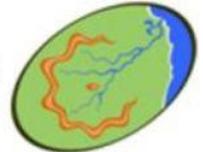


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October

Saturday 8	Linking the Landscape workshop, Murwillumbah
Saturday 8	Gold Coast Landcare Forum, Robina
Sunday 16	Big Scrub Rainforest Day, Rocky Creek Dam
Thursday 20	Beach-nesting Birds workshop, Hastings Point
Wednesday 26	Tweed Landcare meeting, Murwillumbah
Sunday 30	Glossy Black Cockatoo Birding Day

Spring is here and it's the time when some of our worst weeds really make a show.

The new flush of Camphor laurel and flowers of Small-leaved privet, Giant devil's fig and Cat's claw creeper make them all very noticeable and ready to control.



Tweed Landcare meeting

The next Tweed Landcare meeting is Wednesday 26 October, 6.00 pm at the Murwillumbah Services Club meeting room.

We will now have a session at the start of each meeting for members to raise issues or projects. Please email to Secretary franohara590@gmail.com with agenda items. Everyone welcome.

Chairperson's report

At Seagulls this year's annual 'Living for the Future' Home Expo 'all you need to know to make smart living choices in the Tweed' was well attended with several new members joining or renewing TLI membership. There was a wide range of ecologically responsible products and community groups and a high level of participation from our local council.

The day's tree planting event was executed by a core group of preteen Landcarers and their guardians. Seagulls are discussing providing resources to Tweed Landcare to support environmental projects, more information will be announced as it is developed.

The Annual Regional Landcare Gathering will be attended by TLI volunteers and staff, 17-19 October at Coffs Harbour. Where we will represent local conditions and issues to the boarder Natural Resource management bodies in the Northern Rivers region. A region wide discussion will be held on "Corridors" projects that are active in our Shire and how to link this to similar action across the region. The Landcare Officer and Co-ordinator will represent the issues and concerns of the local Landcare Groups.

TLI remains current in trends and outlines of present and future support available for environmental projects. Assisting local governance bodies with feedback from members representing the many and varied environmental ecosystems that grace the Tweed Shire is a primary role for TLI. Please encourage individual TLI membership – the larger the membership the louder the voice for the local environment.

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Gold Coast Landcare Forum

When: Saturday 8 October, 8.30am – 3.30pm

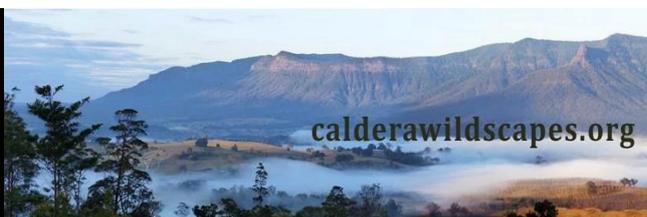
Where: Robina Community Centre

Are you interested in discovering all things native from plants to animals to help Gold Coast's environment flourish and meet like-minded people who are making a difference? The Gold Coast Catchment Association will be hosting the Gold Coast Landcare Forum on Saturday 8th October.

The one day free forum is open to anyone who is eager to go native for the protection and conservation of Gold Coast's natural areas and waterways, and discover the vast array of opportunities available to get involved and care for the environment with Landcare.

For more details and to register, visit: <http://goldcoastcatchments.org/gold-coast-landcare-forum/>

Caldera Art has a new website to showcase the work of Caldera Artists and encourage people to visit the magnificent places that inspire these artists.
calderawildscapes.org



Linking the Landscape



When: Saturday 8 October, 1pm – 3.30pm

Where: Canvas and Kettle Room, Murwillumbah Civic Centre

Current trends to connect threatened species through a network of wildlife corridors

The concept of establishing and protecting wildlife corridors across the landscape has been recognised by both ecologists and land managers as a key conservation strategy for a number of decades. But what is an effective corridor and how can corridors be designed and managed to allow native fauna and threatened species to move safely, find food, shelter and importantly a mate to maintain their populations?

These questions will be addressed at a **free workshop** with talks from experts in wildlife corridor connectivity and threatened species recovery. The keynote speaker at the workshop will be David Milledge, an eminent local wildlife ecologist who has extensive field experience over four decades in eastern Australia, specialising in forest and woodland ecosystems and concentrating on endangered native vertebrate animal species.

