deficit) Before Income Tax	122,549	(49,948)
Net Current Year Surplus After Income Tax	122,549	(49,948)

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements. These statements should be read in conjunction with the attached compilation report.

Statement of Comprehensive Income

Goulburn Murray Landcare Network Incorporated

For the year ended 30 June 2025

	2025	2024
Income		
Revenue	383,116	215,963
Fee for Service	780	-
Membership	127	399
Total Income	384,023	216,363
Expenses		
Expenses	261,012	265,810
Total Expenses	261,012	265,810
Profit for the Year	123,011	(49,448)
Expenditure		
Charity Donations	300	500
Staff Expenses	162	-
Total Expenditure	462	500
Total Comprehensive Income for the the Year Total	122,549	(49,948)
Comprehensive Income for the the Year Total Comprehensive	122,549	(49,948)
Income Attributable to Members of the Entity	122,549	(49,948)

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements. These statements should be read in conjunction with the attached compilation report.

Statement of Financial Position

Goulburn Murray Landcare Network Incorporated

As at 30 June 2025

	NOTES	30 JUNE 2025	30 JUNE 2024
Assets			
Current Assets			
Cash on Hand	2	514,249	451,516
Accounts Receivable and Other Debtors	3	28,183	4,917
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Motor Vehicle		(13,219)	(13,219)
Motor Vehicle		37,636	37,636
GMCU Term Deposit		50,000	-
Echuca Moama LG Holding Account		(8,196)	-
Dhurringile LG Holding Account		(5,004)	-
Bendigo Bank - Landcare Groups account		15,602	-
Total Current Assets		619,250	480,851
Total Assets		619,250	480,851
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable and Other Payables	5	27,965	11,297
Borrowings	6	1,977	3,066
Provisions	7	17,888	17,714
Tax Withheld		-	(97)
Total Current Liabilities		47,830	31,980
Total Liabilities		47,830	31,980
Net Assets		571,420	448,871
Equity			
Retained Earnings		571,420	448,871
Total Equity		571,420	448,871

Statement of Changes in Equity

Goulburn Murray Landcare Network Incorporated

For the year ended 30 June 2025

	2025	2024
Equity		
Opening Balance	448,871	498,819
Increases		
Profit for the Year	122,549	(49,948)
Total Increases	122,549	(49,948)
Total Equity	571,420	448,871

Statement of Cash Flows

Goulburn Murray Landcare Network Incorporated For the year ended 30 June 2025

	2025	2024
Operating Activities		
Receipts From Customers	132,164	71,129
Payments to Suppliers and Employees	(132,340)	(116,758)
Finance Costs	(364)	(322)
Cash Receipts From Other Operating Activities	253,937	157,313
Cash Payments From Other Operating Activities	(137,548)	(150,662)
Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities	115,849	(39,301)
Investing Activities		
Proceeds From Sales of Property, Plant and Equipment	156	-
Payment for Property, Plant and Equipment	(156)	(3,800)
Other Cash Items From Investing Activities	(52,401)	-
Net Cash Flows from Investing Activities	(52,401)	(3,800)
Financing Activities		
Proceeds from Borrowing	(1,089)	371
Net Cash Flows from Financing Activities	(1,089)	371
Other Activities		
Other Activities	601	(14,182)
Net Cash Flows from Other Activities	601	(14,182)
Net Cash Flows	62,960	(56,911)
Cash and Cash Equivalents		
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Financial Year	451,216	508,128
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Financial Year	62,960	(56,911)
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Financial Year	514,177	451,216
Net change in cash for period	62,960	(56,911)

Notes to the Financial Statements

Goulburn Murray Landcare Network Incorporated For the year ended 30 June 2025

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Financial Reporting Framework

The financial statements are special purpose financial statements prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 Victoria. The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historic costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following significant accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of these financial statements.

(a) Income Tax

The entity is exempt from income tax expense.

