

"WORKING TOGETHER": BREAKING THE BARRIERS BETWEEN LANDCARE IN NSW AND FIRST NATIONS PEOPLES: RECOGNITION, VALUE, COLLABORATION

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#### RECOGNITION = PROFILE





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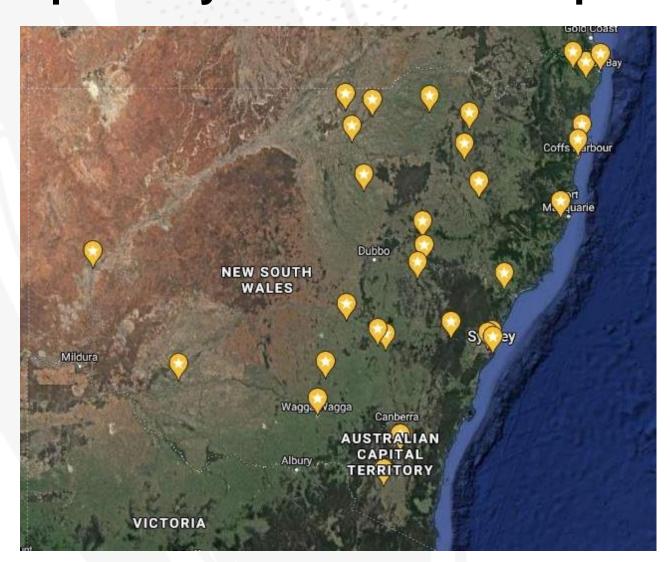
- create interest;
- start conversations;
- encourage collaboration; and
- instil a sense of pride within Aboriginal and Landcare communities.



#### VALUE = LEVERAGING

#### "Working Together" Small Grants Program

- · <\$2,000
- Opened November 2020
- Closed 30 April 2021 (6 months)
- 41 applications received across NSW
- 36 approved grants
- Total expenditure of nearly \$70,000 (\$20,000 over budget).
- Ten (10) were Aboriginal groups
- Four (4) were Aboriginal groups being auspiced by a Landcare Group.



















# CONSULTATION == COLLABORATION





Our First Nations people are the <u>original landcarers</u> and stewards of our land and sea country! How and why did our First Nations get left behind from the start?

### MY TIPS...

Aboriginal people will immediately see straight through any lack of authenticity or self interest, and may avoid engaging with Landcare in a meaningful way. Be genuine, open and honest - it may take time and you may get tested – it requires resilience and persistence!

So often I hear the stereotype 'Why can't Aboriginal people just get their act together?' But couldn't the Aboriginal people who get approached by numerous different Landcare people (all representing their own 'patch') also rightly be saying 'Why can't these Landcare fulla's get their act together?'

Demonstrate to Aboriginal people that Landcare <u>values</u> respectful interpersonal <u>relationships</u> and open <u>collaboration</u> across Landcare networks on local, regional, State/Territory and NATIONAL scale. Aboriginal people are people people – its all about relationships first and foremost.

## QUESTIONS

# How Culturally Appropriate and Inclusive are YOUR PROGRAMS??