David will talk about the wildlife corridor system developed for application at the local government level in north-eastern NSW. The value of wildlife corridors will be discussed and impacts to declining local mammal species with fragmented population currently on an extinction trajectory, where provision of corridors is crucial for its survival.

Collaboration and partnerships is a big part of successful projects these days. Landcare works together with other organisations to use best practice and achieve cost effective on-ground outcomes. A number of other presentations from key project management organisations and groups will outline the current corridor and connectivity projects.

Jen Atkins, Acting Area Manager National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) will give an update of the NSW Government's Saving Our Species (SOS) Program for threatened species recovery, the SOS Landscape Species Strategy and what's happening in Tweed. The Office of Environment and Heritage and NPWS are delivering a range of projects on private lands and in National Parks and Nature Reserves, John Nagle, Senior Land Services Officer with North Coast Local Land Services will talk about the Northern Corridor Connections Project and how it is working with landowners, Landcare and indigenous groups and local government across regional corridors. The project is funded through the Catchment Action NSW Program and the National Landcare Program.

Michael Corke, Biodiversity Project Officer with Tweed Shire Council and Amalia Pahlow, Tweed Landcare Coordinator will provide a snapshot of the many projects supported by the NSW Environmental Trust and other initiatives to connect biodiversity across the Tweed from the coast to the hinterland.

Whether you're a community member, landholder, land manager or professional working in the environment restoration industry, there is something to learn at the workshop. For anyone interested in threatened species recovery and habitat connectivity this is an event not to be missed.

Afternoon tea is provided and bookings are essential to Jude Mason on 02 6670 2199 or landcareofficer@tweed.nsw.gov.au

Big Scrub Rainforest Day

When: Sunday 16 October, 6am – 4pm

Where: Rocky Creek Dam

Established in 1999 and held every year since, the Big Scrub Rainforest Day is recognised both regionally and nationally as one of Australia's premier annual Landcare community engagement and education events. We celebrate community involvement in the ecological restoration of the Big Scrub Rainforest through a fascinating festival program focusing on ecology, science and the environment.



The 2016 Big Scrub Rainforest Day is going to be our most successful to date. Iconic Environmentalist Bob Brown will be our keynote speaker and as with previous years the program will see some of Australia's leading ecologists, rainforest regenerators, naturalists, scientists and other professionals sharing their expertise through presentations, practical workshops and ecological walks and talks. The event will provide activities for the whole community including food, entertainment and a wide range of business festival stalls and family activities.

Presented by the Big Scrub Rainforest Landcare Group and Rous Water with the support of our sponsors within local and regional community organisations, Landcare groups, local government, local businesses and state government agencies.

More info and program here: [Big Scrub Rainforest Day program](#).

Beach-nesting Birds workshop

When: Thursday 20 October, 9.30am – 4.30pm (morning tea on arrival for 10am start)

Where: North Star Caravan Park – Conference Room. 1 Tweed Coast Road, Hastings Point.

BirdLife Northern Rivers would like to invite you to a workshop where you can learn more about Australia's Beach-nesting Birds (BNB), the threats they are facing across Australia and how these are being tackled. A guest speaker will talk about the issues faced by beach-nesters on the coasts of Northern NSW and work being done to tackle these. All are welcome!

Improving the conservation outlook for beach-nesting shorebirds is incredibly challenging given these birds nest in habitats so popular for human recreation. Hear from BirdLife Australia's Beach-nesting Birds staff on the threats faced by resident beach-nesting shorebirds on Australia's coasts; efforts to improve their breeding success and ways to engage schools and the broader community in conservation.

Indoor session: 10:00am – 3:30pm Beach-nesting bird presentations and discussion. Morning tea and lunch provided - Please let us know if you have any special dietary requirements

Outdoor session: 3:30pm to 4:30pm beach visit

Bring along: Binoculars if you have them, sturdy footwear, hat/sunscreen/raincoat (depending on the weather!)

RSVP by Monday 17th October. Renee Mead on 03 9347 0757 or renee.mead@birdlife.org.au
Or further info: Linda Brannian, Convenor – BirdLife Northern Rivers on 0409 833 888

Glossy Black Cockatoo Birding Day

When: Sunday 30 October

The Glossy Black Conservancy is excited to announce that our Glossy Black-Cockatoo Birding Day is on again this 30th October! This citizen science event has been running for 7 years now and we're hoping to make this year the best yet.

This year, in addition to searching for birds and their feeding signs, volunteers have the option to "stake-out" a known watering location to record details of birds coming to drink in the afternoon.

