Who is the landcare community?

The landcare community encompasses all community members interested in managing natural resources in our region. Many individuals, groups and organisations form part of the extensive landcare community, with each offering diverse skills and valuable time to improving local environments and building our communities. They include:

- Individual farmers
- Land managers
- Organised ‘Care’ groups (Landcare, Rivercare, Coastcare, Bushcare, Dunecare)
- ‘Friends of’ groups
- Environment groups
- Producer groups
- Farm foresters
- Schools
- Indigenous organisations

What does landcare do in the Hunter region?

The landcare community is active in a variety of landscapes across the Upper and Lower Hunter, and Manning Great Lakes areas of the Hunter Local Land Services region.

Recent activities and projects undertaken by the landcare community include:

- Conservation and re-vegetation of coastal and riparian corridors.
- Planting of local native species and targeted weed control in urban and rural areas.
- Regeneration activities to improve the condition of threatened plant communities and habitat for threatened plants and animals.
- Identification and protection of wildlife corridors.
- Training opportunities covering natural resources management issues - soil health, biodiversity conservation, property planning, riparian health and water quality protection.
- Cultural awareness training for communities and land managers resourcing for on-ground works within Indigenous Protected Areas.

The landcare community operates across all land tenures and sectors of the community. Recent projects demonstrate partnering with the Indigenous community in on-ground works and cultural awareness training programs.

The next generation of landcarers are encouraged to get involved through successful school and tertiary institution programs and also through ‘Intrepid Landcare’ activities.

Hunter Local Land Services actively supports landcare through partnerships with Hunter Region Landcare Network (HRLN), the Mid Coast 2 Tops Landcare Connection (MC2Tops), local Landcare Groups and rural landholders.
How are landcare projects supported in the Hunter?

Landcare projects are supported by a range of community, state and federal government initiatives. Landcare Coordinators are employed by community-based Regional Landcare Networks, which have been established to provide support for individuals and active groups across the region. Landcare NSW and Hunter Local Land Services jointly support the Networks and Local Landcare Coordinators listed below.

To find out more or get involved in Landcare projects, contact your Local Landcare Coordinator or Regional Agriculture Landcare Facilitator.

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The Australian Government’s National Landcare Program funds a Regional Agriculture Landcare Facilitator (RALF). This position will support the community and Local Land Services across agricultural and natural resource management issues.

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