



### Important Dates:

- 3-9 September** National Landcare Week
- 6 September** CHRL display at the Growers Markets , City Square
- 9 September** CHRL Annual Awards Day and 20 year celebration
- 16 September** Bushcare Big Day Out
- 7 November** CHRL end of year event, venue TBA

### President's report

I am writing this issue's report on behalf of our president, Barry Powells, who is currently on leave.

I would like to welcome two new members to our CHRL Executive team, Ellen Taylor and Maddy Black. It is great to see a new generation of Landcare members who are willing to step forward to join the Executive team. Ron Smith, John Ross and Peta Fairbairn have stepped down after many years of dedicated service to our Landcare Executive. Their experience, knowledge and advice will be sorely missed on the team.

As you are aware we are heading towards both state and federal elections in 2019. Already a number of political aspirants have indicated their desire to seek election following the announcements that the sitting members in both the state seat of Coffs Harbour and the federal seat of Cowper will not be seeking re-election. Also keep in mind that many of our Landcare sites and members are now located in the federal seat of Page. While it is important to remember that Landcare is apolitical, it is essential that we have a good understanding of all candidates' policies that relate to Landcare. Over the last year we have seen a drastic reduction in funding support for Landcare at both state and federal level and without this funding the work of Landcare will be greatly diminished.

I hope to see you at our annual awards day on Sunday 9th September at Karangi Public School. If you have not yet indicated you will be attending, please contact the CHRL office.

*Greg Robinson*

Executive member

### Vale Steve Clemesha

Long-time local Landcarer and environmental advocate Steve Clemesha passed away on 17th August 2018.



Steve has been involved with CHRL from its very beginnings and sat for many years on the Executive. Steve was an active member of Emerald Beach Dunecare until poor health forced his

retirement in recent years. Ron Smith said that he has known Steve for over 40 years and in that time he was a tireless worker for the environment, and has left a wonderful legacy.

Steve was involved in the struggle against the proposed sewage outfall at Look At Me Now Headland at Emerald Beach. He was a driving force in preparing proposals for the declaration of Coffs Coast Regional Park, and Bindarri and Ulidarra National Parks. NPWS Area Manager Glenn Storrie acknowledged the great work Steve did to protect national park estate on the Coffs Coast and said he was instrumental in the creation of Coffs Coast Regional Park.

Steve was active in the Ulitarra Conservation Society, the Australian Native Plants Society and the Orchid Society. He had an immense knowledge of botany with a particular interest in orchids and ferns. He described a couple of new species of ferns locally, and co-authored "Ferns & Fern Allies of Australia".

Steve was a quiet achiever and did not seek the limelight. He was perhaps happiest when he was rambling around headlands observing a favourite orchid in flower, or checking on the rare Zieria population on Diggers Headland.

Our Landcare community remember Steve with affection, and extend our deepest sympathy to Steve's wife Pauline, and their children and grandchildren.



## Supporting Community Landcare Action in the Coffs Harbour LGA

At the end of June Coffs Harbour City Council approved Environmental Levy funding to CHRL for the next 3 years. In acknowledgement of the vital role the work of Landcare volunteers play in the local environment, Council has taken our volunteer support project into its delivery program of Major Strategic Programs/Projects.

This funding allows our Landcare staff to continue to support volunteers, and provides funding for equipping volunteers with tools, PPE and training.

The funding over the 3 years is:

<b>2018/19</b>	<b>\$190,328</b>
<b>2019/20</b>	<b>\$223,411</b>
<b>2020/20</b>	<b>\$227,267</b>

Mel and Pia will be putting together a training programme for volunteers in the near future. If you have any suggestions for training please contact the office.

CHRL's Environmental Levy sub committee have considered expressions of interest from sites for on-ground support from contractors and visited a number of sites to assess the need for the requested contractor support. The sub committee have allocated over \$91,000 of contract works over 22 sites.

CHRL has enjoyed this crucial financial support from Council for many years. CHRL Vice President Larry Langman attended a recent council meeting and was able to address the Council with an expression of thanks and an update of where we are at after 20 years.

## Mother of Millions Weed Blitz

On a lovely sunny Sunday morning in August a band of dedicated Landcarers, 16 in all from all over Coffs, descended on to the dunes at Sawtell ready to rid them of as much Mother of Millions as possible. Mother of Millions is a serious issue at this site with plants big and small covering the dunes. Lots of delicate hand removal straight into bags was required to prevent pieces of Mother of Millions from dropping back onto the ground. Every leaf, no matter how tiny, has the ability to re-grow into a new plant. Many plants were flowering, so a concerted effort was made to remove these flowers before they went to seed.

