



Landcare Support Officer Report for Byron Shire Council

14th December 2019 – 31st March 2020

Alison started working from home Monday 16th March

LFW

Total of 117 properties registered in Byron Shire

54 registered by BVL, 62 registered by BSC

Site Assessments and Properties registered:

- 116 Blindmouth Road, Main Arm

EOI's received and waiting to be able to do site visits

- 510 Wilsons Creek Road, Wilsons Creek
- 813 Left Bank Road, Mullumbimby Creek
- 134 Springvale Road, Eureka
- 39 Cedar Road, Wilsons Creek

Provided feedback on a BCT Conservation Partners grant for a LfW member

LANDCARE GROUPS

- 24 BVL locality groups – 17 working on council owned land (2 have become inactive)
- 3 BVL special interest groups – 1 new one Regenerative Agriculture Impact Group RAIN
- 10 Incorporated Landcare groups working in Byron Shire (not under BVL's umbrella)
- The Friends of Mooibal Spur locality group has changed it's name to 'Tallowood Ridge Locality group' to help distinguish it from the Friends of Mooibul Spur - advocacy group.

FUNDING

- **Rous County Council Community Weeds Project** successful for \$18,333 for a 1 year project for ONGROUND works to do Asparagus, Bitou and Glory Lilly weed biosecurity work on council land at Main Beach Byron, Cavanbah dunes and Suffolk Park Dunes. Working with Green and Clean Awareness Team and Suffolk Park Dunecare, with inkind from Bush Regen team – details of work were decided on with David Filipczyk. Bob Smeuninx from Bushland Restoration Services will be the bush regeneration contractor. All primary work has been completed and follow up will be completed by the end of May.
- **ET Ridge to River: Mooibal Spur Corridor Restoration Stage 1** successful for \$99,873. Working on council road reserve and private properties between Tallow wood Ridge Estate and Tristran Drive, Mullumbimby Creek. On ground work has started.

COUNCIL

- Koala field day at John Tann's on Wednesday 11th March organised by BVL on behalf of BSC Byron Habitat Corridors project. 24 participants. Photos, media and sign on sheets sent to Liz Caddick and Friends of the Koala who spoke at the event as an inkind contribution. Article in BVL Newsletter page 6 <http://brunswickvalleylandcare.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/March-2020-Brunswick-Valley-Landcare-Newsletter.pdf>



- **BSC Smart Farms grant** – \$'s have been received from BSC. Draft program of events completed for the 5 events to 150 attendees by 30 June 2021. Andrew Cameron is not returning to council. Peter Boyd is the new project manager until a new farm liaison officer can be appointed. All events postponed and Peter is asking for an extension to deliver engagement events.
- 16th December Smart Farms meeting with Andrew Cameron, Peter Boyd and Anne Briggs to update on the Smart Farms project and plan for the handbook and events. Supplied a draft timetable and topics of the 5 events BVL will be delivering. Also checked with Alex Keen re being able to charge a fee to attend events.
- 8th January met with Shae Kolk (Conservation Volunteers Australia) and Liz Caddick (BSC) to talk \$'s they have for koala tree plantings. They have \$60,000 per year and the next round will open in March 2020.
- Wrote a support letter for BSC applying for Communities Combating Pest and Weed Impacts during Drought Program. Funding for pest animal and weed control and an extension officer to visit rural properties.
- Provided Liz Caddick with Ha of private land under management for conservation for the Biodiversity Strategy. The below figures are a good estimation (some properties are in more than 1 of these categories but there are others involved in projects that are not included)

BSC LfW	920.95 ha
BVL LfW	1235.05 ha
Landcare groups	1771.00 ha
Projects not included in above eg Phyllanthus	74.20 ha
Wildlife Refuges	149.44 ha
TOTAL	4150.64 ha

- Provided Peter Boyd with costs for bush regen contractors per ha
- Talked to Rachel Thatcher re a possible community tree planting for the sustainability awards
- Talked to Kirk Weallans re compensatory plantings for road work in The Pocket
- Talked to Ken Crane re possibility of BVL being involved in the disaster recovery committee.
- Attended the Agriculture Cluster Group meeting 12th February with Rochelle and Brooke Farms.
- Provided information to help Peter Boyd with his Fish Habitat Flagship grant EOI.

BVL PROJECT OFFICER

- Rochelle is working from home and continuing to support all our funded projects.

ENQUIRY TOPICS/ ISSUES

Phone	Email	Website	Social Media	Walk in	Info Stall
2 x grants available to private properties	3 x Regen contractors	2 x Land for Wildlife	Native Grasses	Nut grass	2 x Land for Wildlife
Help with grant application	2 x Help on property	Bufo tabs	Indian Mynas		2 x volunteering
Land for Wildlife	2 x Contact info	Membership			Smart farms events
Regen contractors	2 x Land for Wildlife	Regen on farm			Planting around dam
Bufo tabs success	2 x volunteering	Cane toads			Bufo tabs
Foxes	BCT grants	Volunteering			Planting info
Bamboo	Contractor looking for work	Planting info			Help on property
Native garden ID	Cane toads	Dung beetles			Bush regen contractor looking for work
Weed ID	Big Scrub book	Big Scrub book			Contact for WCHL
Past project	Native fish				
Contact info	Bird habitat				
	Meeting with kids that are home schooled				
	Tree planting				
	Forming a locality group at Wategoes				
	Weeds on roadsides and under powerlines				
12	21	10	2	1	11
TOTAL					57