



Above - The Board of Directors of Southern New England Landcare Ltd, February 2023.

L-R: David Steller, Prof Nick Reid, Steve Harvey, Jill Moore-Kashima, Bev Stubberfield, Bill Perrottet, Bryan Johnston, Peter Metcalfe.

CAPABILITY STATEMENT

We are a not-for-profit community network located on the Northern Tablelands of New South Wales, Australia.

Our vision is for a vibrant, socially and economically healthy community thriving in healthy, productive environments.

Our mission is to lead, connect and enable our communities to reach their sustainability goals in a changing environment.



OUR TEAM



President



BILL PERROTTET

Located in the Malpas Catchment near Guyra, Bill has interests in regenerative agriculture, farm biodiversity, grazing management, town planning and architecture.

Bill is a self-employed grazier, with experience on farms in Western Australia, Queensland and the Northern Territory.

He has skills in agribusiness and property management, and his qualifications include an Associate Diploma Farm Management.

Key committee positions include: President, Southern New England Landcare Limited.

Vice President



DAVID STELLER

Based in Armidale, David is a retired civil engineer who worked in Local Government in NSW for 34 years with the last 10 years as Director of Public Infrastructure at Armidale Dumaresq Council.

David is Chairperson of the Armidale Tree Group Inc, Autumn Lodge Retirement Village and Armidale Highlands Science and Engineering Challenge Committee.

He holds board positions on Armidale Central Rotary Club and the Advisory Council of O'Connor Catholic College. He is a member of the Armidale Regional Council and University of New England Zero30 Community Committee and is Treasurer of the St Augustine's Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society Armidale.

David is a member of Engineer's Australia Northern Group and Institute of Public Works Engineering Australasia, New England and North West Group and registered as a Chartered Engineer. David has an active role in environmental rehabilitation and ecosystem repair and enhancement in the New England Region.

Director



Prof Emer NICK REID

Nick Reid is an Emeritus Professor in Ecosystem Management in the School of Environmental and Rural Science, Faculty of Science, Agriculture, Business and Law, at UNE, having retired in August 2021.

Nick has worked in applied ecology and natural resource management in overseas and Australian universities for 36 years, teaching units in sustainable land management, ecological restoration, natural resources, national park and wilderness management, agroforestry and farm forestry, ecology, wildlife management, environmental impact assessment, and agricultural and rural extension.

Nick's research interests broadly span the science, management and governance of social-ecological systems; ecosystem services; integrating production and conservation; sustainable land and vegetation management; biodiversity assessment and management; ecological restoration; protected area management; wildlife ecology and management, and forest protection.

Through senior appointments at UNE and beyond, Nick has developed proficiency in academic and university governance and management, as well as chairing technical and community advisory boards and advising state and federal government agencies and ministers.

Treasurer



BEV STUBBERFIELD

A Uralla resident, Bev's interests include soil health, healthy waterways, sustainable ecosystems and community projects and events.

Her qualifications include Diplomas in Project Management and Small Business Management.

Bev's experience includes being a self-employed small business owner, and Tourism Manager at Uralla Visitor Centre, with skills including event management, community fund-raising and social development.

Key committee positions include: Director, Southern New England Landcare Ltd; Secretary/Treasurer, Uralla Rivercare Group; Secretary, Uralla Red Cross; Treasurer/Co-organiser, Annual Thunderbolt Festival; Treasurer, United Hospital Auxiliary; Chairperson, Uralla Showground Land Manager; member, The Rotary Club of Uralla; and Coordinator, School Section of Annual Rotary Art Exhibition.

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BRYAN JOHNSTON

Located in Armidale, Bryan's interests include Armidale Urban Rivercare Group, National Park management and enjoyment, Biodynamic Agriculture, Birdlife Australia and Dumaresq Lions Club.

Bryan has qualifications in Chemical Risk Management Accreditation, a Cert. IV Workplace Training & Assessment, a Dip. Agric. (Hon), and Cert. Agriculture.

Bryan's experience includes Cattle & Beef Management Services, Agriculture Teacher with TAFE NSW, Training material developer for Certificate III Feedlot Operations; Tour Manager with Quadrant Australia, Trainer/Auditor with Australian Landcare Management Group and Program Leader with NSW Agriculture. He also has skills in property management of family cattle and timber enterprises.

Key committee positions include: Chairman, Quadrant Australia Pty Ltd.; Chair, NPWS Northern Inland Regional Advisory Committee; Member Bulagaranda Aboriginal Area Board of Management; and State Council Representative National Parks Assoc NSW.

Director



STEVE HARVEY

Steve owns and manages a sheep & wool property east of Armidale and his interests include sustainable agriculture, community engagement, and environmental sustainability.

As a self-employed grazier in a rural business partnership, he has experience as a wool classer and shearing shed overseer, and skills in agribusiness and property management specialising in sheep and wool.

Steve's qualifications include: Wool Classer, Diploma Farm Management (Tocal Agricultural College); Electric, Oxy and Mig Welding; Small Motor Mechanics; Advanced Sheep and Wool; and Financial Administration.

Key committee positions include: Founding Director of Southern New England Landcare Ltd, Northern Tablelands Representative on Landcare NSW Inc Council for New England Landcare Network Inc, Merino Sheep Steward, Armidale Agricultural Show Society, Regional Secretary, Australian Superfine Woolgrowers, Regional Representative, National Council Australian Superfine Woolgrowers.