Site coordinator Barry Powells was extremely pleased with the results of the day and said it was wonderful to have so many hands working together covering much more ground than the group is normally able to achieve. A big thank-you to everyone who attended the day.





## The changing faces of our CHRL Executive

Our Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday 1st of August. As a result we now have a number of changes to our Executive. We would like to warmly welcome Ellen Taylor and Maddy Black, both from the recently formed Corindi Beach Landcare Group, who are our two new Executive members. Profiles to introduce both of them can be found below. We would also like to provide a heartfelt thank you to our three departing Executives: John Ross and Ron Smith who have served on the committee since it's inception 20 years ago have both retired. They have provided so much support, experience and wisdom during this time. Also Peta Fairbairn for her contribution and hard work over the last seven years. Our current seven executive members are as follows:

President	Barry Powells	Executive member	Greg Robinson
Vice President	Larry Langman	Executive member	Maddy Black
Treasurer	Elisabeth Edwards	Executive member	Ellen Taylor
Secretary	Judith Webster		

### A new constitution

An extra General Meeting was held on 4 July 2018 to seek members' approval to pass a new constitution under the [Associations Incorporation Act 2009](#). The new constitution was unanimously passed by special resolution and will now be lodged with the Office of Fair Trading for registration.

#### Background

The Constitution was last reviewed and updated in 2012. Since that time a new Regulation (*Associations Incorporation Regulation 2016*) has been introduced along with a new model constitution with this taking precedent over any matters an Associations constitution may be silent on. The Executive Committee agreed at the end of 2017 that a review of the constitution was required in light of the new model constitution and regulation, and also to resolve any areas of ambiguity.

#### Approach

A subcommittee of the Executive reviewed the 2012 CHRL constitution against the new model constitution, finding a number of significant gaps. As a result of the initial review, the subcommittee customised the new model constitution to capture the current objectives and operations of Coffs Harbour Regional Landcare.

#### Key points

The revised constitution is now compliant with the Act and Regulations. It is clearer and provides a number of new elements that will help the Association. Key changes include:

- Allowing the association to use modern technology (ie: reference to paying bills by cheque is removed; and emails, on-line registers, tele/video conferencing are permitted)

- Aligning the nomination process at AGMs with the model constitution and removing previous ambiguity
- Formalising the operation of sub-committees in accordance with the model constitution.
- Reducing the Executive from 8 to 7 members, while noting that members can be co-opted to help the Executive through sub-committees.
- Affiliated groups (formally group members) now do not have to supply a list of their members when they apply but do need to show that the purpose of their incorporated entity is aligned with CHRL.
- Affiliated Groups (being an incorporated entity) are clarified to have one vote, removing the conflicting clauses in the previous constitution.
- Addition of new part that formalises the nomination and approval of sites as CHRL Landcare sites – this formalises the current practice and ensures that the Association has visibility over sites where members carry out Landcare activities. This is necessary to improve governance.
- Dispute resolution clause—revised so that it now applies to staff as well as members, and references the CHRL Grievance Policy
- General meeting quorum—now requires any 7 members, not 7 members from 7 separate sites. This is because there are members now who are not affiliated with a site, or who work across several sites, and also reflects ongoing changes to types of activities Landcare conducts (ie: blitzes, short-term projects) rather than being associated with only one location.





## Ellen Taylor



### Tell us a little about yourself

I've spent most of my life on the Mid North Coast. I love living by the beach, hiking, being in nature and traveling. After school I studied a Bachelor of Arts/Laws at UNE and was recently admitted in NSW as a lawyer.

### Which Landcare site do you

#### volunteer at?

Corindi Beach

### Why are you interested in volunteering with Landcare?

I have always loved the environment and prefer to spend my time in the great outdoors. After volunteering in Penguin Conservation in New Zealand in 2016 I became more passionate about conservation and started to understand the importance of diverse, natural habitat. After returning home I started a Landcare group in Corindi Beach. I felt that formal volunteering would give me the support and network I needed to conduct bush regeneration in my local town.

### Why did you become a committee member?

I have appreciated the assistance that has been available to me since starting a Landcare group. Joining the committee is my way of giving something back to the organisation. I am also interested in learning more about how a not for profit functions and gaining varied career and life experience.

