



## Landcare Support Officer Report for Byron Shire Council

19<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019

### LFW

#### **Total of 108 properties registered in Byron Shire**

47 registered by BVL, 62 registered by BSC

- Site visit on 16/1/2019 for
  - Anandavale – Main Arm
- Site visit on 28/02/2019 for
  - Brown – Talofa
  - Cranitch – Mullumbimby
- Site visit on 7/3/2019 for
  - Dodge&Tassiello – Possum Creek
- Registrations completed = 4
  - Anandavale – Leeroy Mills
  - Rod and Alex Brown
  - Lachlan Cranitch
  - Vincent Tassiello & Nancy Dodge

### LANDCARE GROUPS

- 26 BVL locality groups – 17 working on council owned land
- 2 BVL special interest groups
- 10 Incorporated Landcare groups working in Byron Shire (not under BVL's umbrella)
- New BVL Locality group formed at Tallowood Ridge estate "Friends of Mooibal Spur". To work on community land in the estate and the council road reserve along the ridge.
- Supporting a new Inc Landcare group forming in Federal – help with Incorporated Association paperwork and constitution.
- Held 3 community days at Yalla Kool Reserve Ocean Shores as part of our National Landcare Program Environmental Small Grant to improve the walking track through the council reserve.
  - Community Tree Planting 1<sup>st</sup> December 2018 – 10 participants
  - Rainforest Identification walk 18<sup>th</sup> January 2019 – 14 participants
  - Walking track opening and sunrise bird walk – 30<sup>th</sup> March 2019 – 59 participants and attendance by the acting major Cr Michael Lyon.



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## **COUNCIL**

- Assisted Andrew Cameron with the grant application and budgeting for BSC's Smart Farms Small Grants Round 2 application – which was successful.
- 18<sup>th</sup> December meeting with Madeline Pratt from BSC re current projects
- 15<sup>th</sup> January meeting with BSC Chloe, Jo, Karen, Pete and Sharyn re Biodiversity projects.
- 30<sup>th</sup> January met with Dave from BSC regen team at Yallakool with the group to walk over the site and discuss what the regen team will now maintain – they will do all the spraying on the site, freeing up the group to move into the Devine's hill lookout reserve.
- 4<sup>th</sup> February meeting with BSC Joanne McMurtry and Shannon McKelvey re volunteering – council are looking at reviewing their policy around volunteers and how they can support them better. Suggested that help for first aid training, chem cert training etc would be good. They suggested also that traffic control may be possible.
- 11<sup>th</sup> February meeting with BSC and Nigel from Ecosure who is contracted to work on the Biodiversity conservation Strategy – talking about priorities and simplifying objectives.
- Provided BSC Karen Love, a summary on the Landcare achievements as part of the intro in the he Integrated Pest Management Strategy.
  - **Total areas – includes all tenures**  
Dunecare 50ha  
BVL locality groups 687 ha  
Inc groups 1095 ha  
Area of council land = 61 ha
  - **Oldest site to youngest site – years etc:**  
Oldest formed in 1995 – 24 years  
Youngest is in the process of forming at the moment.
  - **Number of groups/members:**  
23 BVL locality groups, 2 BVL special interest groups,  
10 incorporated Landcare groups  
= 35 groups  
Around 170 volunteers  
BVL has - 167 members
  - Over 5700 hours of volunteers time which equals a \$199,500 in kind contribution per annum.
- Provided and updated the list of animal enquiries for front counter staff.
- Wrote a letter of support for Peter Boyd for "Paddys Ck Flying Fox Camp Management (Stage 1)" – in Bangalow.
- Wrote a letter of support for David Filipczyk for "Brunswick River" Crown Reserves Improvement Fund" - for Mullum Town and Heritage Park group sites.
- Been slowly working away at mapping all the landcare groups on the GIS mapping. Nearly there now!

## **ENQUIRY TOPICS/ ISSUES**

<b>Phone</b>	<b>Email</b>	<b>Walk in</b>	<b>Info Stall</b>
Indian Mynas	Weed ID x 4	Creek regeneration	Land for Wildlife
BCT grants	Volunteering x 4	Native trees cut down	Collaboration on projects
Casting for TV series – wife swap!	Species to plant x 3	Weed ID x 9	
Weed ID	Project support x 2		
Salt water crocodile in dam	Membership x 2		
Cane toads	Private landholder looking for grants x 2		
Trees fallen down in storm can anyone help remove them	Spraying near creek		
resources	Health and Safety		
regeneration	Butterfly ID		
Creek regeneration	Cane toads		
weeds	Speaking at garden club		
	Health and Safety		
	Private landholder looking for grants		
	donations		
	Maps		
11	25	11	2
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>49</b>