THE TEAM

Executive Officer: Margie Jenkin
Finance and Membership Officer: Brian Board (part-time)
Communications and Marketing Manager: Tracey Gatehouse (part-time)
Devolved Grants Project Officer: Peter Stronach (part-time)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President: Matthew Pitt – Derwent Catchment NRM
Vice President: Dean Vincent – Individual Landcare member
Treasurer: Pene Thornton – Tranmere – Clarence Plains Land and Coastcare
Secretary: Vickie Webb – Franklin Landcare

GENERAL COMMITTEE

Anthea Fergusson – Circular Head Landcare
Guy Robertson – North West Environment Centre
Maureen Bennett – Deloraine Landcare
Vicki Campbell – WILDCARE Inc. Friends of Maria Island, Friends of Bass Strait Islands
Gwendolyn Adams – Perth Evandale Landcare
Peter Voller – West Tamar Landcare
Brian Baxter – East Tamar Landcare
Adrian James – NRM North
Lyndley Chopping – Peppermint Bay Landcare
Leanne Sherriff – Mortimer Bay Coastcare
Lola Cowle – Individual Landcare member

LANDCARE TASMANIA WORKING GROUPS

Tasmanian Landcare Fund Management Committee
Gwendolyn Adams (Chair), Don Wing, Don Willing and Greg Pinkard

Tasmanian Landcare Conference and Awards 2011 Working Group
Vicki Webb (Chair), Anthea Fergusson, Guy Robertson, Alice Ryder, Denise Stronach, Pete Stronach, Margie Jenkin (and Lola Cowle as Awards Assessment Coordinator).

Tasmanian Landcaring Grants Steering Committee
Leanne Sherriff (Chair), Andrew Smith, Sebastian Burgess and Margie Jenkin

LANDCARE TASMANIA – A NEW NAME AND LOGO

The Landcare ‘Caring Hands’ logo is synonymous with the Landcare movement. In research commissioned by Landcare Australia Ltd and conducted by Roy Morgan Research in June 2011, Tasmania continued to have the highest level of awareness of the Landcare ‘Caring Hands’ logo in the country, at 88%.

At the beginning of 2012 we began operating as Landcare Tasmania and using the well-recognised Landcare logo. It’s been a gradual process as we adjust our operational identity, and update our stationery and publicity material. We hope that this initiative will improve how the Association identifies with the Landcare movement, and maximises the powerful Landcare brand, attracting new volunteers and investors.

Landcare Tasmania will continue to represent a wide range of care groups including Landcare, Bushcare, Coastcare, Wildcare and Friends of groups, as well as landcaring landowners – and individual supporters.
LOOKING AHEAD – OUR 5 YEAR PLAN

Doesn’t time fly! We are almost half way into the term of our Strategic Plan which was released in September 2010. The plan continues to guide the direction of Landcare Tasmania with the key ambitions to:

1. Improve communications;
2. Increase engagement and participation;
3. Strengthen and expand membership to Landcare Tasmania;
4. Become financially sustainable; and
5. Maintain a stable, vibrant and effective organisation.

Financial sustainability continues to be the essential element of our survival and this ambition has been reviewed during 2012. Other ambitions will be revised in the year ahead also in consideration of the recently released, Community Call for Action (prepared by the Australian Landcare Council on behalf of the Landcare community).

Each month the Executive Officer continues to report against specific targets in the Landcare Tasmania strategic plan and much has been achieved.

VISION

The vision of Landcare Tasmania is to be the peak membership body that represents, strengthens, supports and grows Tasmania’s community Landcare movement to improve the health of our natural and working landscapes.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of Landcare Tasmania are to:

- Promote community Landcare;
- Connect people and organisations with an interest in Landcare;
- Support landcarers with administration, information and funding; and
- Represent community Landcare as an advocacy body.