### What do you think you can bring to the committee?

I hope that my legal and social science background will assist me in fulfilling my role as a committee member. As a young Landcare member I hope to bring a different perspective to the committee and to assist Landcare to continue to grow, such as by utilising modern technology and social media to raise awareness about Landcare.

### Where would you like to see Coffs Landcare heading in the future?

I would like to see Coffs Landcare attract a greater variety of interest and participants through different advertising methods and varied programs. I like the Indian Myna Control Program and feel that programs such as this can attract a broader range of interest in the community. I would like to discuss more market/ festival involvement, creating and establishing further relationships with other environmental organisations, possible school talks and encouraging travel and networking between sites and regions.

## Maddy Black



### Which Landcare site do you volunteer at?

Corindi Beach

### Why are you interested in volunteering with Landcare?

I am passionate about the environment and helping community groups. We moved to Corindi Beach two years ago and were blown away with the natural beauty of this region. We were excited to be able to help our local community and environment.

### Why did you become a committee member?

I became a committee member because I was interested to see how Landcare works behind the scenes. I hope I can use my background in environmental management and environmental economics to help the group.

### What do you think you can bring to the committee?

I am currently undertaking a PhD through UNE looking at developing strategies to get farmers to undertake revegetation or remnant vegetation management on farmland. I have worked in the past on various environmental management and environmental economics projects. Hopefully I can bring some of the knowledge and skills I have gained through my research to the group.

### Where would you like to see Coffs Landcare heading in the future?

I would like to see a sustainable Landcare organisation that is well known and respected throughout the Coffs community. I hope we can collaborate with lots of different groups and work towards developing new and exciting projects. I hope we can work on establishing secure funding for the organisations future. I would like to see Coffs Landcare move towards engaging a younger audience in the future and also engaging more with the agricultural community.



## Celebrating 20 Years

This year's CHRL awards are also our 20th birthday celebrations and will be held at Karangi School on **Sunday, 9th September from 11.30 am.**

A sausage sizzle and non-alcoholic drinks will be provided. Please bring salads or nibbles to share and your own alcoholic drinks.

If you haven't RSVP'd yet, urgently call the office to let us know if you are attending.

### A brief history of Coffs Harbour Landcare Inc

During the 1990's the Landcare movement was expanding rapidly in Australia. Jetty Dunecare Group was among the first groups formed when members of the Ulitarra Conservation Society commenced work on the very degraded and weed infested Jetty Foreshores area. By the mid 1990's the number of Dunecare groups, working along the Coffs Coast had grown considerably and the Landcare movement had become well established in Coffs Harbour.

In 1997 groups commenced working to restore the health of Orara River and a Management Committee was set up to liaise with Coffs Harbour City Council and other Government departments to seek funding and facilitate planning and works approval. Council Environmental Levy and State Government grants were becoming available but applying for these funds and reporting on grants was beyond the capacity of most groups. Insurance of volunteers was also an issue. The need for a Landcare support organisation was obvious.

In 1997 Dee Wallace and Desnee McCosker asked the Ulitarra Conservation Society to assist them in forming such a support organisation and a steering committee was formed which resulted in Coffs Harbour Regional Landcare Inc being registered as an incorporated body on 27<sup>th</sup> May 1998. The organisation received strong support from Coffs Harbour City Council and the Department of Land and Water Conservation (DLWC). In the year 2000 DLWC funded a support officer position for two days per week and housed them in their Coffs Harbour office.

As the work volume increased CHRL engaged more support officers and rented their own office facilities.

One major reason for the overwhelming success of CHRL over this time is the strong commitment, passion and knowledge of the Executive Committee. This group of volunteers has been involved in the management of the organisation in the very long term and provided the continuity and wisdom which saw CHRL through a number of different staff members and several moves of the office, always providing a reliable backdrop to the enthusiastic volunteering of our members.

Twenty years on and CHRL currently supports 30 volunteer groups, 3 member groups and approximately 300 volunteers in all.

Most of the groups work in the Coffs Coast Regional Park or Coffs Harbour City Reserve network. Our Volunteer Support is funded through the Coffs Harbour Council's Environmental Levy. This project has just been made a part of Council's delivery program of Major Strategic Programs in recognition of the vital role the work of Landcare volunteers play in the local environment. Many of the degraded sites have been turned around due to the hard work and commitment of our volunteers. For example, Coffs Creek is now virtually weed free and with its walking track has become a wonderful recreational asset for the local community. The recent site visits as part of the Environmental Levy allocation process showed sites in excellent condition.

