

UPPER SNOWY LANDCARE NETWORK

Vision

Sustainable, resilient and biodiverse rural landscapes

Mission

To restore rural landscapes for communities through sharing knowledge, skills and activities

OUR PRIORITIES

- Protect, enhance and restore biodiversity
- Encourage, support, consult, educate and advocate to enable the community to care for the environment



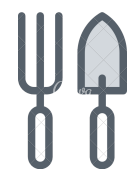
Inclusiveness



Innovative



Evidence-based action



Action-oriented



Integrity



ABOUT US

Upper Snowy Landcare Network operates on the Monaro tableland in the foothills of the Snowy Mountains, home to the famous Snowy River. The land is predominantly used for livestock grazing where its native grassland and woodland communities support many unique and rare plant and animal species.

Through education, field days and on-ground projects, we work with landholders and land management agencies to protect and preserve the natural environment on rural and urban lands in our region.

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*Working on the traditional
lands of the Ngarigo people*

ACTION PLAN 2023-2027

PRIORITY 1	STRATEGY	ACTIONS
<p>PROTECT, ENHANCE AND RESTORE BIODIVERSITY</p> <p><i>(OUR PROJECTS)</i></p> 	<p>PROTECT TRAVELLING STOCK RESERVES (TSRs)</p>	<p>Collaborate on biodiversity assessments and management of Snowy Monaro TSRs</p>
	<p>PROTECT NATIVE GRASSLANDS</p>	<p>Lobby for effective protection and promote biodiversity and production values</p>
	<p>EXPAND AND ENHANCE EXISTING BIODIVERSITY PLANTINGS</p>	<p>Create new and infill existing biodiversity plantings with ground and shrub layers</p> <p>Expand weed control to include non-priority weed species</p> <p>Insect hotels and tree hollows</p>
	<p>BUILD RESTORATION CAPACITY</p>	<p>Promote seed collection, propagation of native species and local nurseries</p> <p>Trial native grasslands planting methodologies</p> <p>Monitoring of our regeneration methodology trials</p> <p>Collaborate on drone-based weed detection</p>
	<p>RESTORE VIA ENVIRONMENTAL MARKETS</p>	<p>Lobby for full Snowy-Monaro environmental account</p> <p>EBenchmarking example sites</p> <p>Install carbon plot</p>

ACTION PLAN 2023-2027

PRIORITY 2	STRATEGY	ACTIONS
<p>ENCOURAGE, SUPPORT, CONSULT, EDUCATE, ADVOCATE AND ENABLE THE COMMUNITY TO CARE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT</p> <p><i>(OUR OUTREACH)</i></p>	<p>EDUCATE</p>	<p>Run information and skills-based workshops for the general community on biodiversity and restoration, e.g., plant identification, propagation, soil biota, grasslands, environmental markets, weed control, insects.</p>
	<p>ADVOCATE</p>	<p>Hold discussion workshops for land management stakeholders, e.g., change & innovation, environmental legislation, land use change, indigenous practices, pest control, soils</p>
	<p>ENCOURAGE</p>	<p>Organise well-being activities, e.g., wildflower & forest tours, walking & meditation, bird-watching</p>
	<p>ENABLE</p>	<p>Media communications (Facebook, website, newspapers, newsletters, information hub)</p> <p>Expand membership</p> <p>Review organisational structure</p> <p>Active partnerships (Local Land Services, Council, Biodiversity Conservation Trust, indigenous peoples, schools, NPWS, Regional & NSW Landcare)</p>



