



Bush to Beach News

Important Dates

- 4 March** Clean Up Australia Day
- 15 March, 9.30 - 12** Importance of Soil in Blueberries
Plant propagation, CHRL nursery
- 18 April, 9.30 -12.30** Site Assessment & Monitoring,
Red Rock

President's Report

At this time of year most volunteers are back at work doing whatever is necessary to improve the condition of their site. Over the past few months I have had the pleasure of seeing a large number of bird species enjoying our native plants, be they small Scarlet Honeyeaters, Yellow Robins and Eastern Spinebills to larger ones like Kookaburras who are in the process of weaning two large chicks. This is part of the rewarding side of what and why we do what we do.



Unfortunately times are changing in natural resource management as the Australian Government, subject to pressure from the Nationals, has changed its funding priorities from improving our natural environment and hence its resilience to both short and long term climatic changes to funding what is euphemistically called "Sustainable Agriculture".

The effect of this on CHRL and all other Landcare groups is still somewhat uncertain. However, we are fortunate that our staff have responded to this change very positively and developed applications for future funding to comply with the new requirements. The initial focus will be on the blueberry industry and I hope at sometime in the near future we may be able to work with smaller landowners to improve the sustainability of their land as well.

I must also mention that another of our funding bodies, North Coast Local Land Services, is experiencing major changes and there is no certainty as to their ability to support our Landcare networks in the future.

Coffs Harbour City Council is making changes to the Environmental Levy, hopefully continuing to support CHRL. The Executive will keep all members informed with regard to future government funding and implications .

First Aid Kits for Landcare Sites

CHRL provides first-aid kits to site coordinators for all volunteer work sites. It is an ongoing effort to make sure that all first-aid kits are kept up-to-date, well stocked and in good condition. After consideration of several options, the CHRL Executive resolved to replace all first-aid kits every two-years, and in between times continue to restock missing items at the request of site coordinators. This will help to ensure all sites have adequate first aid supplies.

The new kits are now available, and site coordinators have been asked to return old First Aid kits and pick up new ones from the CHRL office.

Please return existing kit even if it is a relatively recent acquisition as there will be expired/expiring items in it. Our aim is for all sites/groups to have kits with the same expiry dates.

It is anticipated that useful items in the old kits will be donated to charity.

Coffs Coast Regional Park Draft Plan of Management

This draft plan has been developed on behalf of the Coffs Coast Regional Park Trust Board by the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) and the Coffs Harbour City Council (CHCC). The Trust Board has the care, control and management of the park and facilitates the day-to-day management of the park by CHCC and NPWS. NPWS want to know what you think about this draft plan. Your knowledge may help us manage the park more effectively. To give us feedback on the draft plan you can send a written submission by:

 using the online submission form at <https://engage.environment.nsw.gov.au/consult>

 emailing your submission to npws.parkplanning@environment.nsw.gov.au

 posting your submission to NPWS Planner, Coffs Coast Regional Park Draft Plan of Management, NPWS, PO Box 1236, Coffs Harbour NSW 2450.



News from Sawtell Durecare

Our working bees stopped in early December last year due to a combination of factors including hot weather and younger members with school-age children taking time to enjoy school holidays with them.

Naturally enough, regardless of the dry summer the weeds continued to flourish in our absence. Our main problem continues to be Mother of Millions in conjunction with Morning Glory, Turkey Rhubarb, Senna, Glory Lilly, Mossman River Grass and the occasional Bitou Bush.

Our group is small but very enthusiastic, meeting fortnightly to try and keep ahead of our weed problems, principally Mother of Millions. Each working bee sees us collect an average of six bags of these plants, equivalent to filling a green bin.

Practically all our weeds are hand removed for disposal. This can be very time consuming but gives us some degree of satisfaction knowing that we are actually achieving something. However it is very difficult keeping up with the phenomenal growth rates and reproductive rate of this weed. It is aptly named!

Unfortunately we are finding Glory Lily in increasing amounts, both in existing and in new areas. Even very



Mossman River Grass

young plants have small tubers well buried in the sand. We are fortunate to have Coffs Harbour City Council's Bush Regeneration Team spray this weed for us at the appropriate time to ensure the best results.