VALUES

The values of Landcare Tasmania are to:

- Recognise and encourage people’s connection to the land;
- Recognise the goodwill of volunteers and supporters, and to appreciate their commitment to Landcare;
- Be an enduring, proactive, vision-oriented and relevant organisation;
- Communicate well and promote the Landcare movement;
- Be a trusted and accessible source of information;
- Support and encourage community landcarers;
- Act with integrity, honesty and respect;
- Be an open and inclusive organisation that fosters cooperation;
- Be non-partisan in representing the views of community landcarers; and
- Ensure that the governance of the organisation follows due process and is guided by the views of our membership.
2011/12 has been, as usual, a very busy year for our staff and committee.

We started the year with an extremely successful conference and awards event at Stanley. The community support from the local area was amazing including fantastic local in-kind produce for the awards dinner. It was a great showcase of what the local area has to offer and a real celebration of Landcare excellence.

Congratulations to all the Tasmanian Landcare winners.

We are currently wrapping up the final reports for the Tasmanian Landcare Grants program. It is a credit to Alan and Pete, the Steering and Technical Assessment committees, particularly Leanne Sherriff, Chair of both committees and driving force behind the initiative, and Margie for overseeing the program. It has given us great credibility, helping us to secure a further devolved grant from the Australian Government’s Biodiversity Fund.

This grant is a total of $1.7 million over four years, in partnership with the Tasmanian Government’s Private Land Conservation Program. Peter Stronach will be managing the project, which means we are able to hit the ground running. This also provides a small breathing space for Landcare Tasmania from a financial perspective, giving us more time to find ways to increase our financial sustainability.

Tasmania was fortunate in being successful in securing three large Biodiversity Fund grants. The other two are focused in the Midlands and will provide great opportunities for landowners to begin the process of gaining a better understanding of offsetting and storing carbon, revising management systems to improve the biodiversity on their properties and creating linkages between properties to maximise benefits. Currently the proponents are meeting to ensure that the various programs don’t cross over and work against each other.

The Landcare Tasmania project will be rolled out state-wide and will also be working in the Midlands, which is a biodiversity hotspot.

The Tasmanian Landcare Fund continues to provide funds for work in the northern region of Tasmania. We are working towards growing our donor base so projects can be delivered state-wide. As everyone is aware, times are difficult financially but we hope that people will see the virtue in investing in the environment and the importance of supporting, engaging and educating land managers to continue the progress towards ensuring sustainability while providing for the ever increasing demand for food and fibre.

The new Landcare Tasmania website has been launched and is more than an information portal for those interested in Landcare. The website will enable Landcare Tasmania to store and manage our membership data and greatly enhance the way we service our members. Margie, Tracey and Vicki Campbell have spent many hours designing, writing and inputting data. We have been hearing about the great things we will be able to do for the last two years and the time has arrived! So please log on and check it out. With the new content online, the website will better promote the value of community Landcare and attract potential investors.
I would like to thank the General Committee for their ongoing commitment and input. I am conscious of the knowledge and capacity that exists and to make sure that is used to full advantage. The Executive has again been generous in contributing their time to ensure that everything runs as smoothly as possible. To Vickie Webb (Secretary), Pene Thornton (Treasurer) and Dean Vincent (Vice President) thank you for your support over the last twelve months. We will be farewelling Dean from the Executive this year and I would like to thank him for the time he has contributed to Landcare Tasmania over the past two years. His expertise and knowledge will be missed though he will stay on the General Committee.

Over the last twelve months the Australian Government has been consulting on how Caring for our Country (CfoC) will continue to provide funding for the environment. Landcare Tasmania has sought members input and put forward those ideas to Canberra. The good news so far is that funding for CfoC will continue for a further four years. There is still consultation going on to fine tune the way the funding is delivered and how the targets are set. Although things could always be better, it appears that there has been a consistent message provided to Canberra.

Once again I must thank our members for their continued support and feedback on what they need. Without an active and vibrant membership our job would be very difficult. I would ask members to give some thought to putting their names forward to be part of the General Committee, which meets 4 times a year and moves around the regions. With the improvement in technology it is not always necessary to meet face to face so travelling can be minimised. The same applies for the Executive, although we currently meet in Hobart on a monthly basis, technology would allow someone from other parts of the state to take part.

Matthew Pitt
Never a dull moment! 2011-12 has been another exciting year.