Current income tax expense charged to profit or loss is the tax payable on taxable income for the current period. Current tax liabilities (assets) are measured at the amounts expected to be paid to (recovered from) the relevant taxation authority using tax rates (and tax laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the end of the reporting period.

Current and deferred income tax expense (income) is charged or credited outside profit or loss when the tax relates to items that are recognised outside profit or loss or arising from a business combination.

A deferred tax liability shall be recognised for all taxable temporary differences, except to the extent that the deferred tax liability arises from:

- (a) the initial recognition of goodwill; or
- (b) the initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction which:
 - (i) is not a business combination; and
 - (ii) at the time of the transaction, affects neither accounting profit nor taxable profit (tax loss).

(b) Employee Benefits

Provision is made for the association's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to the end of the reporting period. Employee benefits have been measured at the nominal amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled, plus any related on-costs. Both annual leave and long service leave are recognised within the provisions liability. This is the first year of recognising employee benefits in the Financial Reports.

(c) Goods and Service Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Tax Office. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the statement of financial position are shown inclusive of GST.

	2025	2024
2. Cash on Hand		
GMCU Community Account	51,355	100,111
Bendigo Bank Term Deposit #039	56,110	54,204
Bendigo Bank Term Deposit #795	110,245	106,181
Bendigo Bank Cheque #5845	229,452	57,423
Bendigo Bank - Leave Account #5794	12,516	12,048
Bendigo Bank - Wages Account #5993	54,526	121,148
Gecko Clan - Holding Account	(364)	(357)
UGLN - Holding Account	-	159
Waranga CLG - Holding Account	409	600
Total Cash on Hand	514,249	451,516

These notes should be read in conjunction with the attached compilation report.

	2025	2024
3. Accounts Receivables and Other Debtors		
Current		
Accounts Receivable	28,183	4,917
Total Current	28,183	4,917
Total Accounts Receivables and Other Debtors	28,183	4,917
	2025	2024

4. Property, Plant and Equipment

General Small Business Pool	7,189	7,189
Accumulated Depreciation on General Small Business Pool	(7,189)	(7,189)
Total Property, Plant and Equipment	-	-
	2025	2024

5. Accounts Payable and Other Payables

Current		
Accounts Payable	5,678	3,169
GST	17,493	(2,713)
PAYG Withholdings Payable	1,380	7,846
Rounding	-	-
Superannuation Payable	3,414	2,995
Total Current	27,965	11,297
Total Accounts Payable and Other Payables	27,965	11,297
	2025	2024

6. Borrowings

Current		
Bendigo Bank Credit Card #7137	51	731
SMULG - Holding Account	1,927	2,335
Total Current	1,977	3,066
Total Borrowings	1,977	3,066
	2025	2024

7. Provisions

Current		
Provision for Holiday Pay	10,846	11,027
Provision for LSL	7,042	6,686
Total Current	17,888	17,714
Total Provisions	17,888	17,714

These notes should be read in conjunction with the attached compilation report.

Statement By Members of the Committee

Goulburn Murray Landcare Network Incorporated

For the year ended 30 June 2025

The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In accordance with a resolution of the committee of Goulburn Murray Landcare Network Inc, the members of the committee declare that the financial statements for the year then ended, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes:

1. present a true and fair view of the financial position of Goulburn Murray Landcare Network Inc as at 30 June 2025 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements and the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012; and
2. at the date of this statement there are reasonable grounds to believe that Goulburn Murray Landcare Network Inc will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is signed for and on behalf of the committee by:

President _____

John Laing

Treasurer _____

Graham Liersch

Dated:

Certificate by Member of the Committee

Goulburn Murray Landcare Network Incorporated

For the year ended 30 June 2025

I, John Laing and I, Graham Liersch, certify that:

1. I attended the annual general meeting of the association held on
2. The financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2025 were submitted to the members of the association at its annual general meeting.

Dated:



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