During our absence over summer Mossman River Grass has made its presence felt along most of the tracks to the beach. By the time these plants can be accurately identified they have produced seed. As a result we dig them out, taking care to also remove the burrs from gloves and clothing before leaving the site.

Barry Powells

WeedWise Spotlight



The NSW WeedWise app provides key information to help users reduce the impact of weeds in New South Wales (NSW). The app profiles over 300 weeds, describing biosecurity duties under the NSW Biosecurity Act 2015, control information and registered herbicide options.

Users, ranging from home gardeners and residents to farmers, land managers and weeds professionals, can search or browse weed names (common or scientific); recognise a weed by its physical description and image gallery; and find out about its impacts, where it occurs, how it spreads and its preferred habitat.

Control options are described for each weed and the herbicides registered for its control by the Australian Pesticide and Veterinary Medicines Authority are listed, including application rates and techniques, and any minor-use permits that must be complied with.

Features include:

User type - users experience different functions within the app depending on whether they are landholders, residents or weeds professionals.

Landholders/residents can enter the contact details of their local council weeds officer, and then directly report sightings of state priority weeds via email or SMS.

Weeds professionals can share information about a weed with clients via email or SMS, including a weed's profile, biosecurity duties, control advice and herbicide options. NSW WeedWise incorporates the content contained in the Noxious & Environmental Weed Control Handbook, a free, biennial publication from NSW Department of Primary Industries.

NSW WeedWise was developed with the assistance of the NSW Weeds Action Program.

Contributed by Greg Robinson

We continue to receive generous support from Kim Towner at the Happy Frog.

She has provided "froggy dollars" gift vouchers as her way of saying thank you to Landcare volunteers.





CHRL Nursery

The Landcare Community nursery is now open on Mondays and Thursdays from 9 to 12. This change was brought about in order to better cover the days across the week in case there is a failure of the irrigation system.

Carl Freeman is the nursery coordinator, funded by the Coffs Harbour Council Environmental Levy until June. With Carl's support, we now have a nursery very full of plants. This last lot of rain must have created conditions suitable for planting. So please see the nursery plant list on our website and come and get some plants for your sites.

In particular, we have lots of Lomandra, Dianella, Coastal Wattle and Banksia - ready to go.

And with this increase in plant stock came a shortage of plant tubes. Please, if you have tubes, recycle them to the nursery.

And as for seed collection, our nursery relies on our members and contractors to supply seeds. You who are on site are most aware of which plants are ready to be collected. Please bring seed into the nursery or drop them off at our office.

What you could be looking out for at this time of the year:

White Bottlebrush (*Callistemon salignus*)

Swamp Oak (*Casuarina glauca*)

Swamp Mahogany (*Euc. robusta*)

Forest Red Gum (*Eucalyptus tereticornis*)

Blackwood (*Acacia melanoxylon*)

Green Wattle (*Ac. irrorata*)

Grey Myrtle (*Backhousia myrtifolia*)

Creek Sandpaper Fig (*Ficus coronata*)

New Landcare Group proposed for

Fuller St, Arrawarra Headland

Up to 16 local residents around Fuller St at Arrawarra Headland will be forming a new Landcare group, with their primary focus being restoration of Themeda grassland. Greg Yeates, long-time volunteer with Mullawarra Dunecare will be the coordinator for Fuller St Dunecare. Once the group is established and equipped they will have some training sessions with Lindy Davis of Mountains to Sea Natural Area Management who has much expertise in the remediation of Themeda grasslands in the local area.

Corindi Beach Landcare

Persistent rain squalls did not deter nine volunteers from our newest group – Corindi Beach Landcare – from putting in a few hours weeding in the Corindi Beach dunes on Sunday Feb 4th. This group has a blend of youth and experience, and lots of enthusiasm. Bush Regenerator Phil Santos will be training them in some basic bush regeneration techniques on **Sunday morning 11th February**. Contact the office if you would like to join this group.

The Corindi Beach Dunes are managed by the Corindi Beach Reserve Trust. Long-time Landcare member Bob Piper, who is President of the Trust, said the Trust was very pleased to once again have a Landcare group working to rehabilitate the dunes.

