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Australian Landcare International (ALI) is an incorporated, not-for-profit organisation whose aim is to assist other countries to manage their natural resources using a Landcare approach.



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President's message.

In April, the Australian Government gave us tax-deductibility status for donations to ALI to support our overseas projects. This should be a great step to increasing our work in Asia, Africa and the South Pacific to foster community-based Landcare projects to improve both food security and conservation practices. Since our Overseas Landcare Fund was formed nearly 4 years ago, we have raised over \$22 000 for 35 projects in 14 countries.

We all know of Landcare's outstanding success in Australia these last three decades empowering communities to restore regional environments, promoting more sustainable land management and facilitating co-operation to reduce the impacts of climate change.

Of late, however, a vital new role has emerged – acting as the community's cornerstone after major disasters such as fire, flood and cyclones. And building resilience in the face of climate change.

Since Australian Landcare International (ALI) formed almost ten years ago it has carried out training activities in Uganda, Malawi, Zambia, Tonga, Fiji, NZ and Jamaica, in partnership variously with Crawford Fund, ACIAR, World Agroforestry Center, Rotary, NZ Landcare Trust and Wolverhampton-Hanover Link. It sent a dozen Australian Landcarers overseas between 2008-13 on study tours, thanks to generous donors. Some four years ago, ALI also fostered an exchange between farmers from Mindanao and Java to share ideas on contour-based cropping on steep erodible land.

Our next big event will be fascinating. We are sponsoring in Nagoya, with our

Japanese counterpart SPELJ and Nanzan University's Institute for Social Ethics, the first overseas gathering of Landcare academics and practitioners to discuss theories, practice and pragmatics of Landcare, localism, self-reliance, sustainability, rural and regional resilience and post-emergency and disaster recovery, for application globally. Speakers to date are coming from Japan, Iceland, USA and Australia. Further details are available in this newsletter.

Finally, I have been on leave all year following an operation from which I am recovering very well. The ALI committee has rallied and kept the show on the road. Many thanks, team.

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Have you checked out the ALI website and Facebook recently?

Andrea Mason and Paula Havelberg have been keeping our Facebook and website information up to date. Their comments and lots of photos are great.



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And for Twitter fans



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International Forestry Day celebrated in Nigeria.

Landcare Nigeria based at the Tropical Research and Conservation Centre observed the 2017 International Day of Forests Celebration on 21 March, 2017. It was held in one of the Landcare communities, Ikot Uso Akpan community in the Itu Local Government Area. This is where **Sclater's guenon**, an endemic Nigerian monkey species is found.

Mr Ikponke Nkanta, who has worked with ALI on several OLF projects, gave a speech in which he outlined the purpose of International Forestry Day. It is a day set aside by the United Nations to celebrate and promote forest preservation worldwide. He appreciated the efforts of Landcare in helping communities to manage and conserve their forest resources.



The event featured a workshop, folk songs by village women, a play from University of Uyo Theatre Arts students, dances and plays by school children and youth groups, and a forest conservation award. Present at the event were pupils,

villagers, women's groups, men, youths, teachers, students from the University of Uyo.

A key note address was presented by a conservation scientist from University of Uyo, who in his speech pointed out some benefits derived from forest and why they should be conserved for continuous benefits. The paramount ruler, Nsobom (Engr) Ekanen Udofia also called for the planting of trees and appealed for the preservation of forests, while the government representative, a Deputy-Director in the Ministry of Environment and Mineral Resources, Mr. Christian Udoumoh also appeal for the need to preserve the forest. He called for :

- Increased/continuous awareness on the needs for forest conservation.
- Increased community support for forest conservation.
- Sharing of ideas on forests.

Landcare research conference in Japan in November.

The last International Landcare Conference was held in Melbourne in 2006 – more than 10 years ago. It is definitely time for another and it is to be in Japan on November 5-8th this year. And there is no conference fee!

