

Landcare Australia Conference 2025

Our Catchments Our Communities Leadership Development Grants

Supporting aspiring future leaders in integrated catchment management
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Our Catchments, Our Communities (OCOC) leadership development grants provide up to \$10,000 to early and mid-career professionals to develop their leadership skills and make an impact in the field of natural resource and catchment management. Recipients receive support for travel, research, study, training, and other forms of professional development. In 2023 I was a recipient of the Women in Leadership OCOC Grant, which allowed me undertake the activities listed below.

Holistic Management: a foundation for regeneration



Learning about financial planning and grazing planning, and how to make decisions that are simultaneously socially, environmentally and financially sound using the Holistic Management Framework.

Natural Sequence Farming (NSF)



Learning how to work with nature rather than against it. Plants are the engineers that manage water and that have built our landscapes, which operate in a continuous feedback loop connecting three main areas: accumulation, production and filtration.

Reboot my Soil online course



Learning a modern approach to how soil systems function, including the core skills of reading soil tests, assessing soils, benchmarking and how to develop a Soil Action Plan for a paddock.

Landcare Victoria Conference 2024



In 2024 I attended the Landcare Victoria Conference as a guest speaker, to talk about my experience in the Pilot Project “New Futures for Victorian Landcare”.

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The Leadership Development Grant “Our Catchments Our Communities” allowed me to attend the Landcare conference in the Gold Coast, a great opportunity to learn from, and to be inspired by other Landcare groups in Australia.

Conclusions

Thanks to the OCOC grant I felt more comfortable about taking on leadership roles. In 2024 I was Landscape Coordinator and Landscape Impact Advisor, leading the Granite to Goulburn group, one of the first two pilot projects of the New Futures for Victorian Landcare program. In October 2024 I have been appointed Facilitator of the South-West Landcare Network.

Landcare is in great need of a new generation of leaders and I am proud to be one of them.