This group meets on the first Sunday of each month and



have now held four working bees. They have been working in the bush off Ocean Street and hope to eventually move along the dune towards the headland. As the group is new to Landcare, they have been focusing on well known, prominent weeds such as senna and asparagus fern, which there is plenty of at Corindi Beach. The group was lucky enough to have Rose and Vern from Red Rock attend the first couple of working bees to support the team.





Problem Ants

Here in NSW we have the Coastal Brown or Big-headed Ant, (*Pheidole megacephala*) an unwanted import from Africa with annoying impacts on our daily lives. They are small, light ginger-brown coloured ants, with shiny dark brown abdomens. They have two very different-sized 'castes' (types determined by their function) of worker ants, that is:

- Smaller 'minors' — 2 to 3mm long.
- A larger 'major' caste — 3.5 to 4.5mm long, which has a very obvious, much larger head and which makes up about 1% of the population.



The 'major' caste of worker ants are not primarily soldiers for defence. Instead, their powerful jaws are used for cutting up large pieces of food into small pieces which can more easily be transported

back to the nest by the more numerous minors. While these ants can sting, the sting does not cause discomfort to people. Big-headed ants are particularly active in late summer, autumn and early winter. They nest outside in the ground and only occasionally invade buildings when populations outside are very high. However, invasions of buildings can be severe. These ants prefer meat or fat/oil-based foods.

Big-headed ants can form 'super-colonies' when their interconnected nests act as a single colony. The worker ants of such an infestation can occupy many hectares and in these situations they can displace native ant species and be the only ant species present in a heavily infested area.

The nuisance they cause is the invasion of homes and gardens, making it extremely difficult to keep food stuff free of ants. They dig up paving and eat into silicone in the bathroom. These ants are not interested in sugar but are after fats and oils.

Any pest control must identify the pest in question correctly before control methods can be applied successfully. Big-headed ants can be controlled by an oil-based product containing the active ingredient hydramethyl-

Enviro. Levy Volunteer Support Project

We are over half way through the currently funded project which has bush regeneration contractors supporting volunteer work on 23 Landcare sites.

Site contacts should be in touch with their contractors to ensure that works are proceeding to plan and will be finished on time. Working with your contractor to establish photo points is an excellent way to see the progress made on your site. This information is particularly useful when applying for further funds for on-ground works.

The timeline for the 2018-19 Environmental Levy Programme is still uncertain.

Late last year Council adopted changes to the Programme and Council staff are currently developing policy and guidelines for approval by Council.

There have also been changes made to what is now to be called the "Environmental Levy Advisory Committee". The committee will comprise one credentialed staff member, one Councillor, one inter-agency advisor and two credentialed community members. Unfortunately, this is significantly less community involvement than previously.

As soon as the E.L. timeline is announced, site coordinators will be contacted and asked for Expressions of Interest for bush regeneration support at their sites.

Now is a good time to start thinking about what you might require in the 2018/19 financial year. If you are unsure, talk to your bush regen contractor, or ask Landcare staff for advice.

Training Calendar

We are currently putting together a training calendar for the autumn/winter. We run these training events as part of our E.L. funded programme. They offer great opportunities to learn new skills and to network with other Landcarers.

This year's programme will include a **site assessment and monitoring workshop at Red Rock on Wed 18th April**. Pia Dollmann, together with Rose and Vern Treilibs will present this workshop which will look at what has been achieved at this Landcare site, and will also demonstrate site assessment techniques and monitoring tools. Registrations will open closer to the date. Other training events planned, but with dates yet to be finalised are: Wind fence demonstration, First Aid training, Rainforest restoration, tools maintenance. Once dates are finalised these events will be put on our website and emails will be sent to site coordinators.





Turn your recyclables into Cash! Or donate to Landcare

Since the Container Deposit Scheme (also known as "Return & Earn") commenced in NSW on 1st December 2017, over 73 million containers have been returned. In the Coffs Harbour LGA we currently have 4 places where you can return your eligible containers: reverse vending machines at Woolgoolga Woolworths and the Hoey Moey in Coffs Harbour; an over-the-counter collection point at the Sawtell Hotel; and an automated depot on the highway at Coffs Container Return.



