Cherie White

Australian Government Landcare Facilitator or Coordinator Award

For nearly twenty years, Cherie White has been supporting landholders, the Landcare community and regional organisations to engage and implement sustainable land management practices. She has motivated farmers to make informed decisions and has supported them whilst implementing these changes. She has empowered, rejuvenated and supported Landcare groups to undertake ambitious yet integrated natural resource management projects which has led to noticeable improvements in our landscape. She has been responsible for the facilitation, delivery and monitoring of a number of on ground projects throughout the Riverina region. Through all her work and through her commitment and dedication to the local area, Cherie has secured well over $1,000,000 of investment in natural resource activities for the local community.

Cherie is widely respected which has ensured a good working relationship between regional organisations, researchers and extension officers. She continuously explores new avenues for bringing people together who can share knowledge and ideas. This facilitation between all stakeholders makes certain that awareness of natural resource management filters down to farmers and land managers to ensure its successful implementation for sustainable productivity. Cherie’s particular passions lie in helping farmers work together to improve areas across property boundaries and also to encourage them to use natural resource projects to better their farm management.

Coffs Harbour Regional Landcare

Coastcare Award

Coffs Harbour Regional Landcare is an active and vibrant landcare network which was incorporated in 1998 and currently has a membership of over 300 active volunteers, organised in 40 sites and groups. 25 of these work sites are on the coast, on beaches and headlands in the Coffs Coast Regional Park and at Council-managed coastal reserves.

Coffs Harbour Regional Landcare is the network that organises this volunteer workforce and liaises with public land managers on the practices and provisions for this enormous human resource.