

## **Landcare Illawarra Members' Charter**

### **Who we are:**

Landcare Illawarra is a volunteer-driven organisation, which helps those in the 3 local government areas of the Illawarra region to improve the natural value of our land and its biodiversity. We work in a variety of locations that include coastal areas, freshwater lakes and streams, agricultural land, public reserves, areas of degraded land as well as areas rich with native vegetation.

### **Landcare Illawarra supports:**

- Local residents by connecting volunteers to local activities.
- Individuals and groups across the region to access funding, resources and skills training to build their capacity to deliver quality education and on-ground outcomes.
- Private landholders across the region to sustainably manage native vegetation on their properties by offering advice and assistance in accessing appropriate native plant species for revegetation.

### **Our Vision:**

To support a healthy, connected, biodiverse landscape across the Illawarra, which provides habitat, sustaining flora and fauna, fertile soils and agriculture, that is appreciated and cared for by the community.

### **Our Mission:**

To promote and participate in natural resource management and conservation through environmental stewardship, learning and teaching, and community engagement.

### **Our Values:**

- Collaborate, connect and grow our volunteers.
- Build capacity and educate.
- Follow best practice always.
- Develop the brand and attract funding for Landcare.

## **Our practical steps to benefit the environment include:**

- Bush regeneration.
- Weed control.
- Stabilising riverbanks and sand dunes.
- Collecting litter.
- Repairing walking tracks.
- Protecting threatened species and communities.
- Promoting sustainable agriculture.
- Fencing and other pest control programs.
- Seed Collecting and revegetating with native species.
- Education and training.

## **Our Code of conduct**

- We will adhere to all WHS legislation, including undertaking risk assessments and wearing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).
- We acknowledge that safety is the first priority for all volunteers.
- We follow best practice and take responsibility for our work and work done under our direction or supervision.
- We undertake ecological restoration projects in which we are qualified by education, training or experience.
- We will follow current Plans of Management and advice from Landcare, Local Land Services, Local Government and other stakeholders while working on our projects.
- We will adhere to rules and legislation that govern caring for and sustaining the environment as we undertake our various activities.