Woolgoolga Woolworths

Each eligible container earns you 10c which you can redeem as a docket which you can then redeem for cash or goods at participating businesses (eg Woolworths, Hoey Moey). You can redeem your funds electronically onto your Paypal account; or you can donate funds to a community group or charity. Landcare NSW is registered as a charity with the scheme, so you can put your recyclable earnings back into Landcare.

Breaking News—New Regional Landcare Facilitators

The RLF role, vacated by Chrisy Clay just prior to Christmas, will be shared by Deb Tkachenko and Hannah Rice-Hayes for the remainder of the contract to 30 June.

They bring a great combination of skills, experience and ideas to the role. Hannah will take on the tasks of supporting the networks, SELs and NCRLN exec and reporting. Deb will deal with strategic planning, partners and direction.

Using Herbicides

As Coffs Harbour Regional Landcare volunteers Glyphosate is the only herbicide we use for weed control on our sites. Weed master Duo is the trade name of the product we use. This was chosen as it contains a wetting agent which will not harm frogs and is actually registered for use over water to control certain aquatic weeds.

Furthermore, our herbicide use generally is confined to cutting or scraping and painting woody weeds only. Remember to apply the herbicide within 10-15 seconds of cutting the weed. We recommend to use Glyphosate with marker dye added to help with the accuracy of application and to keep track of what has already been treated.

Keep in mind that it is to be decanted from the 1L into dripper bottles for use and to be used undiluted. It is a requirement of the WH&S Act to wear the correct personal protective clothing at all times when using herbicides. It is necessary that all new volunteers undertake relevant training before using herbicide.

For those who have weeds requiring spraying with a knapsack we offer two alternatives: 1) Apply for environmental levy funding to employ a contractor to do the work or 2) do some further approved training to do your own spraying.

Finally, when the Glyphosate container is empty, clean it both inside and out before returning it to the office for replacement.



Quoll versus Eagle

Hi Pia, thought you may be interested in putting this photo in the next newsletter. It was taken by a surveillance camera in Guy Fawkes National Park recently. NPWS uses remote camera's for wildlife surveys, wild dog spotting as well as basic surveillance for people doing the wrong thing. This is a pretty exciting find. Wonder who won.

Lyndy Rees



4th Annual Blueberry Field Day 15 March

The focus of this field day is the importance of soil for blueberry production. Other topics also covered are creek bank erosion control and revegetation and “Bioreactors”. The field day will be held on a blueberry farm at Sandy Beach.

The problems of re-planting blueberries on lands previously used for the same crop have been raised repeatedly by our blueberry growers. Many are changing over to growing the new crop in pots, but this is not possible on slopes.

This field day will utilise a great network of soil specialists (Soil Knowledge Network) meeting in Coffs Harbour to examine this problem. Soil test results will be discussed which were taken on a blueberry farm before and after a beneficial cover crop was planted to rejuvenate the soil.

For this field day there will be a large pit dug on the farm where scientists and participants can easily see the soil horizons, soil properties and the depth of root penetration. The pit will later turn into a “Bioreactor” on this farm.



Bioreactors are being trialled to reduce nitrogen leaking from horticultural properties into waterways. These have been used in pineapple and sugarcane plantations in North Queensland and NC LLS are this year installing two at local blueberry properties.

A large trench is dug at the bottom of the rows parallel to the waterway and filled with woodchips. Bugs living in the trench turn nitrate run-off from the plantation into dinitrogen, a colourless and odourless diatomic gas which makes up 78% of the earth’s atmosphere.

Please follow this link to an ABC TV program on the trials underway in Queensland.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-09-02/bioreactors:-using-nature-to-stop-the-problem-of/8866820>

Targeted Landcare Project 2017/2018

We have small projects at 6 properties in our region, two of which are old banana lands where the new landholders are interested in re-planting with native trees.

These projects are funded by North Coast LLS and sadly, this is the last round of such funding.

- At Bonville, Brenda deNardis has dealt with the Camphor laurels and other weed trees along Bonville Creek through this program and in this third year her site is now at a level where it just requires maintenance.

- Also on Bonville Creek, the project returns to a property after five years to support Helen’s huge efforts in revegetating her creek bank.

- At Mount Browne Road, the project is also in its third year and has dealt with a huge lantana problem left over from previous logging operations.

