

## Building Landcare Community and Capacity Grants (2017-18 – 2022-23)

**Table 1:** The eight organisations who have received BLCC funding as grants in 2017–18.

No.	Organisation	Activities	Funding \$ (GST excl.)	Life of grant activity Years	Project Status
1	Landcare Australia Limited	Limited bridging funding for the continuity in delivery of departmental objectives including Landcare promotional and communication activities to promote the profitability, competitiveness and improved sustainability of Australian primary producers.	772,727.27	1	Closed
		Limited bridging funding to allow Landcare Australia Limited to effectively manage and operate the state and territory conferences and awards as well as the national conference and awards.	250,000.00	1	Closed
2	National Landcare Network	The funding is supporting NLN to assist the merger with LAL including employing a merger facilitator to carry out due diligence, develop a governance and operation model and draft a constitution and rules.	150,000.00	1	Closed
		Limited bridging funding to allow the National Landcare Network to remain operational prior to a grant agreement expected to be finalised in 2018–19.	250,000.00	1	Closed
3	Kondinin Group & ABC Rural Aust. Farmer of the Year Leadership Program	Winners of the Kondinin Group and ABC Rural Australian Farmer of the Year Awards will participate in the new capacity building leadership program to develop their leadership capacity, grow industry networks and build their communication skills to represent the bright future of the industry.	150,000.00	3	Active
4	Australian Rural Leadership Foundation's	The funding support will assist 3 participants to undertake the Australian Rural Leadership Program (ARLP) to 2021. The program builds leadership capability for rural, regional and remote Australia. Participation includes experiential sessions including an overseas component as well as diverse, effective leadership practice and perspectives focussing on negotiation, media skills and networking.	150,000.00	3	Active
5	ABC Heywire and Trailblazers	The department has provided funding support for this program since 1999. Funding support will allow the ABC to facilitate participants to undertake the Heywire and Trailblazers leadership workshops over a week and meet with members of parliament, government departments and community leaders.	180,000.00	3	Active
6	National Farmers' Federation EPBC Act resource for farmers	The NFF has undertaken a body of work to understand issues regarding the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i> (EPBC Act), with a view to increase farmers' capacity for this piece of environmental legislation. The findings would help address immediate needs and contribute to the upcoming statutory review of the EPBC Act due to commence by October 2019.	40,000.00	1	Closed
7	Australian Women in Ag Conference	Funding support will assist with the annual Australian Women in Agriculture conference in 2018. The department has been providing funding support since 2016. The conference offers opportunities to network as well as field trips to see diversity within the agricultural sector. The conference has a strong focus on the diversity of skills and contributions made by women to agriculture across the various sectors, particularly those that demonstrate diversity, sustainability and entrepreneurship.	10,000.00	1	Closed
8	Soil Science Australia Judging competition and conference	The funding will support Soil Science Australia to 2023 to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Organise and run the national conference bringing together soil scientists to achieve greater sustainability of soil resources.</li> <li>2. Organise and run the soil judging competition allowing students to participate and recognise the benefits of soil including matching soil types with commodities to maximise production.</li> </ol>	47,272.00	5	Active
<b>Total</b>			<b>1,999,999.27</b>		

**Table 2:** The three organisations who received BLCC funding as two grants and one procurement in 2018–19.

No.	Organisation	Activities	Funding \$ (GST excl.)	Life of grant activity Years	Project Status
1	<b>Landcare Australia Limited</b>	The funding is supporting LAL in 2018-19 to ensure the continuity in delivery of departmental objectives as established in the existing grant agreement including Landcare promotional and communication activities to promote the profitability, competitiveness and improved sustainability of Australian primary producers. Activities include organisation and delivery of the annual National Landcare Conference and National Landcare Awards, including preparations for the Bob Hawke Award; develop and implement the Landcare Farming program together with the National Landcare Network; brand promotion activities including the 30th Anniversary of Landcare together with the National Landcare Network; organisation and delivery of the state and territory awards and the publication of the Landcare in Focus magazine.	<b>1,886,363.63</b>	1	Closed
2	<b>National Landcare Network</b>	The funding is supporting NLN in 2018–19 to maintain resources and infrastructure to administer and deliver the commonwealth government grant agreement with members, including reporting requirements; develop member services supported by the National Landcare Australia Facilitator; develop strategic and functional relationships with Natural Resources Management Regions to collaborate on policy development, regional planning and delivery; develop and implement the Landcare Farming program together with Landcare Australia Limited; brand promotion activities including the 30 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Landcare together with Landcare Australia Limited; in addition to funds received from Landcare Australia for the purpose, further contribute to the organisation and delivery of the state and territory awards.	<b>840,909.09</b>	1	Closed
3	<b>Futureye Pty Ltd (procurement)</b>	Futureye conducted a scoping study and produced a report for the Department of Agriculture to understand the critical social licence tensions and current gaps in policy relating to environmental stewardship. This scoping study involved assessing current land use management mechanisms, government and industry perceptions of incentivisation, key social licence risks and barriers to achieving biodiversity outcomes.	<b>135,318.18</b>	1	Closed
	<b>Total</b>		<b>2,862,590.90</b>		