CHRL also has a significant role in managing other environmental projects, such as engaging with farmers on the Eastern Dorrigo Plateau and more recently with local Blueberry growers and educating and assisting them in improving their on-farm native vegetation and soil and water management.

As part of our 20 Year Celebration we thought it would be nice to ask some of our long standing members about their experiences with Coffs Harbour Regional Landcare Inc over the last 20 years. A series of questions were asked of them and their interesting and informative answers are outlined below.



*Dee Wallace, Eileen Moody  
Award winner 2007  
Long term executive member  
and secretary of CHRL*



## Looking back over 20 years— memories and experiences of our members

### Ron Smith

I have lived in Coffs Harbour all my life - so over 70 years. I have always spent much of it outdoors through farming, working in forestry, as a keen fisherman and bushwalking. Over the years I have witnessed many changes in the local environment. As someone



who spent much time enjoying the outdoors, I became very concerned during the 1980's with the decline of native vegetation in general and also the rapidly deteriorating river bed of the Orara River. Gravel extraction along the river from the 50's to early 80's was upsetting the whole river system. Camphor laurel trees were reaching maturity, becoming very large and starting to fall in the river causing significant in-stream issues.

I'd been involved in the Ulitarra Conservation Society since the mid 80's. In 1997 I joined the Orara Valley Rivercare Groups Management Committee and started Karangi Landcare to fill a gap on the river where no Landcare work was occurring. At this time I also became involved with the set-up of Coffs Harbour Regional Landcare Inc and have been on the Executive committee since its inception in 1998.

In the late 1990's Orara Valley Rivercare was quite well coordinated but along the coast in Coffs there were lots of little groups doing their own thing that were not coordinated or supported apart from some support from Council.

Over the last 20 years CHRL has grown in every way and has achieved functioning at a high level. It has gone from having no staff to 3 part time employees and its own premises. We now have many well managed sites that are a great example of what CHRL and its volunteers have achieved through hard work and good support. For example, Coffs Creek has been a major achievement through the control of weeds and removal of litter. These sites can be used to showcase Landcare's work to potential funding bodies in a hope to achieve a higher level of funding

I have found Landcaring very fulfilling and rewarding and one of the very worthwhile things I have done in my life. My highlight has been watching the Orara River turned around from rapid deterioration. Measurements done on the local ecology are indicating the significant improvements that have occurred through Landcare works. I have seen my vision for this river become a reality.

I hope that Coffs Harbour Landcare is able to continue at the level it is now and that our on ground achievements will be recognised politically and result in ongoing funding.

### John Ross

I have lived on my property near Coramba for 30 years. Over that time I have run my small native plant nursery, worked as a bush regenerator, a part time TAFE teacher in bush regeneration and managed a small bookshop.



My first involvement in a formal Landcare Group was with Coramba Landcare and the Orara Valley Rivercare Groups Management Committee (OVRGMC) which were both formed in 1997. At that time (as ever since) I was excited to be a part of such a visionary project tackling issues such as river structural decline and infestations of Cat's Claw Creeper, Camphor Laurel and Privet in a planned, strategic and coordinated and resourced manner. After the disbanding of Coramba Landcare I joined Karangi Landcare. I have served on

the Executive of CHRL and of the OVRGMC during much of that 20 year period.



My involvement in CHRL began at its formation in 1997. The formation of an overarching organization for Dunecare, Landcare and Rivercare groups in Coffs Harbour Shire allowed efficient management of insurance matters, funding applications (especially from the recently instituted Coffs Harbour Council Environmental Levy),

training, the employment of contractors, resourcing and other requirements. Since it's incorporation I have seen CHRL grow in size both with sites and members. Management proficiency and project diversity has also increased. The value of our work is attested to by the continuing great support from CHCC Environmental Levy. Over 20 years the improvement in so many of our sites in Coffs Harbour and on the Orara is massive. Our efforts have not only improved so many sites but halted and reversed the serious decline that was occurring. This is incredibly encouraging for me. A particular highlight is the major improvement in the health of riparian vegetation on the Orara River.

Moving ahead I would like to see CHRL continue its crucial role resourcing the wonderful work done by our volunteers and also to adapt to funding changes to promote sustainable practices in our agricultural industries. We have many new challenges on the horizon with the accelerating impacts of climate change on our coast and ecosystems.



