



## Landcare Support Officer Report for Byron Shire Council

1<sup>st</sup> April – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019

### LFW

#### **Total of 111 properties registered in Byron Shire**

50 registered by BVL, 62 registered by BSC

- Site visit on 11/04/2019 for
  - Webster – Upper Main Arm
- Site visit on 06/06/2019 for
  - Bicknell & Hunt – The Pocket



- Site visit on 17/06/2019 for
  - Twin Creeks Community Association – Bangalow
- Site visit 28/06/2019 Taylor, Brunswick Heads – property not eligible
- Registrations completed = 3
  - Webster
  - Bicknell & Hunt
  - Twin Creeks Community Association

### 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)
- Federal Landcare Inc is now approved as an Incorporated Association.
- **National Landcare Program Environmental Small Grants in Yallakool Reserve** – Educational signs are done and waiting to be installed in the reserve. Rochelle Meredith has been working with the group to train them on weed control techniques esp Ipomea.

### FUNDING

- **Rous County Council Community Weeds Project** submitted EOI 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.

*4 July 2019 Report by Alison Ratcliffe*

## **COUNCIL**

- Reviewed text updates for Cows do moo brochure - Andrew Cameron.
- Commented on proposed project at Casons Lane, New Brighton and suggested further community members to consult – Chloe Dowsett.
- Helped with wording for letter to residents re Mullum Music Fest Treeplanting and provided addresses list from Geocortex to Chloe Dowsett.
- Met with Andrew Cameron x 3 re successful Smart Farms Small grant
- Supplied info on wildlife friendly fencing and riparian fencing – Michelle Chapman
- met with Isabelle Hawton and Rob Van Iersel re the possibility of starting a locality group in the Byron Arts and Industry estate on council land as part of the precinct plan.
- Met with council staff re 'Bringing back the Bruns' project.
- Re Resolution 18-226 Landcare Groups working on Council land 2. *Work with BVL to review the location and needs of the locality groups to determine what level of support can be provided.* I have finished mapping all the locations and contact details of Landcare groups on ArcMap GIS. I sent an email on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2019 with the links to shape files to Andy Erskine, Michael Matthews, Sharyn French, Rachel Sinclair and Chloe Dowsett with the hope that a layer can be added to Geocortex so that all council staff can see where active groups are.

## **ENQUIRY TOPICS/ ISSUES**

Phone	Email	Walk in	Info Stall
Information on past projects x 3	Help on property via funding x 6		Weed info
Regen info	LfW info x 4		Regen info
Camphors	Regeneration info x 2		
Help on property	Membership x 2		
Support for project	Byron Community Centre – 2 vol enquiries		
BUFO tabs	New business		
New business	Weed ID		
Butterflies	Locality group grant		
Pandanus at Clarkes beach	Riparian planting		
Pandanus with die back	Nest boxes		
Nest box project	Corporate event		
Planting fruit trees on council road reserve	Grey sedge		
Starting a Landcare group	Bufo tabs		
Help to find relevant info	Promoting events		
Local aboriginal contacts	Resources		
Revegetation info	Newsletter		
Trees being cut down	Maps		
	Insurance info		
	Native plants		
	Contacts		
	Newsletter		
	Help request from a group		
	Events		
19	34		2
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>55</b>