**Table 3:** The 16 organisations who received BLCC funding as grants over three years from 2018–21.

No.	Organisation	Activities	Funding \$ (GST excl.)	Life of grant activity Years	Project Status
1	<b>Australian National University</b>	Through the Sustainable Farms project, the ANU will quantify the benefits of farms dams and shelterbelts with activities including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Best practice management of farm dams and shelterbelts.</li> <li>• A cost benefit analysis of natural asset management projects.</li> <li>• Cross sectional studies of farm dams and of shelterbelts.</li> <li>• Longitudinal research to understand benefits over time.</li> <li>• Capacity building through community engagement, including farm field days and workshops.</li> </ul> <p>The project will strengthen drought resilience by providing high quality science to guide management decisions; enable farmers, investors, and land management agencies to calculate production, animal welfare, and biodiversity returns and make informed investment decisions; assist Government by informing policy and funding decisions; encourage investment in natural asset improvements by farmers and lenders with cost benefit information and quantification of the deferred benefits of investment.</p>	<b>5,390,909.09</b>	5	Active

2	<b>National Farmers' Federation</b>	<p>The funding will allow the National Farmers Federation (NFF) to complete the second stage of the project - to build the capacity of farmers to understand and comply with requirements under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act).</p> <p>NFF will complete the work by consolidating their findings into an information package to provide farmers should they have the need to understand their obligations under the EPBC Act.</p> <p>The findings by NFF will help address immediate needs and contribute to the upcoming statutory review of the EPBC Act due to commence by October 2019.</p>	<b>136,363.64</b>	1	Closed
3	<b>Soil Science Australia</b>	<p>The funding will support Soil Science Australia in a strategic initiatives building soils capability and capacity project and identify pathways to address national soil requirements.</p> <p>Soil Science Australia propose to conduct the following activities including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a soil education and extension audit, including development of an ongoing audit and information capture framework (funded by the Australian Soil Network);</li> <li>• mapping of Soil Science Australia's 2019–2029 strategic plan against soil resource, capacity and capability to identify Australian requirements;</li> <li>• identification and development of primary and secondary teaching resources capable of inclusion in existing Australian education curriculum, including a strategic pathway for future requirements;</li> <li>• scoping the requirement and resources needed to undertake a national stocktake of Australian soils, including how to perpetuate monitoring of this, the resources required, and the methodology for completion of this task.</li> </ul>	<b>90,909.09</b>	2	Active
4	<b>South Australian No-Till Farmers Association</b>	<p>The funding will support the South Australian No-Till Farmers Association (SANTFA) to assist a consortia of 43 experienced partners work collaboratively to develop and deliver the project - transforming land management practices through supporting early stage adoption of Ultra High Pressure (UHP) water-jet technology in grain, sugarcane, cotton, pasture and environmental landscapes.</p> <p>The project will drive farm practice changes that radically improve the retention of soil cover and reduce soil disturbance</p>	<b>698,636.36</b>	4	Active
5	<b>Regional Development Australia – Far Northern Queensland and Torres Straight Incorporated</b>	<p>Funding provided will include undertaking research/analysis and deliver a feasibility study and business case into the commercial production of green-waste compost for commercial use in agriculture along the east coast of Queensland.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Desk-top review of existing commercial compost operations in Great Barrier Reef catchments of Queensland, suitable source material and existing markets, identification of key experts and a case study of Shark Recycling, with preliminary review of other composting technologies.</li> <li>• Case studies of a further 4 producers, involving a range of composting technologies and organic sources relevant to the Great Barrier Reef catchment, with an associated review of past studies on production and use of compost, brought together into a classification of compost materials, processes and uses that can be broadly applied across Great Barrier Reef catchments.</li> <li>• Case studies of 5 large scale users of compost, with validation of claims of soil health and reduced nutrient loss, and assessment of rate of breakdown of various compost products.</li> <li>• Development of models of both process factors of composting, in context of animal and plant organic source and composting technology used and economics, with development of business cases for identified areas of opportunity (geographic and technology).</li> </ul>	<b>681,818.18</b>	3	Active
6	<b>CRC for High Performance Soils</b>	<p>Funding will enable the CRC for High Performance Soils to conduct extension activities for 36 grower groups and NRM organisations across Australia that will educate them in soil knowledge and increase their technical capacity to more effectively extend cutting edge soil science into the broader farming community.</p> <p>The main components of the program include:</p>	<b>424,227.27</b>	2	Active