Director



PETER METCALFE

Based at Dumaresq near Armidale, Peter is interested in native plant and bird identification, writing, environmental education, and botany. With a BSc, Agric., and Dip Ed (Sydney, 1963), Peter's skills include botany and ornithology with an emphasis as an environmental educator, writer, researcher and advisor.

His experience includes project management with Armidale Tree Group; environmental education botany and bird expert; koala and flora surveys; seed collector since 1990; consultant to landholders on corridor design, plant identification and species selection for property planting.

Key committee positions include: Northern Tablelands Representative on the Community Advisory Committee to the World Heritage Gondwana Rainforests of Australia; Member of Trust and Advisory Committees to NSW NPWS (1973 - 2009); Senior Lecturer in Environmental Education at Armidale Teachers College, Armidale CAE and University of New England (1967-2001); Teacher of Science and Biology in NSW high schools (1964-1967).

Chief Executive Officer



KAREN ZIRKLER

BScEnv (Hon 1)

Karen grew up on cropping farms in north west NSW, then trained and worked in Queensland, the UK, California and Western Australia. She has been with Southern New England Landcare since 1998 and is currently the Chief Executive Officer.

Karen's experience includes: Regional Landcare Facilitator (2015-2016), Publication Editor & Designer (2008-2014), Landcare Coordinator (1998-2008), Farm Forestry Extension Research Assistant (1997-1998), Marketing Assistant & Desktop Publisher (UK/USA 1996-1997), and QDPI Extension Officer (1992-1995). Karen is currently sits a non-executive director on the NSW Biodiversity Conservation Trust Board.

Based on their family grazing property at Kentucky south of Uralla, Karen is a member of Harnham Landcare Group, with interests in regenerative agriculture and agroforestry. Her hobbies include horses and in particular, carriage driving.

OUR TEAM



Struan Ferguson

Local Landcare Coordinator

BArts

Struan grew up on a sheep and cattle station in central western Queensland and moved to Armidale for schooling in 1982. She has been involved in conservation and community endeavours in five states.

She has worked with SNElandcare since 2017 and is passionate about the environment, agriculture and sound and effective processes that support landholders to achieve wellbeing and their conservation and production goals.

Struan's qualifications include Advanced Certificate in Outdoor Guiding TAFE (1998), Permaculture Consultant's Design Course, Permaculture Institute (1993), Banded Bee Farm (2020).

Her experience includes: Joint Medical Program Coordinator, UNE (2016), Assistant Customer Service Officer, Dept. Fair Trading (2010-2011), Coordinator, The Great Walk Network (1995-1997) and voluntary governance roles.



From there, she completed a dual degree in Agribusiness and Applied Science (Production Animals) at the University of Queensland.

Since then, Elizabeth has worked across Southern Australia in a variety of industries from rural consultancy, feedlots, beef cattle, free range egg production and a short stint in a dairy. As a Project Officer for Neighbourhood Houses Tasmania on King Island, Elizabeth discovered a love of project management and community facilitation.

In 2021 Elizabeth moved to the New England with her husband and young family to manage a beef cattle trading enterprise near Ben Lomond. Elizabeth and her husband run the property using regenerative principals and have a deep love of learning, people and community.

Matt Elsley Koala Conservation Project Officer

BSc(Env), BGeo, BA

Matt grew up on the coast and came to the University of New England to complete degrees in Environmental Science, Geology and Archaeology in 2014.

Since then, Matt has fulfilled roles as a Laboratory Technician and Academic in the Schools of Science & Technology and Environmental & Rural Science at UNE, and Inspector, Emergency Officer and Rescue Operator with the NSW SES.

Before joining Landcare Matt worked as an environmental scientist and ecologist for Eco Logical Australia, specialising in fauna ecology and has extensive experience in ecological monitoring and surveying, including as a remote area pilot.

Matt is currently studying a Graduate Certificate in disaster risk reduction and volunteers as Commander of the Armidale State Emergency Service.



Janeen Robb Project Officer

BSc, DipEd, Grad Cert NRM

Janeen came to Armidale to study Botany, Ecology at the University of New England.

She then raised a family in the local area, during which time she worked as a casual environmental consultant.

Janeen has worked with the Geographic Information Systems unit of NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service, and the Landscape Monitoring and Decision Support Unit at the Office of Environment & Heritage.

She has been involved in a wide range of projects, including OEH's Dryland Salinity Project, broadscale vegetation mapping for the Murray-Darling Basin Commission and a joint Landcare/Aboriginal Land Council Cultural Heritage project, working with the local Aboriginal community and landholders to identify artefacts and cultural interest sites.



Janet Hodge Receptionist

Janet grew up in Cootamundra and has worked in administrative roles in health, electoral offices, and the NSW Public Works Regional Office.

After working at Harden Shire Council, Janet embarked on a 3-month horseback adventure from Harden to Licola, where she worked at a horse-riding tour business exploring the Victorian High Country.

Janet has held mustering and station hand roles at Legune Cattle Station (NT), Walla Downs Cattle Station (NSW), and Landsdowne Cattle Station (WA), where she met her partner. Together, they returned to Girgarre (Vic) and raised a family on their small dairy farm for 20 years.

Janet and her partner purchased a property northwest of Guyra in 2021, running a small mob of Australian Whites and Wagyu Cattle.



Elizabeth Rosser Sustainable Agriculture Project Officer

BNurs, BAgrib & BAppSci

Elizabeth grew up at Quilpie and Goodooga in SW Queensland before moving to Brisbane to complete her schooling.

Elizabeth studied a Bachelor of Nursing at the University of Southern Queensland before governing at Cunnamulla.

