



MPLN 2026 – 2030 Strategic Plan

The Mornington Peninsula Landcare Network (MPLN) is a volunteer-run organisation with ACNC charitable status, established in 2014 to support Mornington Peninsula Landcare groups in tackling land management challenges and delivering collaborative and effective environmental projects.

Covering the Mornington Peninsula Shire, MPLN supports ten catchment-based Landcare groups and five special interest groups, representing more than 870 member families.

Together we work with private and public landholders and local communities to protect and enhance the rich biodiversity, threatened species, diverse ecosystems, and extensive waterways of our unique Mornington Peninsula natural environment.

Our Member Groups

- Balcombe and Moorooduc Landcare Group
- Blairgowrie Friends of Mornington Peninsula National Park
- Citizen Science Crew of Daangean
- Dunns Creek Landcare
- Main Creek Landcare
- Manton & Stony Creeks Landcare
- Merricks Coolart Catchment Group Inc.
- Mornington Peninsula Equine Landcare Group
- Mornington Peninsula Intrepid Landcare
- Mornington Peninsula Koala Conservation Inc.
- Nepean Peninsula Landcare
- Red Hill South Landcare Group
- Sheepwash Creek Catchment Landcare Group
- South West Mornington Peninsula Landcare Group
- Watson Creek Catchment Landcare Group

GOAL To protect and enhance the unique Mornington Peninsula natural environment by supporting biodiversity, native wildlife, catchment health and climate change mitigation.

STRATEGY 1 – Reconnect Habitat

Increase native vegetation health, cover and connectivity through the Linking the Mornington Peninsula Landscape (LMPL) project and promotion of regenerative farming.

Key Activities

- 1.1 Assist Landcare groups to develop and implement their related biolink plans
- 1.2 Continue to obtain funding on a scale appropriate to LMPL
- 1.3 Develop and implement programs to educate landholders of the co-benefits of biolinks and indigenous vegetation
- 1.4 Support monitoring programs to evaluate biolink health and connectivity over time.

STRATEGY 2 – Address Inappropriate Clearing

Develop and deliver programs to encourage landholders to preserve indigenous vegetation on their property.

Key Activities

- 2.1 Undertake targeted education programs promoting the value and retention of indigenous vegetation e.g. participation in the Meet Your Bushland program
- 2.2 Collaborate with local government planners and compliance teams.

STRATEGY 3 – Control Environmental Weeds

Reduce infestations of environmental weeds.

Key Activities

- 3.1 Promote best practice weed control and collaboration with stakeholders
- 3.2 Seek funding for weed management programs
- 3.3 Deliver best practice weed control education and programs
- 3.4 Prioritise follow up weed control actions.

STRATEGY 4 – Control Pest Animals

Promote, facilitate and support pest animal control in priority areas.

Key Activities

- 4.1 Support best practice pest animal control and collaboration with stakeholders over extended periods
- 4.2 Deliver educational programs on the benefits of best practice pest animal control
- 4.3 Obtain support funding for pest animal control.

STRATEGY 5 – Maintain & Protect Environmental Health

Encourage regenerative farming practices that improve soil health, water quality and biodiversity.

Key Activities

- 5.1 Support regenerative farming through education and demonstration
- 5.2 Support participation in Melbourne Water Liveable Communities, Liveable Waterways program
- 5.3 Support and encourage related scientific research and monitoring programs
- 5.4 Encourage development of whole of farm plans that include regenerative principles.

STRATEGY 6 – Climate Change Action

Reduce climate change impacts through mitigation and adaptation.

Key Activities

- 6.1 Promote emissions reductions in line with State and Federal Acts
- 6.2 Promote and implement resilience to the increasing severity and frequency of climate and weather extremes
- 6.3 Support the implementation of science-based applications such as dam emissions reductions and carbon capture.

STRATEGY 7 – Community Outreach

Strengthen community awareness and engagement through publicity, community events, educational initiatives and a strong social media presence.

Key Activities

- 7.1 Raise awareness of Landcare and volunteer activities through publicity in traditional and social media (e.g. storytelling, celebrating member achievements)
- 7.2 Promote the benefits of belonging to a Landcare group
- 7.3 Seek collaborations and partnerships with relevant organisations.
- 7.4 Run educational and training events to develop and spread skills and knowledge about best environmental practices.



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We acknowledge the Bunurong / Boonwurrung people of the Kulin Nation, the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which we live and work. We pay our respect to Elders past and present and recognise the environmental value of First Nations Culture. We consult on Cultural matters when possible, reflecting our commitment to respectful partnerships in environmental stewardship.