



**INNOVATE TO
REGENERATE**



LOCAL LEARNING LABS



Every great idea starts somewhere.

ARE YOU READY TO REGENERATE?

Do you have an impactful idea, project or business that could regenerate your community? Are you looking to connect with enterprising, like-minded people?

WWF-Australia has partnered with Regen Studios, The Australian Centre for Social Innovation (TACSI) and local hosts to work with communities around Australia.

We're ready to help regenerate communities by supporting local early-stage ideas, projects and enterprises that benefit people, nature and the economy.

WHAT'S A LOCAL LEARNING LAB?

A Local Learning Lab is a 2-day workshop designed to support the development of regional regeneration and entrepreneurship. The Labs bring together individuals, small-to-medium-sized enterprises, local partners and industry experts to provide support for ideas, projects and businesses that have the potential to bring social, environmental and economic benefits to the region.

We don't need to choose between a healthy environment and a thriving economy. Through the labs, we hope to develop regional and national networks of communities, businesses and experts working together to Regenerate Australia.



We acknowledge the traditional custodians and owners of the lands in which we work and live on across Australia. We pay our respects to Elders of the past and present. We are committed to collaboration that furthers self-determination and creates a better future for all.

DURING THE LAB, YOU WILL:

- Progress your ideas for regenerative solutions and enterprises, including finding the right business models.
- Grow knowledge, skills and ways to take action within your community.
- Link with regional partners ready to support businesses and community groups.
- Connect and collaborate with 'regenerators' across your community.
- Build capabilities to regenerate your region.
- Strengthen regional entrepreneurship.
- Join Australia's growing community of regenerators.
- Help Regenerate Australia.

'Regeneration recognises that human and planetary health are deeply interwoven, and actively seeks to enable the flourishing of human and non-human life, on an ongoing basis, forever.'

– Regenerative Songlines



Walking on Country with Aunty Trish Ellis of Minga Aboriginal Cultural Services and Adam Nye from Muladha Gamara, as part of the Eurobodalla Local Learning Labs, June 2022.

WHAT'S ON OFFER?

We want to ensure that regenerative projects have the connections and resources they need to thrive.

At The Lab, you'll have the opportunity to connect with fellow regenerators and entrepreneurs within your community, as well as industry experts eager to share their knowledge. Our goal is to provide you with the expertise and support you need to bring your ideas to life while maximising your positive impact on your local economy, community and environment.

WWF-Australia and partners are committed to providing funding and resources for communities eager to maintain the momentum and connections developed during their Local Learning Lab.

WHAT ARE WE LOOKING FOR?

Your idea might relate to biodiversity, agriculture, tourism, energy, waste, education, democracy, transport, water, art, Indigenous-led enterprise, wellbeing – almost anything! The most important thing is that what you propose is regenerative.

We want to grow local economies through entrepreneurship that is connected to people and nature and embedded in the community.

We're especially interested in ideas and projects that are still at a local scale and have the potential and the desire to grow.

Regeneration brings vitality and renewed growth to the community and to our ecosystems – putting life, reciprocity and connection at the centre of every decision we make.



'Our current economic system is degenerative and extractive; it steals the future. A regeneratively designed system heals the future.'

– Damon Gameau, film writer/director, author and activist.
Co-Founder & Creative Director, Regen Studios.

WHO CAN ATTEND?

To ensure a healthy future for people and nature, we all need to work together to Regenerate Australia, so we hope to see Australians from all walks of life at our Local Learning Labs.

We'll be focusing on ideas and enterprises relevant to the region, and are especially interested in Indigenous-led enterprises, ideas driven by young regenerators, and ideas that amplify Indigenous Ecological Knowledge.



ADELAIDE HILLS AND FLEURIEU LOCAL LEARNING LAB

When: Saturday 5 - Sunday 6 November

Location: On Peramangk Country. Laratinga Pavilion, 100 Springs Road, Mount Barker

Registration closes: Monday 24 October

Participation confirmed: Wednesday 26 October

About the Lab: We're partnering with local hosts, Ecocreative and Mount Barker District Council, to support local regenerative enterprises at the Adelaide Hills and Fleurieu Local Learning Lab.

The Lab will have space for up to 25 enterprising from the Adelaide Hills and Fleurieu region (including Kangaroo Island).

Local regenerators will work with a team of expert innovators in the commercial, social and government sectors. Together, we'll clarify and refine your idea through the lens of regeneration, explore business models and develop next steps.

Register your interest here 

Registering your interest does not confirm your attendance. We'll reach out to advise on Lab participation and alternative opportunities on Wednesday 26 October.



WHAT TO EXPECT

6pm - 8pm, Friday 4 November – Join us for a local gathering, something to eat and a screening of *Regenerating Australia*. Open to friends and family.



9am - 5pm, Saturday 5 and Sunday 6 November – Together, we'll work through workshop exercises designed to support and develop regenerative ideas and initiatives within your community. We'll also enjoy local food, drink and natural spaces, of course!

After the Lab, you will also have the opportunity to:

- Attend follow-up mentoring sessions.
- Participate in other activities within WWF-Australia's Innovate to Regenerate program.

'It doesn't matter if your regenerative idea is a seed, seedling or sapling. We're ready to nourish an enterprising community right where the ideas are taking root.'

– Matthew Wright-Simon, Ecocreative

FAQs

Who organises the Local Learning Labs?

The Lab experience is fully funded and made possible by WWF-Australia and is an important part of our bold vision to Regenerate Australia. We're partnering with TACSI, Regen Studios, Ecocreative and Mount Barker District Council to bring you the Adelaide Hills and Fleurieu Region Local Learning Lab.

What resources are available to make The Labs accessible?

We want to ensure that the Local Learning Labs are open to all! We're committed to making our events as accessible as possible, and we're open to reimbursing travel and childcare costs should this support your participation.

In the registration form, you'll have the opportunity to outline any accessibility requirements and to request financial support. [Click here to register today!](#)

What kind of funding will be available?

WWF-Australia is committing up to \$12K in funding for communities eager to maintain the momentum and connections developed during their Local Learning Lab. We're also seeking additional regional funding and support. More information about this funding and how it can support your community will be shared at The Lab.

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