If you're interested in helping to further our understanding of the ecology of this iconic bird, get in touch to sign up for this year's survey, or to get more information. As always, some fantastic lucky-draw prizes are up for grabs.



Email Marama Hopkins at mhopkins@tweed.nsw.gov.au or call 02 6670 2787.

Friends of Cudgen Nature Reserve

Friends of Cudgen Nature Reserve were fortunate enough to receive a \$600 grant from Tweed Landcare to purchase 230 coastal and littoral rainforest plants to fill a gap at one of their work sites. The site is open Coastal Banksia woodland at Cudgen Nature Reserve.

On 28th July thirty five students and three teachers from Mt St Patrick College Environment Group and the Earth and Environment class walked from Bogangar along the beach to the planting site. Members of FCNR had prepared the site by spraying out weedy grasses and augering the holes. The students had a briefing about our group and the need to plant at this site as no natural regeneration had occurred due to a carpet of dense grasses. The briefing was followed by a demonstration on the planting technique to be used in the sandy soils.

The students formed into groups of two or three and were enthusiastically off and planting. Before long the 230 plants were in the ground having had water crystals, fertilizer and a good watering.

The group of students were fantastic and we would like to make this an annual event.

Thanks to Tweed Landcare for the grant (through sponsorship from Stroud Homes Northern Rivers) and Mt St Patrick College teachers and students who came along and planted the trees.



Students get the run down on the planting



Students busy planting

Free Holistic Management TAFE Course

When: Starts Tuesday 25 October

Where: Lismore TAFE

TAFE Western are running a FREE Holistic Management training course starting in October. This includes all materials, 12 days of training, a learning manual, the Holistic Management text book, 15 set of CDs and the handbook, as well as teas during the training.

This amazing price will not survive government funding cuts, so this is a great time to do the course. The Training is structure around 8 two-day sessions, 4 to 6 weeks apart.

Outcomes from the course will be a sound understanding the holistic nature of our environment, how to make decisions that are simultaneously socially, environmentally and financially sound, an deep understanding of using animals as a tool to improve environmental health and the Holistic Grazing planning process. A deep understanding of the Holistic Financial planning process and a financial plan for yourself and your business. better time management and communication skills.

More information at <http://www.insideoutsidemgt.com.au/>. To register or find out more, contact Brian Wehlburg on 0408 704 431 or brian@insideoutsidemgt.com.au

Sustaining Landcare: The Landcare Trust Project

As part of the Local Landcare Coordinator Initiative (funded from 2015 -2019), the NSW Government has tasked Landcare NSW to identify options to diversify its revenue base in order to fund the local coordinators and Landcare support services when the current program finishes in June 2019. The purpose of the Landcare Trust Project is to fund Landcare support services, not on-ground projects.



The target is to replace the annual \$3.5 million funding to continue the Landcare support program from July 2019, while ensuring the necessary infrastructure is also developed for Landcare NSW to support this initiative.

Stage 1 of the Landcare Trust Project has valued the guidance of a project Steering Committee comprising Landcare NSW Executive, senior government, and commercial experience. Along with input from the Landcare community, Landcare NSW Council, Landcare NSW Executive and LLS/LNSW Joint Management Committee, the project has developed the draft Funding Model for consideration.

The Proposed Model

The consultation process with the Landcare community showed support for development of new funding sources in addition to ongoing involvement of Government. The funding model was presented at the LNSW Council meeting and endorsed.

The model proposes Landcare NSW focus on generating new funding sources independent of government, working to become self-reliant by 2019. Once this goal is achieved, the model suggests government funding be contributed on a dollar-for-dollar matching, to support the growth and development to enhance the network of volunteer support.

To generate a minimum of \$3.75m per year (needed to cover the current investment in Local Landcare Coordinators and their operation) requires significant organisational growth for Landcare NSW. Significant new revenue streams will be required, most particularly the introduction of a wide range of new membership packages. Landcare NSW will also be looking to philanthropic contributions and will seek to partner with government to support long-term growth.

Land Use in Rural Zones

The University of Newcastle and the NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) are undertaking a research project that investigates land use within rural zones in the Tweed Shire.



The research provides a unique opportunity to local landholders to share your experience of land use practices and the challenges you face in managing your property.

We are seeking individuals from the Tweed Shire who own and/or manage a land holding in a rural zone to participate in an online survey and/or interview. Participants must be over 18 and proficient in English.

