

# NRM Plan Project

NEWSLETTER 1

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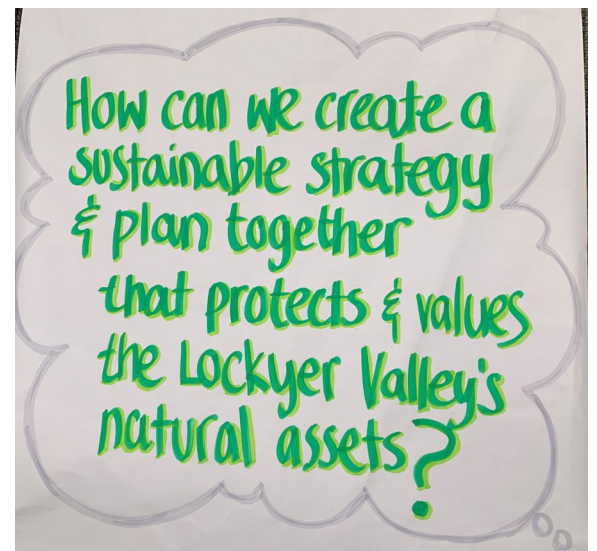
## LOCKYER VALLEY'S NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT WORKING GROUP

### WORKSHOP 1

#### PURPOSE

The purpose of Workshop 1 held on Tuesday 25 June from 5:30pm was for each of the NRM working group members to get to know each other and agree on the principles for how we will work together to achieve our goal of creating an NRM Strategy and NRM Plan that will protect and value our natural assets in the Lockyer Valley Region.

Mel Geltch (Campfire Co-op Ltd) and Renee Sternberg (LVRC Senior and Environmental Planner) were our facilitators.



#### CHECK-IN: Why does protecting and valuing the Lockyer Valley's natural assets really matter to you?

Although the group is extremely diverse, there was a common theme through the responses. "We live in paradise", "The Lockyer Valley is very diverse", "We want to protect it for our future generations".

- Can be stewards of the land and support others
- Can see the value of the land
- We are the caretakers of the land
- Environment needs to have a monetary value for it to be valued by everyone
- Preserving unique values and leaving legacy for future generations
- Help to make good decisions for the Lockyer Valley's future
- Be a voice for all non-human species
- Find sustainable business – hoping to make a difference
- Want to take back what we suggest implement in National Parks
- Protect threatened species

- If we have a plan, all work together and we have a planet for future generations
- Balance Business, Industry and environment so we can all work together
- If we're going to use it we need to look after it
- We live in paradise. Protect Biodiversity and Landscapes that flow into Moreton Bay.
- Protect and identify natural assets
- Lots of values in Lockyer Valley Region. These values need to be protected and managed sustainably
- One Earth - Needs to be looked after
- A shock how diverse and special biodiversity is here – I want to pass it on
- Would love for a framework to support this biodiversity
- Protecting Biodiversity – Balance between business and preserving environment
- Our weed ends up in our region – Want to develop a multi-day walk that would go through Lockyer Valley
- More sustainable management practices on the land
- New to the area – want to get off on the right foot with my farming practices
- What we have here (Water, Soil) – We want to pass on our place to our kids in a better state
- Strong conservationists and from farming background – balance and I want this place to be around for my kids
- Our future generations – I want my son to have a nice place to live and ensure farms are viable
- We're connected to everything – threats to our biodiversity – climate change, weeds and feral animals
- A happy balance between sustaining ecology and farming income streams
- Conservation of groundwater for irrigation and Global Warming. If we put these issues off it will be too late
- Really passionate about making a difference – excited about what we can create
- My interest has a horsey flavour
- My role eradicating rabbits here
- The whole planet needs to be protected

