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Media Release

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\$3Million Boost to Biodiversity

Coffs Harbour Regional Landcare is thrilled to announce its participation as a partner in the *Jaliigirr Biodiversity Alliance*. This collaboration, led by the Northern Rivers Catchment Authority, was recently awarded \$3 million over the next 6 years for its first successful project "The Jaliigirr Project - Connecting Communities and Cultures through Corridors", funded by the Australian Government's 'Clean Energy Future' Biofund.

The *Jaliigirr Biodiversity Alliance* is a partnership that has been established to support the voluntary contributions of organisations, landholders and communities to improve and protect the biodiversity of our landscape from the Dorrigo Plateau through the Bellinger Valley and seaboard to the Coffs Coast.

By creating this Alliance, all our partners and their communities have the opportunity to work together at a landscape scale. This can better manage threats to our biodiversity, it can build and grow our abilities and our businesses, and it will strengthen our communications. Our work will also contribute to the bigger national picture - the Great Eastern Ranges corridor.

Spokesperson for the Alliance, Julie Woodroffe, stated "This as a fantastic opportunity to accelerate all our efforts on biodiversity conservation in this very special part of the Australian landscape."

The founding partners of the Alliance include many local community and Aboriginal groups, individuals, government and non - government agencies, public authorities, business and education institutions who have an active interest in the health of the environment. The Alliance values Aboriginal cultural attachment to our landscapes and has embraced the Gumbaynggirr word for tree – "Jaliigirr" – to best describe our partnership.

For further information about the *Jaliigirr Biodiversity Alliance*, contact Julie Woodroffe on (02) 66551420. For further information about the NRCMA Biofund results and projects, contact Jane Baldwin on (02) 66420622.



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