- At Bruxner Park Road new members Elle and Jason have just started to convert their land from run-down Avocadoes interspersed with bananas and full of weeds to native woodland.

- Another old banana plantation is weeded and planted with native trees at Korora.

- And finally, at Coramba, we are partnering with Orara Rivercare Association on the restoration work in what is commonly known as “The Jungle”, a large rainforest remnant upstream of the Coramba Nature Reserve.

These small projects have achieved very much on a very small budget due to the enthusiasm and commitment of the landholders. Being able to support their efforts with professional contractor work has made all the difference at these sites.

Unfortunately, there doesn’t seem to be a future for this model of on-ground funding as LLS are undergoing significant changes and uncertainties.



Lantana work, Bonville Creek



Indian/Common Myra Control

This program became part of the Targeted Landcare program and continues to be very popular. We have very little funding to help pay for dog food, wire for cage-making and to pay for the miles our volunteers are driving when they deliver traps and pick up birds.

Members of the public call our office to report bird sightings and ask for traps. Our three volunteers Ron Smith, Greg Robinson and Leah Sjoberg deliver traps and instruct people how to set them up and look after any birds they catch.

In general we find that trapping is much more successful with a decoy bird in the trap calling to the others and we have some 'hotspots' where we have lots of birds and also catch lots of them.

One of these hotspots is at Boambee East, another at Corindi Beach. We are not sure if there are lots of birds in these location because there are lots of hollows for them to nest there or if it is simply a matter of increased awareness by residents in these locations reporting and trapping birds.



Just imagine what Coffs Harbour's bird populations would look like if our volunteers were not taking out 800 to 1000 Common Mynas every year! One breeding pair can explode to a population of 13,000 in just five years!

Our three volunteer trap distributors and bird collectors would very much like some help so they can distribute their workload. If you are interested in becoming one of these important volunteers, please contact the office. We can support you with the reimbursement of your costs.

Become a Citizen Scientist

The Australian Museum is running a nationwide Frog I.D. and survey with the help of citizen scientists. All you need is an interest in frogs, and a smartphone.

Croaks, whistles, bleats and barks - every frog species makes a different sound! By recording a frog call with our new app, FrogID, you can discover which frogs live around you and help us count Australia's frogs!

There are over 240 species of frogs described in Australia and many of them are in danger of extinction. This app is free and helps you identify the frogs near you using their calls, while recording their presence on a national data base.



Environmental Trust Funding



Finally, a new round of funding for Restoration and Rehabilitation has been opened by the Trust. Funding between \$ 5000 and \$ 100,000 is available per project and projects can run for up to three years. We are considering to develop a project specifically for the restoration of rainforest remnants in the Orara Valley.

If you have good ideas and want to develop a project, please start now as the application process is very involved and takes much time.





The future of the National Landcare Program

By Assistant Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, the Hon. Luke Hartsuyker (CHRL edits)



The Australian Government is investing more than \$1 billion into the future of the National Landcare Program (NLP). In September, the Coalition Government launched the next phase of the NLP, and mapped out the nationally-agreed priorities for delivering on-ground natural resource management and sustainable agriculture outcomes that will benefit rural communities and deliver environmental and agricultural outcomes.

Protecting and improving the condition of our natural resources, soils, water and biodiversity—is a never-ending goal, which requires long-term, on-the-ground planning, investment and delivery. The NLP has been structured to achieve this through building knowledge and engaging the community and industry in projects to improve those land management practices needed to benefit the condition of these natural resources and farm production.

The Australian Government is significantly contributing to this effort through the NLP and is a national leader in the cause to protect soils, water and biodiversity in our farms, communities and environments.

Key programs in the \$1 billion dollar NLP investment include the \$450 million Regional Land Partnerships Program and the \$134 million Smart Farms Program. These programs were developed in consultation with Landcare groups and the Australian community.

Smart Farms

The Smart Farms program will protect and improve the condition of natural resources on farms, which in turn drives improved productivity and profitability. 'Farming smarter' is the mantra for the next round of Landcare projects—helping organisations and individuals to put their heads together to develop innovative sustainable agriculture practices.

The \$134 million Smart Farms program will encourage farmers, fishers and foresters to adopt sustainable agricultural best practices. Giving farmers, fishers, foresters and regional communities the tools, technologies and funding will allow them to invest in their soils, water and biodiversity.