## Frank Kennedy

I arrived in Coffs Harbour in 1980 while working with the Australian Customs Service. I helped established the Friends of Coffs Creek in 1992. The Services Clubs of Coffs Harbour had put forward a proposal to build the Coffs Creek Walk from the City to the Harbour and



back again. I had approached Council to say that I was interested in being part of a conservation group on the creek once the walk had been established. However, I was then approached by Council to set up the Friends of Coffs Creek (FoCC) prior to the Walk being constructed. Initially FoCC's focus was, along with the Service Clubs, to build sections of the walking track. I then became a Jobskills supervisor working on the ongoing construction of the Walk including the boardwalk on the northern side, as funds came available, until the Walk's completion in mid 1997. This is when FoCC's focus moved to weed and rubbish removal. Making the creek and mangroves accessible through the walking track made these issues a lot more obvious to the public.

FoCC became a Coffs Harbour Regional Landcare Inc site in late 1998. As FoCC was not an incorporated group, there was a risk from a lack of insurance. Joining CHRL meant that our members were covered by insurance. It also made available a wealth of bush regeneration and technical advice as well as tools and PPE. We were also able to access plants from the CHRL Nursery. CHRL also provided a formal body to work with CHCC, NPWS etc.

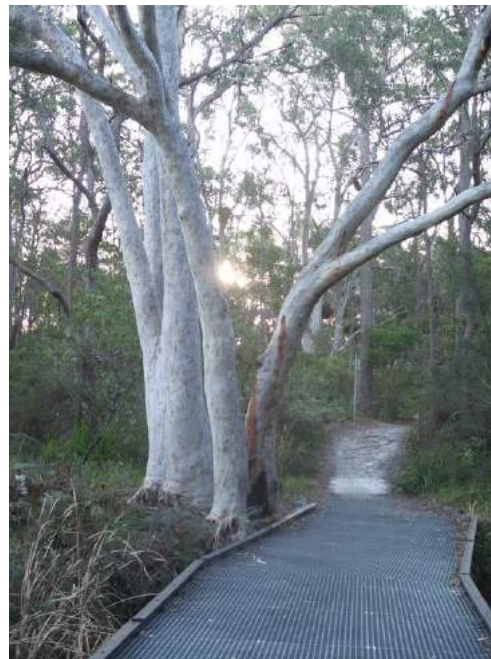
When the Environmental Levy was first being formulated by Coffs Council I gave a presentation to the public meeting about the funding that had been going into improving Coffs Creek. I discussed how the opening up of the Creek to the public was making rubbish in the mangroves and weed issues more visible. I think this helped convince Council to direct more funding into Coffs Creek rehabilitation.

I started Macauleys Headland Landcare in September 2014. I used to walk over the Headland on a regular basis and when the official Solitary Island's track was built I began to think how much nicer it would be if the weeds that were obstructing the view were removed. I approached NPWS about volunteering to remove weeds and they referred me back to CHRL. By this stage I was happy to move on from FoCC to a new site. Elisabeth Edwards had taken over as site coordinator for FoCC and was doing a wonderful job of managing the volunteer group and getting the weeds under control.

I thought I could redirect my energies to a new degraded area. I started by working alone on the Headland but often had people walking past asking to help so built up enough members to become a group.

The highlight of my Landcare experience is seeing the local bushland come back especially in degraded areas of Macauleys Headland and the environment/ heritage burning of the Headland. Coffs Walk is nearly weed free now and is such an asset to the local community. I hope that CHRL is able to achieve more of the same as they have achieved over the last 20 years.

I now live in Marian Grove Retirement Village and have started up a Landcare Group with other residents in the Marian Grove Wildlife Refuge to continue on my passion of caring for the local environment.



Coffs Creek Walk



Macauleys Headland



## Farmers for Climate Action's 'Ask a Scientist' project

Farmers for Climate Action is inviting all farmers to participate in the 'Ask a Scientist' project and pose your question to a panel of highly respected climate scientists.

Current farming production systems have been forged in the face of great climate variability and Australian farmers are among the best in the world. Even so, we know that we need the best available information to help us plan and adapt to future climates.

