

Independent Chair, Landcare ACT

Landcare ACT is a not-for-profit, non-government peak body providing strategic support and a unified community landcare voice for the three catchment groups and the groups they support, rural landholders and the Aboriginal community of the ACT and surrounding region. There are over 1500 ACT landcarers in 60 landcare groups. Our website is at <http://landcareact.org.au/>



The three ACT catchment groups support a range of smaller groups, including urban, rural and Aboriginal landcare, Parkcare, "Friends-of", Waterwatch and Frogwatch groups. Historically, these groups have largely been reliant on government funding. They now want to attract new resources and partners in order to strengthen the voice of the region's landcare community.

Landcare ACT has been initiated with funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Programme. It operates within the ACT and region, and links to the National Landcare Network, which provides a community voice for landcare at the national level.

Landcare ACT was incorporated as a company early in 2016, and has now established its business functions and has identified its key strategic goals. Major goals for Landcare ACT now are to:

- further develop stakeholder relationships particularly with the ACT government and non-government organisations
- ensure the future role of landcare in the ACT and
- create a strong financial basis for Landcare ACT and its member bodies.

Landcare ACT now seeks an independent volunteer Chair to guide the organisation in achieving these goals. There will be significant scope for the Chair to shape and expand their role.

Core roles of the Chair

- Work closely with the CEO and the Board to maintain oversight of Landcare ACT's strategic direction.
- Work closely with the CEO to guide the business of the Board.
- Represent Landcare ACT at key stakeholder meetings.
- Preside over meetings of the Board of Landcare ACT.

Selection Criteria

- Well-developed liaison and negotiation skills, suited to dealing with community groups, other landcare peak groups, and all levels of government.
- The ability to lead and support good governance of community-based organisations.
- Well-developed strategic skills.
- The ability to preside over meetings of a community organisation.
- The candidate must not have held an office for 3 years with Landcare ACT or any of the Landcare ACT member organisations.

Desirable: Knowledge and understanding of community landcare, or natural resource management.

Further information is available from Anne Duncan on 0466 108 432.

Please submit an expression of interest to admin@landcareact.org.au briefly addressing the selection criteria, with a resume and referee contacts, by Friday 2 December 2016.