The 2011 State Landcare Conference and Awards in October at Stanley was a great success thanks to the enormous effort of our small team of staff and a huge volunteer contribution (read the full report on pages 10 and 11). For me, the event highlighted the immense importance of bringing people together from across the state to share food, experiences and passions. So much of Landcare Tasmania’s work is about connections – connecting people with places, with each other, with volunteering opportunities, with information, experiences and funding.

The new Landcare Tasmania website will play a big role in this, and I’m rapt that it is now live. I’d been pre-empting the website for many months and some doubted it was ever going to happen! It hasn’t been a simple project as the website is also an online database for information collection and storage. There were a number of things we wanted to achieve with the new website:

- To promote the work of community Landcare;
- To connect volunteers, to volunteering opportunities;
- To illustrate what makes us different as an organisation; and
- To improve administrative efficiencies in how we collect and store information.

It has actually been a total overhaul for Landcare Tasmania as almost every element of our business has been scrutinised and reviewed. The new website also serves to help future proof our organisation by creating better opportunities to attract donations to our DGR, the Tasmanian Landcare Fund. It will also help us to understand the views of our members and as a peak representative body for the movement, this is an important aspect of our work. Most importantly it will help promote the value of community Landcare and opportunities for landowners, businesses, schools and individuals to get involved.

There are many more stages planned for the website for the year ahead to further build functionality and opportunities. It will continue to evolve and grow as our organisation moves into the future.

Our thanks to the Woodend Foundation for funding support and the Tasmanian Community Fund for supporting the review and development of the online resources (Forming, Insuring and Incorporating a group, Finding support and Running safe activities). Huge thanks to Dave Sherring from Handbuilt Creative, to Vicki Campbell, an extraordinary volunteer committee member, we don’t know what we would have done without you! … And Tracey Gatehouse, Communications and Marketing Manager and website Project Manager – well done!

Another milestone is the highly successful completion of the Tas Landcaring Grants program, delivered by Landcare Tasmania with partner Wildcare Inc. through funding from the Australian Government’s Caring for Our Country initiative. We delivered above and beyond our targets, and got money to the ground for some important work (read the full report on page 13).
We look forward to further developing the devolved grant processes when rolling out our new Biodiversity Grants, through funding from the Australian Government’s Clean Energy Future Biodiversity Fund. In partnership with DPFW’s Private Land Conservation Program, Landcare Tasmania will deliver the statewide program for projects that protect biodiversity in areas with high conservation values. Project planning is underway, with the first round of the initiative likely to open in October. It’s great to have Peter Stronach as Project Manager to maximise continuity and experience from the TLG.

We continue to roll out funding for on-ground projects through the Tasmanian Landcare Fund. With our new website and 2013 marking the 10th anniversary of the TLF we hope to grow our donor base in the year ahead to enable more projects to be supported (see page 14).

Of things governance, Landcare Tasmania has been reviewing its constitution. Additionally we have been revisiting various policies and procedures to ensure the framework of our business is robust. This is a continual process and will be ongoing in the year ahead.

I’ve had some brilliant training and personal development in my role. I was fortunate to be nominated by the National Landcare Network to attend the New Zealand Landcare and Catchment Management Conference in Hamilton on 29 Feb and 1 March, 2012. The importance of people working together was a reoccurring theme, particularly in the face of large scale environmental challenges and limited resources. Collaborations between Australia and New Zealand were discussed and there are intentions to learn from each other and share information across the Tasman in the future. Congratulations to the New Zealand Landcare Trust for delivering a fantastic event, and my thanks to Landcare Australia Ltd and the National Landcare Facilitator for financial support to attend.

Also during 2012, I’ve been a participant on the Tasmanian Leaders Program (TLP). Run over 12 months, the TLP is enabling me to grow personally and professionally. The calibre of content, speakers, facilitators and participants in the program is extraordinary. I feel immensely privileged to be part of it and I thank Landcare Tasmania and TLP Inc. for supporting my participation.

During 2011-12 Landcare Tasmania has had a staff resource of no more than 3.5 full-time equivalent staff. At a time when our nation’s productivity is under scrutiny, I am enormously proud of the achievements of our team. Staff operate with a high level of commitment, self-direction and autonomy. We get a stack of work done on the smell of an oily rag. I cheer very loudly for my colleagues – who are also my friends. Tracey, Brian and Pete – thank you for your huge commitment, your humour, patience and great support.