The Smart Farms Program is made up of three components: the \$60 million Smart Farming Partnerships, the \$50 million Smart Farm Small Grants and the \$24 million Building Landcare Community and Capacity Program.

Calls for the first round of grant applications under the Smart Farms Small Grants and Smart Farming Partnerships were announced in October 2017.

Regional Land Partnerships

From July 2018, the Australian Government will invest \$450 million over five years to deliver the national priorities of protecting soils, water, vegetation and biodiversity and supporting agriculture productivity at the regional and local level.

The Regional Land Partnerships Program builds on the strengths of the existing program, with national coverage that will connect and involve communities, including Indigenous communities. We want to fund the most innovative projects that tackle today's challenges and harness the next generation of ideas.

There is great awareness about the Landcare movement and the benefits it brings to communities across Australia. Through our consultations and reviews one thing that has come to the fore is the strong support for continuing to deliver the NLP through a regional model. Local Landcare groups have local know-how and we want to continue to tap into that local environmental and land management knowledge.

Landcare across the country continues to play a critical role in helping to improve farming practices and land management. The NLP has seen an increase in uptake of sustainable practices, with an estimated area of more than 9.5 mill ha of land being sustainably managed to improve natural resources with corresponding environmental, agricultural productivity and social outcomes.

The next six years of Landcare will be exciting as we look to take advantage of technological advances in land management and seek to continue to do what comes naturally to all of us—taking care of the land.

I look forward to continuing to work with Landcare communities across Australia, research organisations and farmers to deliver these new Australian Government investments that will ensure Landcare delivers real, tangible benefits for all of Australia, ensuring we have healthy and productive farms into the future.



Landcare NSW welcomes State Landcare Coordinator, Natasha English to the team

The Landcare NSW Team and Executive Committee are pleased to announce the appointment of Natasha English to the role of State Landcare Coordinator.

We welcome Natasha with her long history with Landcare, working as a Landcare Coordinator with several Landcare networks on the North Coast over the past 15 years, and prior experience with programs at the State and National scale with the National Threatened Species grants program. In the role of State Landcare Coordinator, Natasha will be focusing on supporting the network of coordinators and building the capacity of Landcare organisations through the LLCI. Sonia Williams will continue the work commenced under the State Landcare Coordinator role to build and strengthen the partnerships between Landcare and other organisations, with her position re-titled to State Landcare Facilitator.



SUSTAINING LANDCARE

THE NEXT CHAPTER (Landcare NSW)

Funding for the NSW Local Landcare Coordinator Initiative ends in June 2019. With the help of Local Land Services and the NSW Government, we are diversifying funding streams to underpin Landcare support into the future. For the LLCI to continue to fund Local Coordinators we are seeking an allocation in the 2018 NSW Budget. Please follow our Facebook page for updates or for more information, please call Jodie Lovell 0439 316 151 or Leigh McLaughlin 0412 234 832.

Clear Up Australia Day – Sunday 4th March

Many of our hard-working Landcare volunteers have registered Clean Up Australia sites this year. Sites include: Diggers Beach, Jetty Foreshores, Woolgoolga Back Beach, Woolgoolga Main Beach, Corindi Beach, Emerald Beach and various sites along Coffs Creek.

Check out the website for a site near you to get involved: www.cleanupaustaliaday.org.au/

Not all clean-ups events will be happening on Sunday 4th, details can be found on the website.

New national body one step closer

Landcare NSW notes progress towards creating a new national Landcare organisation, with due diligence to be completed by Christmas and the new entity to be established by 30 June, 2018.

There are currently two national bodies: the National Landcare Network (NLN) – a federation of state and territory peak bodies representing grassroots community Landcare – and Landcare Australia (LA) which provides a range of services and functions on behalf of the Landcare movement.

Following a Joint NLN/LA Board meeting in Canberra on 23 November 2017, the following statement was issued by the NLN and LA Boards:

The boards of the NLN and Landcare Australia met in Canberra on 23rd Nov to re-affirm their commitment to move forward with the formation of a new national Landcare organisation. They agreed on the next steps to make this happen, with the due diligence to be completed by Christmas and the new entity to be established before the end of this financial year.

