



# Landcare Support Officer Report for Byron Shire Council

1<sup>st</sup> April – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021

## LFW

**Total of 143 properties registered in Byron Shire**

81 registered by BVL, 62 registered by BSC

Site Assessments and Properties registered:

- Wilsons Creek Public School
- 110 Mullumbimby Road, Mullumbimby
- 212 The Manse Road, Myocum
- 789 The Pocket Road, The Pocket

## LANDCARE GROUPS

- 23 BVL locality groups – 16 working on council owned land (one has become inactive due to illness of coordinator, council regen team now manage this site)
- 3 BVL special interest groups
- 10 Incorporated Landcare groups working in Byron Shire (not under BVL's umbrella)
- organised a FREE Chem Cert training delivered by Rural Biz training on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April - 18 attendees, members, landholders, volunteers and contractors attended.

## PROJECTS

- **ET Ridge to River: Mooibal Spur Corridor Restoration Stage 1** \$99,873 working on council road reserve and private properties between Tallow wood Ridge Estate and Tristran Drive, Mullumbimby Creek. Year 1 complete with on ground work on track. Community planting day held on 13<sup>th</sup> March with 780 themeda grasses planted.
- **ET Broken Head Coastal Corridor** \$99,970 working on 8 private properties in Broken Head. Bush Regen and planting. Project on track. Final year reporting due 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021.
- **SOS Phyllanthus** – \$7,500 received for project working on weed control and monitoring on 5 sites along the Brunswick River and Mullumbimby Creek in Mullumbimby. Final year of confirmed funding completed, and draft report submitted.
- **IRCC grant** \$29,894 "Adapting to climate variability—a planting guide for the Northern Rivers region, NSW" to be delivered by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022. To research and audit past plantings, data presented in a report to guide future plantings, 1000 Climate resilient land scape guide distributed to community, 2 workshops education on Climate resilient landscapes, 1 Demonstration site as Heritage park with 350 plants + signs. Research on track, audits of 6 Mullum Music Festival planting sites completed and demonstration planting completed in Heritage Park. Guide under development with printing to be done by the end of the year.
- **WIRES and Landcare Australia post-bushfire wildlife habitat regeneration** \$19,978 "Wildlife safe havens" project to 30 properties – installing Nestboxes, doing site visits, and supplying native plants + buying motion detecting cameras and monitoring camera on a pole and developing info leaflets and social media group. 30 site visits completed with 29 nestboxes installed with final round of site visits for monitoring happening now. Final report due 24<sup>th</sup> June.
- **Fish Habitat Planting** – funded through Ozfish and ZEB and 1 landholder, 464 & 466 Main Arm Road. 375 plants over 0.2 ha plus regen along the main arm of the Bruns River. Planting completed on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2020. Maintenance for 3 years included in project.
- **Take a Walk in the Park**, Maslen Arboretum, Heritage Park. Byron Shire Council Community Initiatives Program (Section 356) \$5,000 plus \$4000 community donation. To repair and maintain tracks and entrance, design and conduct 4 guided walks, order and install 20 new plant signs, add interpretive signage and a commemorative seat.

- **Working Together** \$2000 to have aboriginal traditional owners attend our Smart Farms and Seeds of Hope events.
- **Bushfire Recovery Revegetation Funding** Was successful for 1000 trees @\$8 each to be planted by 17<sup>th</sup> August.

## COUNCIL

- **Smart Farms workshops** - workshop 1 "You and Your Land" held on 10<sup>th</sup> June – 21 attendees. Andrew Cameron attended and gave introduction. Ivan Holland – BSC planner spoke at first Smart Farms workshop on rural land legislation.
- **Smart Farms workshops** - workshop 2 "Soil – our National Capital" in Myocum to be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> June. 50 people booked in. Leveraged additional funding from Casino Food Coop, Australian Macadamias and Commonwealth Bank to be able to run it at 2 additional locations – Lindendale and Doubtful Creek.
- Sent reporting requirements from first Smart Farms workshop to Peter Boyd – photos, sign on sheet, media, evaluation sheets.
- Circulated a weed control EOI to our members and Land for Wildlife members on behalf of Peter Boyd for farmers to carry out riparian or HEV veg weed control work for 1 year.
- 21<sup>st</sup> April attended meeting with John Nagel, Local Land Services re possible biodiverse carbon farming projects.



## BVL PROJECT OFFICER

- Rochelle is now working from council 1 day per week on a flexible basis to fit in with desk availability. In addition to this Rochelle has also been working with council on pest animal projects. 95 Indian mynas trapped to date.

**ENQUIRY TOPICS/ ISSUES**

<b>Phone</b>	<b>Email</b>	<b>Website</b>	<b>Social Media</b>	<b>Walk in</b>	<b>In Person</b>
Big Scrub book	Creek erosion	3 x Volunteering			2 x volunteering
CEN grants	Private landholder funding	3 x Help on private property			Nest boxes
Regen ag contacts	Nest box installation	2 x Nest boxes			Ballina Landcare
LfW	Contractor rates	2 x Attendance at event			Working on council land
contacts	Advice of bush regeneration	Memorial seat			canetoads
Tree planting in a public park		MLNG			Regen contacts
Help on private property					Dams
volunteering					
Pecan association					
<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>12</b>			<b>8</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>34</b>