Throughout the year, questions will be put to our panel of trusted scientists. To put your question forward for consideration, email your name, location, type of farm and question to [info@farmersforclimateaction.org.au](mailto:info@farmersforclimateaction.org.au)

Questions can be specific or general, covering topics including climate and weather systems, climate impacts on agriculture, how farmers can adapt and mitigate changing climatic conditions. There are no strings attached. To find out more, visit:

[www.farmersforclimateaction.org.au/ask\\_a\\_scientist](http://www.farmersforclimateaction.org.au/ask_a_scientist)

Farmers for Climate Action is an alliance of farmers and leaders in agriculture who are working with their peers, the wider sector and decision-makers to make sure Australia takes the actions necessary to address damage to our climate.



**Sunday 16th September 2018**

Held annually in spring, Bushcare's Big Day Out (BBDO) is a national day of community participation to restore remnant bushland. BBDO is a day designed to give everyone the opportunity to find out more about our bushland. Activities can include weed removal, tree planting, mulching or even follow up maintenance on sites where rehabilitation has already begun. If you are interested in holding your own Bushcare Big Day out please follow the link.

<http://conservationvolunteers.com.au/what-we-do/bushcares-big-day-out/>

## Memorials in Coffs Coast Regional Park

A number of volunteers have expressed concerns about the number of memorials in Coffs Coast Regional Park. NPWS and Coffs City Council through the Coffs Coast Regional Park Board have adopted the NPWS Memorials Policy in relation to managing this matter. The NPWS has commenced to apply this policy to unauthorised memorials found within the Coffs Coast Regional Park. As you can understand the removal of these memorials is a sensitive matter and we are working to contact the families to discuss removal and appropriate memorials.



To help us find these families please let ranger Martin Smith know if you are aware of contact details for these memorials. Martin Smith Ph 6652 0907;

[martin.smith@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:martin.smith@environment.nsw.gov.au)

You can read the policy at :

<https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/topics/parks-reserves-and-protected-areas/park-policies/memorials-in-parks>





In August I was fortunate to attend a Landcare community gathering at 'Metuchin' near Utungun in the beautiful Nambucca Valley. The gathering involved 3 days of experiential training using the 'Art of Hosting' [www.artofhosting.org](http://www.artofhosting.org) approach to participatory leadership. Three practitioners from the campfire coop: [www.campfire.coop](http://www.campfire.coop) Mel, Moze and Dave, together with co-hosts Sara and Karen from New England North West Landcare, joined with 14 Landcarers from NENW and the coast to explore the powerful calling question:

**What is possible when we work together to host our communities?**

Over the 3 days we explored practices including: World Café, Open Space, Four-Fold Practice, Harvesting ideas and Designing for Wiser Action. We engaged with each other as a Community of Practice in Landcare and our wider communities; posed some powerful questions of each other; and shared some equally powerful answers.

Together we put into action the beginning designs for 4 projects that participants had sought wise counsel on: 1. organising the LLCI gathering in Sydney in February 2019; 2. igniting a passion and involving students in the Nambucca Valley in Landcare; 3. Relocating and improving the Inverell community garden; and 4. conducting seasonal and targeted surveys, and raising awareness of dung beetles in the Hunter LLS Region.

I make special mention here of the youngest member of our gathering – Chyenne Cameron is a work experience student from Bowraville who has been helping Logan at Nambucca Valley Landcare. She is hoping to share her

passion for the bush with other youth in the valley. She showed a willingness to collaborate, and wisdom and skills way beyond her years, and I predict will be a future Landcare award winner!

In a world rampant with bureaucracy, these few days showed us other ways to collaborate and co-create. This gathering was an antidote to the overwhelming and often unnecessary red tape and hierarchical systems that do not contribute to inspired and motivated teams and workplaces. This was undoubtedly the most inspiring and worthwhile Landcare event I have ever been a part of. I would highly recommend this training to anyone seeking to explore different ways of engaging with community, and of organising teams – whether the team be as small as a family or as large as an entire organisation.



As well as collaborating, co-creating, learning to host and be hosted, we enjoyed the beautiful property that Sara so generously shared with us, and superb food and company.

The answer to our calling question: *What is possible when we work together to host our communities?* Is, of course, ANYTHING!

Jude Turner





## Work Health and Safety Reminders

### Clothing

It is important to remember that all volunteers **must be** wearing appropriate personal protective clothing when working on Landcare sites. This includes long sleeved shirts, long pants, closed in shoes, hats and gloves. This is to ensure your safety by protecting you from snake bites, tick bites, insect stings as well as from spiky plants and sun burn. CHRL supplies all our members with tick repellent coveralls, hats and gloves. If you need any of these items please drop into the office. New members who may not have been supplied with PPE yet must still take the necessary clothing precautions when working on site. Site coordinators should make sure their site members are wearing appropriate clothing before starting work.