Once formed, a new organisation will give the Landcare movement a single national organisation working on its behalf, which will combine and build on the representative capacity and voice of the NLN and the marketing, education, fundraising and program delivery skills of Landcare Australia. Both organisations are committed to doing what is best for community Landcare and recognise that they will have a greater impact together. Also last week in Canberra there was a meeting of the NLN Members Council. The NLN Members Council is comprised of 24 elected delegates all state and territory Landcare peak organisations. Collectively they represent the more than 5400 Landcare groups across Australia.

At their 22 Nov 2017 meeting, the Members Council unanimously passed the following resolution:

The Members Council strongly endorses the formation of a new single national organisation to represent and support the interests of the Landcare movement. We applaud the initiative undertaken by the two partner organisations, the National Landcare Network and Landcare Australia, in progressing this historic opportunity, to create an organisation that represents and has the support of the grassroots landcare community. This single national entity unites the skills and expertise of both organisations to ensure grassroots Landcare is supported and has a single national voice.

Landcare NSW looks forward to seeing the progress of this important task for the future of Landcare in Australia.



Letter from Midwaste

I am working for Midwaste (a collaborative group consisting of six councils from Forster to Coffs Harbour) on a project which aims to develop effective long-term systems for councils to support community groups with voluntary litter collections. We are starting with a survey of community groups because while we know a lot of groups do litter clean-ups, we don't know exactly where it's happening, how many people are involved, how much litter is being collected, or what we can do to help. This survey aims to give us the information needed to prove how valuable your voluntary litter collection is, so that we can get state government funding and local council support to offer assistance to all the groups involved. This assistance might be providing gloves and bags, disposing of the litter that is collected, promoting your group to attract new members, or other things depending on the feedback we get.

If CHRL groups do a litter clean-up (regularly, annually or just occasionally) could you please complete this survey (about 10 mins):

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DRHKBM2>.

As a small thank you for your time, each group which completes the survey will be sent a small litter kit to help with your efforts while we plan the long-term program. The kit will include gloves, some wonderful reusable litter collection shoulder bags made by www.boomerangbags.org, and some reusable in-car litter bags.

Thank you so much and if you would like to discuss this please don't hesitate to give me a call.

Regards,

Jem Hansen

Litter Project Officer, Midwaste Regional Waste Forum
Senior Environmental Consultant, 360green
Ph 02 6583 3777 , Mob 0401 864 707



Using Bees for Pollination

This training will be run by experienced NSW DPI Apiary specialists Doug Somerville and Elizabeth Frost. The course aims to help farmers understand the process of pollination including:

- management and assessment of hives for pollination
- how to price and formalise a pollination contract
- how to maximise pollination by planning your farm with bees in mind
- individual crop pollination requirements
- risks to pollination efficiency
- pollinators in the crop



A full description of the course can be found here: www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/content/agriculture/tocal-skills-training/courses/using-bees-for-pollination. As part of its Sustainable Agriculture program, North Coast Local Land Services is encouraging commercial Blueberry Growers and Apiarists providing pollination services to attend this accredited training course delivered through Tocal College of Agriculture. **The course will be delivered with indoor and outdoor lessons. It will involve practical work with active bee hives.**

Date: Monday 16 April **Time:** 8.30am to 4.30 pm

Venue: Yarrawarra Aboriginal Cultural Centre Nuralamee Conference Room, 69 Red Rock Road, Corindi Beach.

To reserve your place, please contact Julie Dart, Senior Land Service Officer by phone 6659 9406 or by email: julie.dart@lls.nsw.gov.au

Cost: Blueberry growers & apiarists working with them receive a subsidised rate - \$245.

Funding for the subsidy is provided by the Australian Government's National Landcare Program. Other interested people may attend at full cost of \$495.

Places in the course are limited and priority will be given to Blueberry growers. **Payment of the course fee will be required before the training date to confirm your enrolment. The course fee includes learning materials and vegetarian meals.**



Worksites

Site coordinators please note: The following information is sourced from your membership & work records forms. If it is not correct please let CHRL know, phone 6651 1308 or email chrl@coffslandcare.org.au

Arrawarra Coastcare: Volunteers working monthly on littoral rainforest at the southern end of Corindi Beach. Contact David Bryant 6649 2825.