Participation is sought from individuals involved in all aspects of land use in rural zones, including agricultural production, small-scale farming, non-agricultural businesses (e.g. tourism), and those seeking a particular lifestyle.

If you would like to complete the online survey, please go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/lurz>. If you are interested in participating in an interview, please contact: Dr Hedda Haugen Askland on 02 4921 7067 or Hedda.Askland@newcastle.edu.au

National Landcare Program stakeholder survey

The Australian Government welcomes your feedback on the National Landcare Programme. This survey is your opportunity to have your say and contribute to the review of the National Landcare Programme to ensure it is effective, efficient and continues to target natural resource management priorities.



This online survey should take no longer than 20 minutes to complete and your response will remain confidential. The survey has been designed to gather the views of all stakeholders including individuals and organisations. Please circulate the survey link to your contacts who may be interested in participating.

Your response is required **by 14 October 2016** at which time the survey will close. The survey can be accessed at the following link: <https://environment.au.citizenspace.com/biodiversity-conservation/nlp-stakeholder-survey>

If you have any queries on the survey or would like a hard copy version of the survey, please email to NLP@artd.com.au or contact Ms Erum Rasheed from ARTD Consultants on 02 9373 9918.

Norman Wettenhall Foundation Small Environmental Grants

Grants to provide support for groups or individuals undertaking projects that will make a positive difference to the natural living environment, in land, sea or air, rural or urban.

At the moment The Norman Wettenhall Foundation are looking for projects around flora and fauna conservation, threatened mammal conservation, and landscape restoration and education.

November grants are now open for application. For more information and how to apply go to <http://nwf.org.au/grants/small-environmental-grants/>



Volunteering opportunities with local care groups

	Location of site	Workday/ time	Contact for day
Coastal groups			
Fingal Head Coastcare	Meet at Coastcare nursery off the lighthouse track	Every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 8 - 11 am Saturday 9am - 12pm	Kay Bolton 0402 839 479
Kingscliff Community Dunecare	Currently meeting on south side of Cudgen Creek, near the Toilet Block. This changes as worksite moves.	Tuesday and Thursday 8 - 10am	Peter Langley 02 6674 5362
Friends of Cudgen Nature Reserve	Meet at Sliprails Rd or Clothiers Creek Rd	2nd Saturday 8 – 10am	Chris Core 0407 762 108 or John McDonagh 0421 657 960
North Casuarina Beach Dunecare	Working from track 1 south.	Generally weekly but no specific day/ time.	Ross Pierce 02 6674 2788
Hastings Point Dunecare	Meet at shipping container on Tweed Coast Road just north of North Star Holiday Park	Every Tuesday and Thursday 7 - 9am	Arthur Good (Goody) 02 6676 0880 0428 760 000
Pottsville Community Dunecare	Mooball Beach dunes - exact location determined Wednesday before.	Every Monday 7 - 9am (Except April)	Bill Hoskins 0431 712 726
Cabarita Beach Dunecare	Saturday & Wednesday meet at shipping container just south of the Primary School.	1st Saturday 8:30 - 11am 2nd Wednesday 9 - 10:30 am	Saturday & Wednesday: Faye Nash 02 6676 2331
	Tuesday meet at the Cabarita Sports and Bowls Club	3rd Tuesday 1 - 3pm (nursery)	Tuesday: Annie Pollard 0415 896 949
Valley groups			
Byrrell Creek Landcare	Meet at Pretty Gully, 564 Byrrell Creek Rd, Byrrell Creek.	2nd Sunday 8.30am - 12.30pm	Joanna Gardner 02 6679 7039
Bilambil Landcare	Meet at entrance to worksite next to the bridge, Bilambil Rd.	Tuesdays 9am	Gary Austin 0427 269 486
Chillingham Landcare	Chillingham village	No specific time	Judy White 02 6679 1467 or 0488 693 852
Upper Duroby Creek Landcare	Upper Duroby Creek Road	Monthly	Jan Sinclair 07 5590 9826 Lee Perkins 0410 430 923
Friends of Wollumbin	Kyogle Road, Byangum, 3 km south of Byangum bridge, at the green container on Tweed River.	1st Saturday 8am - 12 noon This months workday is 2nd Saturday – 9 May	Roland 0417 253 767 or Ian 02 6679 5441
	Kyogle Road, Byangum, 1 km south of Byangum bridge on the new planting site.	3rd Thursday 8am – 12 noon	