### Pre work safety talks

At the beginning of each working bee the group leader for the day must hold a safety briefing where all members are involved in a discussion around what safety risks they may encounter that day eg. hot day therefore need to take regular water breaks or it's been raining so the ground may be slippery. This ensures that everyone is aware of the risks and know to take precautions.

### Being aware while working on site

Please also do not be complacent when working on site. Please be aware of your position at all times and do not work on the edge of steep slopes where you could lose your footing and fall. All volunteers should familiarise themselves with CHRL's Work Health and Safety Policy and Procedures Kit which is a part of the Volunteer Manual, and is available on our website: <https://goo.gl/b7hMwp>



## Please Return Excess Tools

Providing volunteers with adequate tools to carry on their Landcaring activities is a major expense to CHRL. Thankfully we are supported by Council's Environmental Levy programme to cover much of the cost of providing tools and PPE to all of our volunteers.

To make our modest tools budget go further, rather than equip each volunteer with a full bush regenerator's kit, we provide sites with a kit consisting of enough tools so that all volunteers can be involved at working bees.

It is important to remember that **these tools remain the property of CHRL** and should be returned when no longer required, or when a group is no longer active.



In recent years we have lent out a number of the planting shovel pictured. They are an excellent tool for planting, as well as for digging out glory lily, turkey rhubarb, asparagus and weed grasses. Unfortunately none of these shovels have been returned.

Could site coordinators please have a look at what tools they have in their kit, and return any that are not required so that other volunteers can make use of them. If you have a planting shovel in your kit please return it so that it can be loaned out as required.

## The Lipscombe Digger

Pictured below is the rare Lipscombe Digger.



Bill Lipscombe from Sapphire Beach has been making these for our volunteers for 20 years. A shortage of raw materials, and Bill's penchant for travelling far and wide on fishing trips, has meant that our supply of these diggers is diminished and each site can only be allocated one for their tool kit.

If anyone has a digger that is surplus to their requirements, please return it to the office.

In the meantime, Bill is considering heading back into his workshop to make some more of these invaluable tools for us.



## Worksites

Site coordinators please note: If your site information is not correct please let CHRL know. Ph 6651 1308 or email [chrl@coffslandcare.org.au](mailto: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. Ph: Robyn Thomson on 0429 032005

**Bundagen Landcare:** Aloka Reeves coordinates Landcare activities at Bundagen Community, adjacent to Bongil Bongil National Park. Contact CHRL office 66511308.

**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 Ellen Taylor 0403 464 477

**Eastern Dorrigo Landcare:** Work on riparian zones on public & private land. Contact CHRL office 66511308.

**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. Contact Lindy Davis 0448 651 239

**Friends of Coffs Creek:** Meet 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays 9am-12; Weekly: Mon 8.30-2.30, Tues 8.30-2.30, & Thurs 8.30-11. Contact Elisabeth Edwards 0400 579 426.

**Fuller St Dunecare (adjacent to Mullawarra Beach):** Volunteers work on vegetation management in the Regional Park between Mullawarra Beach and Fuller St. Meet 8.30am 1st Sat of month. Ph: Greg Yeates 6654 7828.

**Jarrett Creek Landcare:** Working on Fridays, 8-12. More volunteers needed here in Woolgoolga. Contact Maree Lane 0421 250 794.

**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:** Meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month. Ph: Helen Lawrence 6653 2015

**Korora Basin Landcare:** Meet the 1st Sat of every month, alternating between public & private land.

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 CHRL office 6651 1308.

**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.

**Pearce Drive Reserve Landcare:** Reestablishing rainforest in the riparian zone in West Coffs. Contact CHRL office 6651 1308.

**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 Wednesdays, 8 - 12. Contact Maree Lane 0421 250794.

**Sapphire Reserve Landcare:** Volunteers meet every 2nd Sunday 8.30—10.30am. Contact Greg Robinson 0429 922 845 or [grob1418@gmail.com](mailto:grob1418@gmail.com)

**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 CHRL 66511308.

**Woolgoolga Main Beach Dunecare:** More volunteers are needed. Contact Maree Lane 0421 250 794.

**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 0421 338115.

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