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2011 President's Report

I am delivering this report due to the sad loss our chairman, Mr John Winter- Irving. John was a dedicated and well respected member of landcare and the Southern New England Landcare Board. He will be sadly missed.

Southern New England Landcare again was involved in a large number of programs throughout 2010-11, partnering the community, private service providers and different levels of government to achieve outcomes in education, and natural resource management. Southern New England Landcare hosted the Regional Landcare Adventure in April, which brought people from all over the region to Guyra for two days of education, network building, and regional awards. Landcarers of our region were well represented at the NSW State Landcare Awards, as part of the state landcare forum held in Parkes in September. Special recognition should be given to the Balala- Brushgrove landcare group who took out the state Community Group Award.

The landcare community resource centre has become an invaluable asset to landcare in our region. The centre which has been made possible with the financial assistance of Armidale Dumaresq Council is home to our dedicated team of staff and volunteers. Thank you needs to be given to our office manager Lucy Chapman, and CSO's Bec Ballard and Alice Devlin for their tireless commitment throughout the year.

Much of Southern New England Landcare's focus has been on the Urban Sustainability Project (USP) covering the four local government area of the region. The project is nearing the end of its three year term and has been extremely beneficial in the planning and implementation of several natural resource projects within the urban areas of these four communities. Thank you to Dave Carr, project manager, and his staff – Nick Cobcroft, Brenda Shepherd and Ellen Nyberg, and the volunteers which have made this project possible.

I would also like to acknowledge our Board, and our Executive Officer Sonia Williams for their time and commitment in overseeing the operations of the organisation. Their passion and commitment to landcare has made Southern New England Landcare the successful organisation which it is today.

Landcare has always been seen as a grassroots community organisation, so a special thanks must go to the members and volunteers that make the organisation and its outcomes an important part of our landscape and community.

Steve Harvey
(Acting President)

*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.*