

Bass Coast Landcare Network - Constitution Questions Answered.

WHY SHOULD I CARE WHAT IS IN A CONSTITUTION – I JUST WANT TO PLANT TREES

- Constitution safe guards the operations of the Network.
- If not managed correctly, following regulations, working well –the Network collapses, money for trees disappears.

WHO IS A MEMBER OF BCLN?

- All members of the Member Landcare Groups will be considered members of BCLN

WHO ARE THE MEMBER LANDCARE GROUPS?

- Anderson Inlet Landcare Group
- Bass Valley Landcare Group
- French Island Landcare Group
- Kongwak Hills Landcare Group
- Korumburra Landcare Group
- Phillip Island Landcare Group
- Powlett Project Landcare Group
- Three Creeks Landcare Group
- Wonthaggi Urban Landcare Group

DO I HAVE TO PAY A MEMBERSHIP FEE?

- To your group: Yes
- To BCLN: No

<https://www.basscoastlandcare.org.au/groupmap.html>

If you would like to join a group – look at the map and click on the group name below for more details and a membership form

I AM A MEMBER OF THE THREE CREEKS LANDCARE GROUPS – CAN I VOTE AT THE BCLN AGM?

Yes

WHAT DOES THE BCLN BOARD DO?

The BCLN Board has the ultimate responsibility for BCLN projects, funding and activities. It is assisted in fulfilling its responsibilities by the Network Coordinators and other Network managed staff.

There is the BCLN Board Handbook available on the BCLN website :

<https://www.basscoastlandcare.org.au/networkdocuments.html> It is a great resource and worth a look if you are thinking of joining the BCLN Board.

CAN I BECOME A MEMBER OF THE BCLN BOARD?

Yes – all members of a Landcare group in BCLN area are eligible for a position on the Board

- as your Landcare group rep or
- member of the executive at AGM

CAN I VOTE AT A MEETING VIA ZOOM?

Yes – a clause has been added to allow meetings to be held and voting to occur via technology.

WHO IS ON THE BCLN BOARD?

There is a rep from each Landcare Group in the BCLN area.

- Anderson Inlet Landcare Group: Daryl Hook
- Bass Valley Landcare Group: Jean Coffee
- French Island Landcare Group: Lynda Bowden
- Kongwak Hills Landcare Group: Vacant
- Korumburra Landcare Group: Don Creed
- Phillip Island Landcare Group: Mike Cleeland
- Powlett Project Landcare group Paul Speirs
- Three Creeks Landcare Group: Ray Kirk
- Wonthaggi Urban Landcare Group: Vacant

And an executive who are elected annually at the AGM

- Chair: Ric Oldham (Bass Valley Landcare Group)
- Vic Chair: Bret Dodd (Three Creeks Landcare Group)
- Treasurer: Roger Lee (Three Creeks Landcare Group)
- Secretary: Anna Gloria (Three Creeks Landcare Group)

WHO CAN BE A BOARD MEMBER?

To be eligible to be a BCLN Board member you must be a member of a BCLN Member Group.

HOW LONG CAN I BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD?

- No individual Board member shall hold more than 5 consecutive terms in the one executive position on the Board.
- There is no limit on how long a Group rep can be on the Board

The difference of limits allows for a change over of the executive so that changes can occur, new people and new ideas. The no limit on the group reps allows for the some continuity and for the passionate people at a group level to remain on the Board.

CAN ANYONE ELSE ATTEND BOARD MEETINGS?

- Not everyone who attends a board meeting is a member of the board. BCLN paid staff, the senior EGM, for example, is likely to attend board meetings (or at least part of them).
- Landcare members are encouraged to attend Board meetings, - you just have to let the Executive General Manager know before hand and if you want to raise any specific issue.
- Non Board members don't have voting rights at the Board meeting.

CAN I JUST BECOME A MEMBER OF BCLN DIRECTLY?

- No, you must join a local Landcare group to be a member of BCLN

WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE BOARD?

- The Board is responsible for providing strategic leadership and direction to BCLN. It also bears ultimate legal responsibility.
- The BCLN Board delegate some of their responsibilities to staff and / or volunteers. However, there are some things that are usually reserved for the board such as appointing the most senior staff members (for example, Executive General Manager), developing (or at least approving) a strategic plan, considering how organisational risks should be managed and calling meetings of the BCLN's members.

WHAT IF I WANT TO KNOW MORE?

Website: <https://www.basscoastlandcare.org.au/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BassCoastLandcareNetwork>