Recently ProBono Australia announced that volunteering is worth more to the Australian economy than mining – that’s over $200 billion per year. And that’s just the monetary value, not to mention the enormous role volunteers play in strengthening community and in the case of Landcare, connecting people with their place and improving the condition of the environment.

One of the biggest gifts in my role, is working with motivated volunteers who care and contribute. It really is a huge privilege to be part of a movement that is fuelled by such commitment. And it’s not a talkfest. It’s about action and tangible on-ground change in local communities. I am hugely appreciative for the effort made by landcarers across the state and particularly to our fabulous Executive and General Committee, headed up by accomplished Chair, Matthew Pitt.

Thank you and happy landcaring!

Margie Jenkin
It’s been a more comfortable year, in the knowledge that Landcare Tasmania has some secured funding for core costs from the Tasmanian State Government ($70,000 annually for the next three years).

But the wolf isn’t far from the door! We estimate that core operational costs for the Association are around $250,000 for the equivalent of just over two full time staff (wages and on-costs), office, vehicle, insurance etc. Margie, as Executive Officer is still pedalling hard to secure additional funding to maintain the existing services and programs through philanthropic, corporate and other funding programs (from both government and non-government sources).

As a committee our financial literacy continues to improve. We are thrilled to have Teresa Parks, finance professional, nominating on the Committee for the year ahead and we look forward to further developing our reporting systems and finance policies and procedures.

With a reviewed finance ambition in our Strategic Plan, we look ahead for opportunities to continue improving our financial sustainability, particularly through a variety of income sources, some long-term and on-going. Now that the website has been launched and in operation it is easier for potential donors, philanthropic, corporate and individuals to discover Landcare Tasmania. And, importantly, that with a proven track record this organisation can make any donation work very effectively to benefit the environment.

Landcare Tasmania’s productivity remains extremely impressive due to the support of sponsors, the effort and in-kind of volunteers, and the hard work of staff. Thank you to you all and especially to Brian for preparing the monthly finance reports during 2011-12. Our thanks also to Michael Muller for preparing the attached audited financial statements.

I would also like to express my appreciation to my fellow General Committee members. As I reflect over the years that I have been a member of this organisation, it is the support, camaraderie and commitment of the members that leaves an indelible impression. Volunteering for such as organisation and movement has enriched my professional and private life. It is a privilege to serve on the Executive of Landcare Tasmania.

Last but by no means least, Landcare Tasmania would not be the organisation it is without the hard work and dedication of the Executive Officer, Margie Jenkin.

_Pene Thornton_
The year in review

MEMBER SUPPORT

Landcare Tasmania’s core work is to support community Landcare across Tasmania, and particularly our members, including approximately 200 Landcare, Coastcare, Wildcare, Friends of, etc. Various initiatives delivered by Landcare Tasmania help groups continue their on-ground activities.

In line with our Strategic Plan, Landcare Tasmania membership now extends to individuals (not just care groups.) While the interests of groups remain the core work for Landcare Tasmania, we recognise that individual landcarers are keen to support us and also be represented by the organisation. Individual membership (as per group membership) costs $27.50 (GST inclusive). We hope that new website will help build our individual membership base in the year ahead.

LANDCARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LAP) FUNDING

Landcare Tasmania continues to receive $50,000 from the Tasmanian State Government for the Landcare Assistance Program. Annually, groups can apply for $400 if they pay for their own insurance, or $250 if they do not pay for their own insurance. LAP funding from previous years must be acquitted before care groups can apply for further LAP grants. Funds are available from 1 January for the duration of the calendar year, or until expended.

In 2011, $45,700 was allocated to 133 care groups through the 2011 calendar year with 50 groups receiving $250 and 83 groups receiving $400. Additionally 10% ($5,000) was allocated for administration. An unspent LAP of $400 from 2010 was returned and rolled into the LAP 2011.

Without this core support, some groups would not be able to cover the costs of operating and would inevitably dissolve. LAP funds help groups pay for core administration and operating costs such as insurance, incorporation, admin, communication and protective equipment.

