



# Regional Landcare Coordinator Update

**INTRODUCING  
THE REGIONAL  
LANDCARE  
COORDINATOR  
(RLC) -  
SHELLEY  
MCDOUALL**

**WHAT DOES  
AN RLC DO?**

In March this year, I was excited to be given the opportunity of being the Regional Landcare Coordinator for the North West Region of NSW. I was previously a Local Landcare Coordinator for 8 years, before moving into the Regional role in March this year.

I am married to a 5th Generation cattle producer, and lives with husband and daughter in the productive Horton Valley.

As a local Coordinator, I enjoyed helping landholders on their regenerative farming path through developing new farmer groups and assisting existing farmer groups to source funding and knowledge, as well as seeing tangible results in the landscape from the work Landcare does through our threatened species projects, revegetation and building community networks.

As the Regional Landcare Coordinator, I am responsible for creating partnerships with regional organisations to increase awareness and raise the profile of Landcare in the North West Region - an area of over 88,000 km<sup>2</sup> and incorporating 7 Local Government areas - Gunnedah, Gwydir, Liverpool Plains, Moree Plains, Narrabri, Tamworth and Walgett. I will also seek to increase funding through the North West Regional Landcarers to facilitate regional projects both current and future, and to ensure that partnerships are established and maintained with Landcare's broad range of regional stakeholders.

I work with the Local Landcare Coordinators, Project Managers, Landcare groups and networks and organisations across the whole of the North West Region, to participate in Landcare activities, to partner with Local Land Services and to deliver on the target outcomes of the LP3 - NSW Landcare Program, which are as follows:

- strengthening the capacity of Landcarers which will result in effective, efficient support to Landcare volunteers, farmers and the community
- ensuring effective collaboration and partnerships between Landcare groups, Local Land Services, other government agencies and Landcare NSW
- leveraging funding opportunities to maximise socio-economic and environmental outcomes.

*From December, I will be introducing a monthly "What's on around the region" calendar. So make sure you get in touch to let me know of any events which you feel should be included in the calendar - [smcdouall@nsla.net.au](mailto:smcdouall@nsla.net.au) 0474 887 982*

