



Hunter & Mid Coast Landcare Regional Strategic Plan

Our Vision:

Growing resilient ecosystems from the mountains to the sea.

Our Mission:

To bring people together to care for our landscapes.

Provide leadership and support to Landcarers to improve our natural environments.

Our Guiding Principles:

- o Landcare is fun and enjoyable.
- Local Landcare groups and individuals have ownership of their issues and are supported to address them.
- Landcare happens across farming and natural landscapes.
- o Landcare is about people as much as landscapes.
- Landcare is thinking about our future.

Our Key Strategies:

- Support and connect our members, groups, and networks.
- o Support our members and groups to get things done.
- $\circ\quad$ Seek funding which is targeted to Landcare needs.
- Nurture trusted partnerships, including:
 - Between our two networks
 - Landcare NSW
 - First Nations communities and Elders
 - Local Councils
 - Hunter Local Land Services
 - Intrepid Landcare for Youth and Junior Landcare
- Tell our story to broaden the reach and understanding of Landcare.
- Build and exchange skills and knowledge.
- Champion on-farm innovations and alternative approaches to natural resource management.





Our Priorities:

- Develop a consistent approach to project and operational planning across the Hunter & Mid Coast.
- o Regional cross networking and skill sharing among staff and volunteers.
- Support our existing partnerships and foster new collaborations as necessary to achieve the needs of our communities.
- Develop a consistent and engaging communications strategy for Landcare across the region.

Themes and Objectives:

The Hunter region covers an area of 33,000 square kilometres with a rich heritage and internationally significant natural landscapes. To ensure Landcare contributes to a continual improvement and protection of these landscapes over time, our themes and objectives align with regional and local government strategic plans, as well as First Nations engagement in conservation and cultural land management practices.

Our commitment is to work closely with our partners and collaborators to achieve both regional planning and coordinated delivery of natural resource management activities across our landscapes.