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• developing the three national soil communities</li> <li>• developing a baseline on existing soil knowledge</li> <li>• developing the capacity building plans identifying the needs and priorities to build capacity</li> <li>• building the capacity by implementing the capacity building plans and associated extension workshops</li> <li>• monitoring and reviewing of the program</li> <li>• developing plans for the sustainable continuance of the national soil communities</li> <li>• oversight by a governance structure</li> </ul>			
7	<b>MLA Pasture Dieback</b>	Funding will allow Meat and Livestock Australia (MLA) to support a project team to undertake research into solutions to manage and remove a mealybug infestation from pastures in Queensland that is causing pasture dieback. The project team, as established by MLA, has developed a plan of work that will achieve this. The project will not fund those tasks needed to undertake the reparation work required to produce productive grazing lands again.	<b>2,767,272.73</b>	2	Active
8	<b>Greening Australia</b>	<p>\$350,000 (GST incl.) to undertake development of an online portal connecting landholders who wish to undertake native planting and revegetation on their property with Landcare communities who will organise and carry out the planting and revegetation. Strategic revegetation, in consultation with landholders, can provide many benefits on the farm including shelter belts for animal welfare needs; protection of hillslopes to reduce sediment loss and maintain soil structure; tree swales to slow water movement and increase on-farm soil moisture as well as trapping nutrients and sediment; and the protection of riparian zones.</p> <p>\$200,000 (GST incl.) for drone monitoring to improve sustainable land management practices. The full scale trial will refine the use of drones to map properties to assist landholders in property planning. This will allow landholders to determine the best use for their land and monitor areas planted for on-farm sustainability and conservation purposes.</p>	<b>500,000.00</b>	3	Active
9	<b>Conservation Volunteers Australia</b>	<p>CVA will develop, pilot and deliver the Landcare Support Service (LSS) with the aim that the LSS be adopted by Landcare and NRM communities nationwide. The LSS will be designed to assist in and reduce the burden of reporting and administrative requirements allowing the communities to get on with the main purpose of performing Landcare projects and programs in partnership with landholders. This will improve Landcare communities' effectiveness.</p> <p>Specifically the LSS will assist Landcare and NRM communities in project management, data recording and reporting assistance by providing IT support toolkits and training in their use and the applications appropriate for reporting requirements such as MERIT; continuous improvement via monitoring and mentoring of project delivery via audits and site visits.</p>	<b>500,000.00</b>	3	Active
10	<b>NRM Regions Australia</b>	<p>Grant funding will go towards employing a National Partnership Broker (NPB) to be housed with the Council of Rural RDCs with oversight by a steering committee.</p> <p>The outcomes of the project include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased collaboration between regional NRM bodies, Industry groups and RRDCs</li> <li>• Pathways and methods initiated for NRM to support the implementation of Industry Sustainability frameworks/BMPs</li> </ul>	<b>418,181.82</b>	2	Active
11	<b>National Grower Group – Ag Excellence</b>	<p>The National Grower Group is a collective of grower groups from Western Australia, South Australia and south east Australia. As a collective, the National Grower Group has identified the need to enhance and increase agricultural industries and the private sector's involvement in delivering applied research and agricultural extension activities that will contribute to on-farm productivity and profitability.</p> <p>The funding will facilitate the National Grower Group Collective to:</p>	<b>270,454.55</b>	5	Active