Since 1998, the amount allocated for the LAP has not increased, even to CPI. In real terms this means that the buying power of the amount available to groups has reduced. Landcare Tasmania understands the difficulties in the current economic climate, and remains extremely grateful to the State Government for the existing support.

To ensure that groups are not out of pocket for core costs, Landcare Tasmania will appeal to the Tasmanian Government to increase the LAP allocation when the State fiscal situation improves. We will also look for additional funding sources to top up the secured LAP funding available.

BULK INSURANCE

In 2012, 92 Landcare Tasmania member groups registered for the standard Landcare Insurance for Public Liability ($10 million) and Volunteer Workers Insurance. With the improved buying power, $4,600 was saved. That’s $4,600 more from the LAP funding for groups to use on tools, running activities and other administration!

The bulk insurance program was initiated by Landcare Tasmania in 2010. Groups register with the Association and Landcare Tasmania liaises directly with the insurance company to arrange the standard care group policies. This reduces the administration and improves buying power, getting a better rate for groups.

Thanks to Phil Downs at Austcover, and to Brian Board for managing the initiative.

ACTION PLANNING WORKSHOPS

Landcare Tasmania has continued to offer and deliver action planning workshops for care groups statewide. These sessions help groups to identify priorities, set realistic and agreed goals and detail actions for the year ahead.
The year in review

The new website now live, Extra Hands has new reach and functionality. It is easier for groups to list their working bees on the events calendar and connect with casual volunteers. Again and again, we are reminded how relevant the Extra Hands program is. So many people are looking for flexible and casual volunteering opportunities with a range of experiences and locations. We look forward to continuously improving the Extra Hands program to connect schools, corporate groups, NRM professionals and the community with on-ground volunteering opportunities. In the year ahead we will be seeking new financial investors to the program.

Melanie Gent recently joined Landcare Tasmania, working one day per week on the Extra Hands program. We are delighted to have her on our team.

2011 TASMANIAN LANDCARE AWARDS

The biennial Tasmanian Landcare Awards celebrated the great work of the community Landcare movement. Importantly, the event brought people together to enjoy fantastic local produce and to share ideas and experiences.

The twelve award categories demonstrate the diversity of the Landcare movement with activities ranging from rehabilitation of coastal sites, projects in schools and sustainable farming practices. All winners were finalists for their respective categories at the 2012 National Landcare Awards held in Sydney.

Our thanks to Landcare Australia Ltd, the Tasmanian State Government and the main Award sponsors. Thanks also to the generous support of businesses in North West Tasmania and beyond for providing produce for the Awards dinner. We also acknowledge the effort from Awards assessors, Landcare Tasmania General Committee member, Lola Cowle for coordinating the Awards assessment and the ABC’s Mark Horstman for MCing the event.

KEY PARTNER PROPERTIES

Landcare Tasmania continues to work with Key Partner Property (KPP) landowners who have important natural values on their patch, and a property management plan (or the equivalent). The landowners have a willingness and capacity to involve volunteers in their Landcare activities, and an interest in improving the health of their land. With the new Biodiversity Fund project in the years ahead, Landcare Tasmania hopes to work more closely with key landowners to support on-ground projects.

EXTRA HANDS REPORT

In 2011-12 the Extra Hands casual volunteer program has continued to promote casual volunteering opportunities to people across the State. Extra Hands and community Landcare generally has been promoted at the Hobart Sustainable Living Expo, Growing Your Future careers event, Agfest, UTas Volunteer Week, the Rural Living Roundup, Penguin Sustainable Living Festival and the TreadLightly Expo.

Key events have been held to showcase Extra Hands including two overnight trips up the East Coast weeding serrated tussock and tree planting. One of the trips also visited Maria Island and assisted the Friends of Maria with broom control. Another overnight trip to the Far North West included gorse and sea spurge weeding and a planting with the Circular Head Landcare Group. These trips were part of the environmental offset initiatives from the 2009 and 2011 Tasmanian Landcare Conferences with support from Landcare Australia Ltd and eTree.