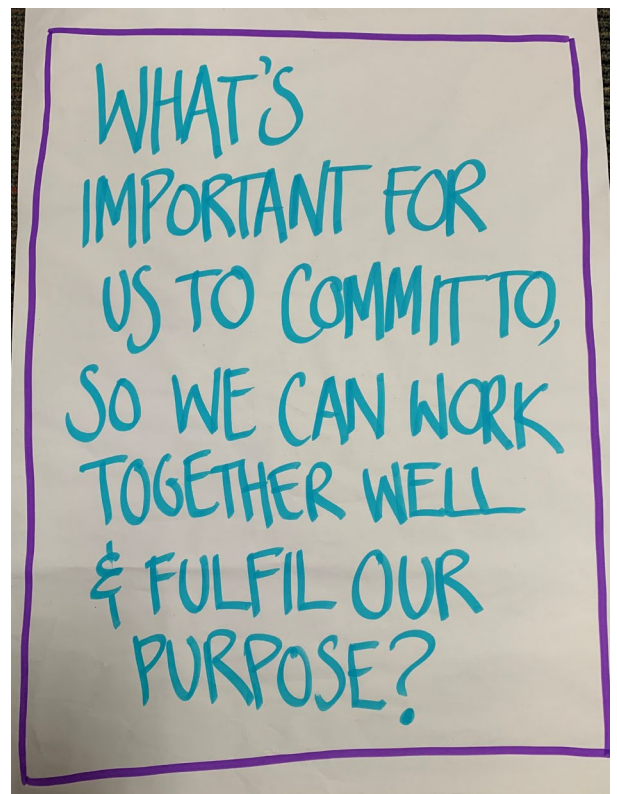


## NATURAL ASSETS

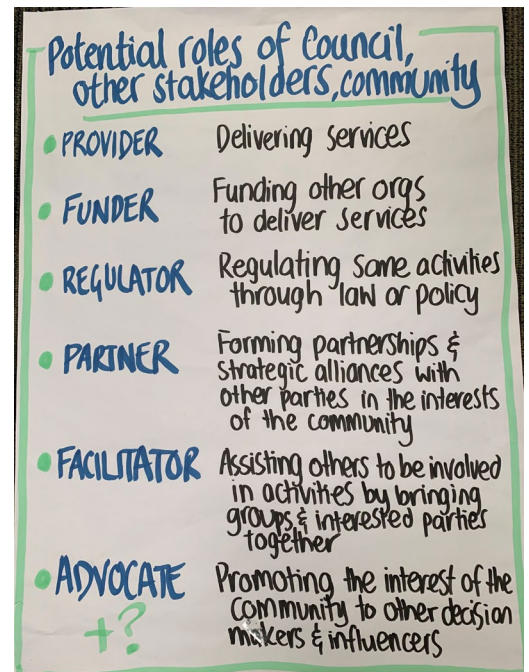
We collectively agreed to use the common language of **Natural Assets** rather than “Natural Resources” or “Natural Values” because this reflects what the [Lockyer – Our Valley, Our Vision: Community Plan 2017-2027](#) intended. It was also agreed that “Natural Assets” has a wider scope than “Natural Resources”. It is important to establish a shared language early in the process, as it not only helps the working group members communicate more effectively but it also demonstrates to the rest of the Community that we value Lockyer Valley’s natural assets because assets have a value.

## WORKING GROUP PRINCIPLES

We broke into groups of 4 to brainstorm what principles we felt were important to be able to effectively work together. These were stuck on the whiteboard and similar principles grouped together. Unfortunately, we ran out of time to pull them together into common statements, however the working group agreed for Renee to draft some principles and share them back to the group for comment and review.



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Below are all of the post-it notes created through the mini café session, grouped under headings which are being suggested as the NRM Working Group Principles. The items in orange have been added to the Terms of Reference Working Group Functions and the Item in Red is something that Renee will continue to pursue but also something for us to all keep in mind. The principles will form part of the NRM Working Group Terms of Reference which will be put to Council for adoption.