Bakker Drive Landcare: Volunteers look after the creek area adjacent the park. Contact Robyn Thomson on 0429 032005

Bundagen Landcare: Aloka Reeves coordinates Landcare activities at Bundagen Community, adjacent to Bongil Bongil National Park. Please contact the office & we will put you in touch with them.

CHRL Nursery: Dedicated plant enthusiasts who meet each Mon & Thurs mornings. Ph: CHRL office 66511308.

Corindi Beach Landcare: New group rehabilitating the dunes off Ocean St at Corindi Beach. Meeting 1st Sun of the month. Contact CHRL office.

Eastern Dorrigo Landcare: Work on riparian zones on public & private land. Contact Lindy Davis 6654 5313.

Emerald Beach Dunecare: Volunteers continue to work on the site so beloved by the late Dee Wallace. They meet on the 3rd Sunday of the month. Contact Roger Sharpe 0490 091 546

Green Bluff Landcare: Work on Green Bluff Headland at Moonee Beach. 1st Wed of the month. Contact Lindy Davis 0448 651 239

Friends of Coffs Creek: Meet 1st & 3rd Saturdays 9am-12; Weekly: Mon 8.30-2.30, Tues 8.30-2.30, & Thurs 8.30-11. Ph Elisabeth Edwards for more information 0400 579 426.

Jarrett Creek Landcare: More volunteers needed to join in this active site at Woolgoolga. Contact the CHRL office.

Jetty Dunecare Group Inc: Continuing their bush regeneration work in the Jetty area. Meet Tues and Sat from 7.30am. Contact Jane Ireland on 6652 4389.

Karangie Landcare Group: Meet monthly to weed areas around the Cemetery. Contact Ron Smith 66538249

Kinchela Reserve Landcare: Meeting on the 2nd Sunday of each month. Ph: Helen Lawrence 6653 2015

Korora Basin Landcare: Meet the 1st Sat of every month, Ph: Simon Proust 0412 825 395

Macauleys Headland Landcare: More volunteers needed to join Russell Flanders and his team restoring the vegetation on this site in the Regional Park. Contact the CHRL office to get involved.

Mullawarra Dunecare: Meet on the last Saturday of the month. Contact Roger Jennings 6654 1203.

Nana Glen Landcare Group: Working bee every third Saturday. Contact Peter Franklin 6654 3452.

Pacific Villas Landcare: Work in the Regional Park at Charlesworth Bay. Contact Max Brinsmead 0409870346

Park Beach Dunecare: Volunteers meet on Fridays at 9am. Contact Rosemary on 6652 5940 or Judy on 6651 7691 to find out the *actual* meeting place as it may vary from week to week.

Pearce Drive Reserve Landcare: Reestablishing rainforest in the riparian zone in West Coffs. Contact the CHRL office.

Red Rock Landcare: Various locations around Red Rock. Contact Rose & Vern Treilibs 0418 112 390.

Safety Beach: Working bees on the 1st Saturday of the month, 8—10 am. Contact the office for details.

Sandy Beach Dunecare: Working bees on Fridays, 8 - 12 at Sandy Beach. Contact Peta Fairbairn 6656 2255.

Sapphire Reserve Landcare: Contact Greg Robinson 0429 922 845 or grob1418@gmail.com Volunteers meet every second Sunday 8.30 – 10.30am

Sawtell Bushcare: Charlie England would like more volunteers to join him rehabilitating Dolman's Point, Sawtell. Further details from the CHRL office.

Sawtell Dunecare: Continue rehabilitation of the dunal zone at Murray's Beach. Ph: Barry Powells 0466 347 364

Serenity Landcare: Volunteers regularly work along Serenity Beach and Look at me now Headland. Contact Karina Rothacker 0408 209 995.

Treefern Creek: Restoring riparian vegetation along a tributary of Coffs Creek every second Saturday of the month. Contact Kris Hely on 0427 536 782

Woolgoolga Main Beach Dunecare: More volunteers are needed. Contact the CHRL office to get involved.

Woolgoolga Back Beach Dunecare: Working bees on the 2nd Sunday of each month, 8-11am, meet at the back beach picnic area at the end of High St. Contact Alex Groot on 0421 338115.

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