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• develop a National Extension Strategy for grower groups to drive adoption of innovative and sustainable farming practices.</li> <li>• enhance project management by appointing a steering committee and a project manager; develop an evaluation plan; and develop a communications and engagement plan.</li> <li>• deliver a capacity building program for grower groups to deliver innovation to the farming sector including facilitation and mentoring; experimental design and analysis and demonstration trials and analysis; and monitoring and evaluation.</li> </ul>			
12	Primary Industries Education (PIEFA)	The grant will allow PIEFA to undertake a national survey of students and teachers in relation to their knowledge of food and fibre production and careers in agriculture. The grant will also provide seed funding to commence annual state-based one-day food and fibre education workshops.	200,000.00	2	Active
13	Agricultural Shows Australia (1)	<p><b>Young Judges and Paraders Program</b> (\$120,000 over 3 years) – this activity aims to promote the essential value of agriculture to new generations. It will do this by improving the profile, value and community engagement of the Young Judges National Finals program through targeted communications and media channels. It will also develop new initiatives and guidelines for further competitions.</p> <p><b>Young Farmers Challenge</b> (\$510,000 over 3 years) – this activity aims to educate the broader community on the role of farmers, engage youth in agriculture and promote farm safety. It will provide a national structure to the Young Farmers Challenge competition by providing insurance, sponsorship, competition regulation, progression pathways, publicity and community agreement to Young Farmer Competitions.</p>	572,727.27	4	Active
14	Agricultural Shows Australia (2)	<b>Education of sustainable agri-food production</b> (\$90,000 over 3 years) – this activity aims to benefit schools and agriculture, regional agricultural shows and community events. It will do this by enabling ASA to provide, in collaboration with other organisations such as PIEFA, appropriate education material and resources to schools and to regional agricultural shows and community events.	81,818.18	4	Active
15	The Mulloon Institute	Rehydration activities implemented at a property and catchment scale can improve environmental functionality and outcomes, and revitalise farming productivity. Activities will include comprehensive planning and scientific evaluation of hydrology, flora and fauna, and production improvements, including financial, social and community outcomes; workshops and education motivated by the landholders and supported through on farm training; data and results derived products including a farm decision support system and models will be available to landholders and shared with broader community through dissemination mediums; demonstrating to landholders the value of established systems such as the NRM Hub for satellite based vegetation assessment and property planning.	3,506,740.00	5	Active
16	Australian Garden Council -	<p>The Australian Garden Council's (AGC) goal for the project over the next 4 years is to increase the awareness of gardening and ornamental horticulture as a rewarding career option among secondary school leavers. The project will also support young Australians already trained or working in horticulture.</p> <p>Funding will allow the AGC to prioritise actions including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enhancing and updating the AGC's website.</li> <li>• Stronger promotion and marketing of gardening and horticulture as a career to school leavers through school visits, career days, information to career advisors and videos and YouTube clips from YoungHorts and 'elder states people' on the benefits of horticulture as a career.</li> <li>• Community and industry surveys to gauge the horticulture industry's ability to source quality staff and their needs; the training sectors capacity and future; and perceptions of ornamental horticulture as a career among 17 to 18 year olds.</li> <li>• Increasing secondary school visits targeting years 7, 10 and 12.</li> <li>• Assisting YoungHorts and other horticulture professionals attend career expos for university and TAFE.</li> </ul>	445,454.55	4	Active



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strengthening collaboration and communication between young horticulturalists through an annual conference; expanding regional networks and events; providing development opportunities.</li> <li>• Creating career opportunities through funding support for more apprenticeships.</li> </ul>			
	<b>Total</b>		<b>14,095,512.71</b>		

**Table 4:** The five organisations who received BLCC funding as grants in 2019–20. All funding is to be provided in 2019-22.

No.	Organisation	Activities	Funding \$ (GST excl.)	Life of grant activity Years	Project Status
1	<b>Landcare Australia</b>	The funding is supporting LAL in 2019-20 to ensure the continuity in delivery of departmental objectives as established in the existing grant agreement including Landcare promotional and communication activities to promote the profitability, competitiveness and improved sustainability of Australian primary producers. Activities include organisation and delivery of the annual National Landcare Conference and National Landcare Awards, including preparations for the Bob Hawke Award; develop and implement the Landcare Farming program together with the National Landcare Network; brand promotion activities including the 30th Anniversary of Landcare together with the National Landcare Network; organisation and delivery of the state and territory awards and the publication of the Landcare in Focus magazine.	<b>1,363,636.36</b>	1	Active
2	<b>National Landcare Network</b>	The funding is supporting NLN in 2019–20 to maintain resources and infrastructure to administer and deliver the commonwealth government grant agreement with members, including reporting requirements; develop member services supported by the National Landcare Australia Facilitator; develop strategic and functional relationships with Natural Resources Management Regions to collaborate on policy development, regional planning and delivery; develop and implement the Landcare Farming program together with Landcare Australia Limited; brand promotion activities including the 30 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Landcare together with Landcare Australia Limited; in addition to funds received from Landcare Australia for the purpose, further contribute to the organisation and delivery of the state and territory awards.	<b>1,090,909.09</b>	1	Active
3	<b>Soils For Life</b>	The Soils for Life Program strategic objectives which are to be funded via the grant are as follows: Objective 1. Discover: Clearly document, demonstrate and communicate evidence of how land management innovators are achieving resilient, productive farm gate outcomes through regenerative landscape management practices. Objective 2. Inform: Promote widespread and comprehensive understanding, on the part of landholders, researchers, policy makers and consumers, of the underlying issues and potential benefits of agricultural landscape regeneration. Objective 3. Foster and facilitate change: Support and enable continuous improvement in landscape and water management practice across Australia, to enable a thriving resilient natural environment and ensuring a sustainable contribution to Australia's agricultural production, economic, environmental and social needs. Foster and facilitate change: Support and enable continuous improvement in landscape and water management practice across Australia, to enable a thriving resilient natural environment and ensuring a sustainable contribution to Australia's agricultural production, economic, environmental and social needs. These objectives are met through the development and dissemination of case studies of regenerative farmers across Australia.	<b>2,000,000.00</b>	3	Active
4	<b>Charles Darwin University - NAFI</b>	Charles Darwin University Program's strategic objectives which are to be funded via the grant are the following: Objective 1. Each year Charles Darwin University (CDU) will collaborate with other data providers to produce	<b>407,125.00</b>	1	Active