**We are respectful, listen consciously and with integrity**

Respect other thoughts and opinions

Respect  
Inclusivity

Respect

Treating others like you would like to be treated

Act with Integrity, trust the community

Understanding and respecting other knowledge.

Listen to other ideas. No judgement

Let the other person have a go

Be involved and committed to process

**We keep discussions relevant**

Keep discussions to "asset" systems and not personalise

Focus on one topic at a time

Maintain RELEVANCE in discussions is important if we maintain focus on purpose

**We collaborate by finding common ground and through compromise**

Compromise – Be prepared to give and take.

Negotiation

Make an effort to understand other people's perspectives

See others points of view

Find common ground and work forwards from there

Open collaboration (jigsaw, take the time to piece together all backgrounds)

Something for us to keep in mind throughout the process

Engagement from absent parties:  
  
Water resources, DNRM, Indigenous representatives, horticulture, town business, tourism

Compromise through Collaboration

Recognise Differences (and build understanding)

Be prepared to compromise

Always look for common ground to build consensus out of differences

Being decisive for future planning

**We are positive, open, adaptable and committed to the process**

Understand and accepting we are each on our own journey

Keeping a positive outlook that we can make a difference

Commit to outcome

Adapt to change

Be open minded

Look for positives in each others contributions

**We acknowledge the project limitations**

Acknowledge limitations on what can be achieved

Achievable task

Its okay to be idealistic but also be realistic

**Added to the Working Group Functions**

Fulfil our role of collecting and disseminating information from/to stakeholders

Promote Natural Assets as an Asset

No duplication

Sustainable Outcome

Make the process itself sustainable

## WHAT IS ONE THING YOU WILL TAKE WITH YOU?

- This group is going to work ok
- Diversity in Good-will
- Positivity
- Diverse representatives of varied communities agreeing to work together
- Excitement about the opportunities ahead
- We are a passionate group – we believe in our role
- It is going to be an interesting journey
- Fascinating community process
- Respect for difference – Clear enunciating of ideas
- Group commitment to outcomes
- How to hand-rear cattle
- Patience
- Patience
- The diversity of the group
- Contacts
- Diversity of the team – passion for a common cause from a range of backgrounds
- Generally broad and committed group or concerned people
- Collaboration in protecting our Natural assets for future generations
- Diverse and passionate community present
- The willingness and commitment of the group
- Community participation for NRM
- The Beginning
- Each voice matters
- Trust others
- That we have a wide pool of resources and experience in our group
- Not feeling so alone in saving the environment
- Passionate Group
- Council is endeavouring to listen
- Breadth of background and experiences of participants



## HOUSEKEEPING

It was agreed that email is the accepted method for Working Group correspondence except for those who don't have email for which correspondence will be posted.

It was agreed that the working group membership would not be confidential, as Working Group members need to be able to collect and disseminate information from/to their community.

## NEXT STEPS

Renee to collate Working Group principles, collate into “We” statements and send to the Working Group members within 1 week – enclosed in this newsletter and Draft Terms of Reference.

Working group members to review these principles and provide comments by **8:00am Tuesday 9 July** to fit into Council Reporting timeframes.

Terms of Reference for the NRM Working Group (containing the Working Group principles) to be taken to the July 24 Council Meeting.

NRM Strategy and Plan website to be updated to reflect where we are at.

NRM Working Group closed group website to be created where working group members can hold discussions, share information, knowledge and resources and upload and download information.

Due to the 7 September being National Threatened Species Day, a change of date for the 2<sup>nd</sup> NRM Working Group workshop (Establish NRM Assets, threats and Strategic Outcomes) was requested. The new date for Workshop 2 is **3 August 2019**. An invitation will be sent out including some questions to consider prior to the workshop.

A request was put up at the end of the Workshop if members require any information either prior to or at the next workshop? No requests were received but if you think of anything you think would help, please email Renee on [rsternberg@lvrc.qld.gov.au](mailto:rsternberg@lvrc.qld.gov.au) or call 5462 0355.