Southern Coastcare Association of Tasmania (SCAT) and NRM South’s Catchments to Coasts Program also supported the East Coast initiatives. Our thanks to all of the Extra Hands volunteers and to the University of Tasmania’s Community Friends and Network Program for providing a rich mix of multicultural landcarers for these projects. Thanks also to Pete Stronach for a great job co-ordinating the Extra Hands overnight events.
2011 TASMANIAN LANDCARE AWARD WINNERS

Australian Government Individual Landcare Award – Gwen Egg
Australian Government Innovation in Sustainable Farm Practices Award – John and Vicki Lillico
Australian Government Local Landcare Facilitator/Coordinator Award – Graeme Stevenson
Australian Government Natural Resource Management Award – Cradle Coast NRM
Australian Government Coastcare Award – Rubicon Coast and Landcare Group
Local Government Landcare Partnership Award – Hobart City Council
Rural Press Primary Producer Award – John and Sue Wardle
Toshiba Community Group Award – Friends of Adventure Bay Inc
Urban Landcare Award – Bellerive Bluff Land and Coastcare Group Inc
Westpac Education Award – Youngtown Primary School
Be Natural Young Landcare Leader – Marty Bower
Leighton Holdings Indigenous Award – Six Rivers Aboriginal Corporation

FROM THE GROUND UP – 2011 TASMANIAN LANDCARE CONFERENCE

The State Landcare Conference was held in Stanley on 9 and 10 October, 2011. Approximately 250 people attended various elements of the event including the Locals Look, three field trips, the Awards ceremony and dinner, and the Conference.

The program included Matthew Evans, The Gourmet Farmer on Local Food, Professor David Adams on Communities that Construct Advantage and Sue Marriott on Landcare Beyond Australia and Beyond Just Trees.

20 years of Landcare was celebrated and a national panel answered questions on current issues for the movement. Concurrent workshops introduced a range of projects around the themes of case studies from the Tasmanian Landcaring Grants, Sustainable Farming, Volunteers, Networks and Support and Conservation on Private Land.
The year in review

REGIONAL LANDCARE FACILITATOR PROGRAM

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Landcare Tasmania received a contribution in 2011-12 from NRM North and NRM South as hosting organisations, to provide support to their RLFs through program promotion and involvement on reference panels.

NATIONAL LANDCARE NETWORK

Landcare Tasmania continued its membership on the National Landcare Network, national advocacy body for community landcare. The Network raises the profile of grassroots landcare and improves communications with the National Landcare Facilitator, Australian Landcare Council and Landcare Australia Ltd.

Through the NLN in 2011-12, Landcare Tasmania has contributed towards the development of the National Statement of Common Purpose between the National NRM Regions Working Group and the NLN, and input into the Community Call for Action, the proposal for an NLN Business Plan, input into the Draft National Landcare Program, and input into the Caring for Our Country new program development.

The quarterly NLN meeting in February 2012 was hosted by Landcare Tasmania in Hobart. Our thanks to Tassal for providing the meeting venue.

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NEW CARING FOR OUR COUNTRY PROGRAM 
CONSULTATION

In a difficult financial climate, Landcare Tasmania was 
relieved that the Australian Government has continued its 
commitment to fund the Caring for Our Country program. 
We have provided input to the Australian Government on 
the new Caring for Our Country Program and will continue 
to advocate for programs that support grassroots 
community, innovation and on-ground delivery.

RAISING AWARENESS

The new Landcare Tasmania website promotes 
community Landcare and the work of grassroots groups, 
see www.landcaretas.org.au. The events calendar helps 
connect people with on-ground opportunities across the 
state. There is enormous potential to build on the existing 
site and we look forward to feedback that will guide us in 
future functionality and improvements. Thanks also to Vicki 
Campbell and website Project Manager Tracey Gatehouse.

We continue to send the Landcare Tasmania monthly e-bulletins and six monthly newsletters to our members 
and stakeholders. With the new website we will be better 
positioned to target messages to locations (eg specific 
information for a council area or region) or for audiences 
(eg NRM professionals, Coastcare groups etc). Exciting 
days ahead with a more efficient and powerful framework 
for communications!