Upper Snowy
Landcare
 Network

Priority 1: Protect, enhance and restore biodiversity

Strategy	Actions	Responsibility	Resourcing	Due	Measures of success	Done?
PROTECT						
TSRs	Re-survey biodiversity values	Committee	Grant to USLN or collaborator	End 2024	All high & medium conservation TSRs in SMRC area re-surveyed	
	Management discussion with LLS	Committee	Small grant from FoG	Mid 2024	Forum held and report produced with recommendations and actions	
Native grasslands	Lobby government	Committee	None	Ongoing	Legislation implemented and revised	
ENHANCE & RESTORE						
Tree/shrub planting	Continue restoring Gegedzerick	Project Manager	Grant \$20k/yr x 4 yrs	2023	Weed control & monitoring for 4 years - see below	
	Infill biodiversity plots with ground/shrub layer	Project Manager	Project grant \$50k	2025	5 biodiversity plots planted with ground & shrub relatively rare species	
	Carbon market plot	Project Manager	Project grant \$100k	2026	One 10 ha carbon plot planted, audited and registered. Case study written.	
Riparian zone rehabilitation		Project Manager	Project Grant \$50k	2026	1 to 3 plantings and woody weed removal	
	Build and deploy	Coordinator	Community Grant 5k	2024	5 insect hotels constructed and deployed	
Monaro native grasslands	Planting methodology trial	Project Manager	Project grant \$30k	2024	Planting trial (0.1-0.5 ha) conducted and assessed for germination, survival and species richness	
Weed control	Demo/trial at Gegedzerick	Coordinator	See Gegedzerick grant above	Ongoing	Priority weeds controlled to high level and woody and other environmental weeds reduced.	
	Urban woody weed control	Coordinator	Community Grant 2k	2024	Community group and area with defined program	
Nurseries	Support nurseries network	Coordinator	TBD	Ongoing	Seed collection group and nursery expansion	
MEASURE & MONITOR						
Gegedzerick trials	Veg surveys Gegedzerick	Committee	See above	Ongoing	Annual surveys completed and data analysed	
	ANU/CSIRO trees	Committee	See above	Ongoing	Annual surveys completed and data analysed	
Envtl. markets	Region-wide account	Committee	None	2024	Concept proposal to govt.	
	Benchmark some sites	Committee	Biodiversity grant 30k	2023	3 sites with benchmarked under AfN	
	Case study on property sale	Coordinator	None	2023	Case study produced and shared	
Pests & weeds	Collaborate re drone detection	Committee	None	Ongoing	New detection tool produced	

Priority 2: Encourage, support, consult, educate and advocate to enable the community to care for the environment

Strategy	Actions	Responsibility	Resourcing	Due	Measures of success	Done?
EDUCATE	Library workshops	Coordinator	Coordinator funding	1/year	Interactive workshops (4) for children and adults on each of: Insects in our landscape; Bugs in our soil; Birds, bats, frogs & reptiles; Cats v. native fauna	
	On-ground workshops	Coordinator	Coordinator funding	2/year	Field-based workshops (up to 8) on each of: Plant identification; Weeds identification; Native pastures management; Showcase biodiversity restoration (Gegedzerick TSR, farms); Small farms/rural living; Hollow-bearing trees; Native grasslands species; Cultural burning	
	Skills-based workshops	Coordinator	Coordinator funding	1/year	Interactive skills-targeted workshops (4) on each of Plant propagation; Seed collecting; Building a native garden; Insect hotels	
ADVOCATE	Discussion & information workshops	Coordinator	Coordinator funding	2/year	Discussion/information workshops (8) on each of: Innovation and change; Environmental legislation; Land use change; First Nations involvement; Cat legislation; Biodiversity and carbon markets; Cultural burning; Soils; Ferals control	
ENCOURAGE	Well-being activities	Coordinator	Coordinator funding	1/year	Social/well-being activities (4) such as Walking & Meditation; Wildflower tours; Forest walk; Bird surveys	
ENABLE	Media presence	Coordinator	Coordinator funding	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social media - website, Facebook, Newsletters • Newspapers, Calendar • Hub web page, USLN activities directory 	
	Membership expansion	Committee & Coordinator	Volunteer	End of 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership officer actively tracking membership and payments • Routine cross-posting to partner organisations • Local schools signed up as members 	
	Structure review	Committee	None	Mid 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documented review and recommendations re alternative operational models • Documented review of committee/meeting composition 	
	Active partnerships	Committee	None	Mid 2023 Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partners regularly attending meetings: LLS, BCT, Council Biosecurity department, Indigenous representative, Schools representative. • Regular meetings & activities with South East Regional Landcare 	