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		a comprehensive, accurate fire history (maps of what areas burnt and when) across most of Australia's rangelands. CDU will use engagement with land managers, industry and government to ensure such mapping can be effectively used to plan and assess burning operations, assess and review progress of fire management, and measure emissions – in order to support sustainable agriculture and land management. Objective 2. CDU will deliver the fire history data at regular and frequent intervals, along with other data and digital tools to support effective day-to-day fire management undertaken by diverse land managers across the Australian rangelands. To work with these groups to ensure CDU data delivery and digital tools meets their evolving fire management needs – in order to support sustainable agriculture and land management. Objective 3. CDU will work with end-users, data providers, government and the research community to ensure the NAFI service can effectively add value to national, state and territory fire data provision into the future. This will also involve developing and refining CDU's business plan.			
5	<b>Southern Cross University</b>	The funding is supporting Southern Cross University to carry out research into quantifying the benefits of regenerative agriculture practices in restoring degraded soil. This will included the rollout of key-soil-research projects, associated capacity building education and training activities and knowledge mobilisation that directly improve forming and land-management knowledge practices over the next three years (2020-2023) under the Regenerative Agriculture Alliance (RAA) Soil Extension Program.  The strategic objectives are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Build an empirical evidence-based knowledge resource on best practice in regenerative farming soil management.</li> <li>• Enhance awareness and understanding of regenerative agriculture research findings.</li> <li>• Increase opportunities for collaboration research, training and implementation of outputs relating to regenerative farming and soil management</li> <li>• Build available resource and expertise for supporting continued regenerative agriculture research and the implementation of research outputs.</li> <li>• Strengthen internal and sector-wide knowledge-mobilisation practice.</li> </ul>	<b>2,500,000.00</b>	3	Active
	<b>Total</b>		<b>7,361,670.45</b>		

**Table 5:** The two organisations who received BLCC funding as grants in 2020. All funding to be provided in 2020-22.

No.	Organisation	Activities	Funding \$ (GST excl.)	Life of grant activity Years	Project Status
1	<b>Landcare Australia</b>	The funding is supporting LAL in 2020-23 to ensure the continuity in delivery of departmental objectives as established in the existing grant agreement including Landcare promotional and communication activities to promote the profitability, competitiveness and improved sustainability of Australian primary producers. Activities include organisation and delivery of the annual National Landcare Conference and National Landcare Awards, the Bob Hawke Award; develop and implement the Landcare Farming program together with the National Landcare Network; brand promotion activities including the organisation and delivery of the state and territory awards and publication of the Landcare in Focus Magazine.	<b>4,636,364.65</b>	3	Active

No.	Organisation	Activities	Funding \$ (GST excl.)	Life of grant activity Years	Project Status
2	<b>National Landcare Network</b>	The funding is supporting NLN in 2020–23 to maintain resources and infrastructure to administer and deliver the commonwealth government grant agreement with members, including reporting requirements; develop member services supported by the National Landcare Australia Facilitator; develop strategic and functional relationships with Natural Resources Management Regions to collaborate on policy development, regional planning and delivery; develop and implement the Landcare Farming program together with Landcare Australia Limited; brand promotion activities including the 30 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Landcare together with Landcare Australia Limited; in addition to funds received from Landcare Australia for the purpose, further contribute to the organisation and delivery of the state and territory awards.	<b>3,272,727.27</b>	3	Active
	<b>Total</b>		<b>7,909,091.92</b>		