Landcare Tasmania has promoted community Landcare 
through displays at the Sustainable Living Expo, Tread 
Lightly Festival, Growing Your Future career expo, UTas 
Volunteer Week Expo, Penguin Sustainable Living Festival, 
Rural Living Round Up and Agfest.

TASMANIAN LANDCARING GRANTS

From 2009-2012, Landcare Tasmania, with partner 
Wildcare Inc. delivered a statewide grants program 
through support from the Australian Government’s Caring 
for our Country (C4oC) initiative – the Tasmanian 
Landcaring Grants (TLG).

Almost $500,000 was provided to 43 projects that met 
national targets. Approximately 49 volunteer community 
groups were involved and an additional 45 coastal groups. 
Just over 700ha of priority weed control (Weeds of National 
Significance) was conducted. Initiatives to protect EPBC 
listed threatened species were completed on around 630ha.

Projects ranged from weed control in the Tasmanian 
Wilderness World Heritage Area (TWWHA), coastal 
education initiatives on King Island, to feral cat management 
on the Tamar, priority serrated tussock control and the 
construction of an enclosure for raptor rehabilitation.

With a strong commitment to supporting the community, 
the TLG team worked with local networks to connect 
unsuccessful applicants with other funding sources – or 
advice on how to improve applications for future funding.

The initiative has given Landcare Tasmania the opportunity 
to expand the support available to care groups and 
landowners – and to help build a co-operative and 
supported approach to project design and development 
within local areas. The TLG finished at the end of June 
2012. Many of the learnings will benefit the new Biodiversity 
Grants devolved grant program and also the Tasmanian 
Landcare Fund rounds.
Our thanks to the Steering and Technical Assessment committees for their enthusiasm and expertise – and a special thank you to Leanne Sherriff, Chair of the committees.

Thanks also to the TLG project staff throughout the duration of the initiative (Alan Barton and Peter Stronach (Landcare Tasmania) and Jodie Epper (WILDCARE Inc.). Thanks also to the organisations, landowners and landcarers who have been central to the success of the program.

TASMANIAN LANDCARE FUND

In 2011-12, the Tasmanian Landcare Fund (TLF) provided funding for nine projects through Round 14 Biodiversity – Birds, Bees and Bush. Up to $5,000 was available per project. The round provided an option for applicants interested in applying for the TLG who were not eligible due to the national priorities.

The TLF is stable due to the vision and commitment of the late Mr John Roberts. 2013 marks ten years since the TLF was founded and Landcare Tasmania will be raising the profile of the program through a fundraising and awareness campaign next year.

Our thanks to the TLF Management Committee including Gwendolyn Adams, Greg Pinkard and Don Wing MLC. Thanks also to Don Willing who has stepped down from the Management Committee after many years in the role. Leanne Sherriff will be joining the TLF Management Committee in 2013. We acknowledge support from Peter Voller, Greg Pinkard and Margie Jenkin as technical assessors. We also thank Mrs Patricia Roberts for her ongoing interest and support in the Fund, and Deloittes, Trustee for Mr John Roberts.

Please see the TLF audited statement in the separate attachment.

Round 14 of the TLF Biodiversity – Birds, Bees and Bush funded eight projects. Congratulations to the successful applicants:

- **Mike Poole**: Fencing to exclude stock from grazing remnant bush and protect vegetation communities, Winkleigh – $3,172
- **East Tamar Landcare**: Willow removal on Pipers River with Helping Hands – $4,999
- **Greens Beach Landcare**: Greens Beach Foreshore Restoration – Stage 3 – $1,939
- **Perth Evandale Landcare**: Weed control and revegetation at Woodhall – $2,378
- **Tamar NRM**: Reducing the Feral Cat Population in the Tam O’Shanter Area – $4,565
- **Tamar NRM**: Protecting the vulnerable Green and Gold Frog at the Tamar Island Wetland Reserve and Danbury Park – $3,802
- **Julian Devery**: Restoring Hoopers Hill Summit, fencing and weed control, Riana – $4,092
- **Weldborough Progress Association**: Weeding around the Historic and Environmental Walk, Weldborough – $100

Total TLF Round Fourteen amount devolved – $25,047 (inc GST)
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