In recent years there has been quite a few graduate students who have been looking at various aspects of Landcare, both in Australia and its relevance to other countries. The Japan conference

will provide an opportunity to discuss the outcomes of these studies.



Nagoya in Autumn

The conference will have a focus on Landcare research – social science, community development, practical outcomes and policy and funding impacts. It will be an international conference, all in English, at the Nanzan University in Nagoya, about half way between Tokyo and Osaka in central Japan. It's title is ***Global resilience through local self-reliance - the Landcare model***. It is felt that there are lots of lessons, experience and information about Landcare development and operations in a number of countries now and spreading that information

The Nanzan University Institute for Social Ethics and SPELTJ (who promote Landcare in Japan) are organising the conference, along with ALI and others. As the conference will be on the university campus, charges are reasonable for accommodation (less than \$100 per night), meals (about \$40/day).

November is a great time to visit Japan, with its beautiful autumnal landscapes and cool clear weather.

Dr Mick Seigel and his team have lined up some international speakers including Prof Andrew Campbell, formerly of Charles Darwin University and now head of the Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research. Andrew was the first National Landcare Coordinator nearly 30 years ago. Other speakers include Dr Joseph Runzo-Inada, Dr Tomomi Maekawa and Dr Kazuki Kagohashi (all of Japan), Prof Yvonne Everett (USA), Dr Nick Edgar (New Zealand), Gudmundur Ingi Gudbrandsson and Dr Andres Arnalds (both of Iceland) and Megan Rowlett, Dr Paul Martin, Dr Lisa Robins, Prof Stewart Lockie, Andrea Mason, Jen Quealy, Dr Kaye Rodden and Dr Ross Colliver (all of Australia)

Further information available from <http://resiliencestudies.com/landcare-conference2017/> or from ALLI at - robmyoul@gmail.com

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Timor Leste projects continue to help local communities.

ALLI has been working with the small local NGO, IMI, in the Gleno area of Timor Leste for some time. The emphasis has been on reducing the

extensive soil erosion in some areas and the replacement of some degraded areas of hillside with food and timber trees for local consumption.



Clearing and planting on steep slopes.

After a small ALLI grant from one of our donors, the program manager of IMI, Leo Soares, wrote the following as part of his report on the project.

“Through the kind support from Australia Landcare International (ALI), IMI has planted various plants in two hectare of community land in Fatuquero village.

This project aims to conserve a water spring and also enhancing the knowledge and conscious of the local community in order to protecting their local environment. In addition, this project is trying to introduce agro-forestry on uplands as a new system to change the traditional farming system.

We would like to thank you for your kind assistance; although small, the funding produced good results to change local people’s behaviour and culture of farming. “

Membership renewals

The new financial year brings with it the time for ALI members to renew and to help us to improve our various programs. And thanks to our existing members, we continue to break new ground.

ALI membership is still only \$20 per annum and free for students and under 25s. Landcare groups pay \$40 per year. Membership helps us with funds for doing all those little but important things that keep our not-for-profit organisation ticking over. Some members and committee give much more through their donations of time and paying various costs out of their own pocket. Thanks for that .

Membership also allows us to present a case to donors and government that ALI is a significant organisation doing worthwhile things with overseas communities.

We are always happy to see new members supporting ALI. We now have more than 60 members on our books and would love to have more. If you know of anyone who would be interested in what we do, please mention ALI to them.



Another great cartoon by Judy Horacek

Make a tax-deductible donation to the Overseas Landcare Fund and help get projects up and running. We currently have projects awaiting funding.

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Become a member of ALI. Your membership helps ALI keep up with what is happening globally and supports our website and other office costs.

THE BENEFITS OF ALI MEMBERSHIP

- Using your Landcare experience to assist overseas groups
- Overseas contacts for future travel
- Developing links with possible sister groups overseas
- Being part of a world-wide movement for land, biodiversity and community improvement
- Regular e-newsletter on overseas Landcare developments

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

Student or under 25	Free
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Landcare or community group	\$40

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