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*Resourcing Landcare in our region*

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## 2010 Chairman's Report

As 2010 draws to a close it has clearly been a huge year of outcomes and achievements for Southern New England Landcare building further on its involvement in Natural Resource Management in the New England region.

Southern New England Landcare's ability to encourage community involvement and form successful working partnerships has been the driver for achieving reasonable environmental change in the area.

Testament to Southern New England Landcare's involvement in community NRM was being selected to be among 8 finalists to the national Landcare awards in Canberra for the Toshiba Community Award category. To share the stage with such a group achieving successful outcomes through engaging communities and assisting volunteer Landcare achieve local outcomes is a huge accolade.

Landcare co-ordinators are the life blood of Landcare organisations and the tireless work of Bec and Alice, together with the great team in the office, in securing funding opportunities in a challenging period, as well as running projects, is a great benefit to the Landcare community.

The Landcare Community Resource centre continues to be a great asset to Southern New England Landcare. From its beginnings in August last year to its current transformation into a vibrant work space has been made possible by many volunteers who assisted during the various working bees over that period. The Resource Centre is also the centre of the High Country Urban Biodiversity project that is implementing innovative change in the sustainable use of resources in the urban and peri-urban areas of the four local shires of Armidale, Uralla, Guyra and Walcha. This project has initiated a favourable change in sustainable resource use in energy, water and vegetation that will continue well into the future. Our challenge is to maintain this path after the close of the project in 2012. A special acknowledgement of the efforts of Jackie Bowe is well deserved not only for her work during the planning stage of this project but for her many years of commitment and hard work in the Landcare Community.

I thank the board for their commitment and contribution throughout the year; their ideas and enthusiasm have hugely contributed to the overall direction and smooth operation of Landcare. In particular, I thank both retiring directors Peter Lytton-Hitchins and Shane Andrews for their immense contribution throughout the years.

Our challenge for the future as an organization is not relying on our long standing presence of NRM in our area but continually adapting to change and meeting members expectations, drawing on the diversity of knowledge in our membership base and providing a fertile and positive environment where local ideas can grow into projects that provide favourable solutions to local problems.

The final acknowledgement must go the members. The quest for greater knowledge of our natural resource systems, the appreciation of biodiversity and the desire and passion to achieve favourable outcomes will always be the heart of Landcare organizations.

John Winter-Irving

Chairman

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Our **vision** is for a vibrant, socially and economically healthy community, existing in a healthy, productive and bio-diverse environment.

Our **Mission** is to foster community participation in sustainable natural resource management.