



## Landcare Support Officer Report for Byron Shire Council

1<sup>st</sup> July – 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019

### LFW

#### **Total of 116 properties registered in Byron Shire**

54 registered by BVL, 62 registered by BSC

- Site visit on 26/07/2019 for
  - Ridgewaves, 77 Frasers Road
- Site visit on 9/08/2019 for
  - John Tann & Ruth Laxton, 74 McAuleys Lane, Mycoun
- Site visit on 16/08/2019
  - Andy & Deidre Plummer, 214-216 Kings Road, Federal
- Site visit on 02/09/2019
  - Jenny Hartigan, 92 Frasers Road, Mullumbimby Creek
- Site visit on 16/09/2019
  - Paul Cholakos & Bronwyn Morris, 1250 Coolamon Scenic Drive
- Site visit on 09/08/2019
  - Gibbs, 113 Left Bank Road – new property owner, previous owner was registered

Registrations completed = 6

### 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)

### FUNDING

- **National Landcare Program Environmental Small Grants in Yallakool Reserve** – project is now complete. Final report submitted on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2019



- **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.
- **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 to commence 1<sup>st</sup> November.
- Of interest there were 4 successful ET grants in Byron this year with a combined \$354,090, all applications were supported in some way by Alison. There were only 25 community grants awarded in NSW.

## **COUNCIL**

- **BSC Smart Farms grant** – submitted a proposal and quote for \$10,000 to Andrew Cameron and Tania Crosbie from BSC to run 5 events to 150 attendees by 30 June 2021. Can include field days, farm tours, workshops on topics like marketing produce, chem and pest management, riparian corridors, soil health and wildlife habitat. Waiting on approval and a PO number.
- Supplied council with info and promotion from MMF day for their **ET Byron Habitat Corridors** reporting.
- Supplied the Land for Wildlife EOI form to council to send to all their landholders involved in **ET Byron Habitat Corridors project** – conducted 2 sites visits and registrations for properties involved in this project.
- Prepared and presented to **Leadership Lab** on BVL (see attached) on 26<sup>th</sup> July for Joanne McMurtry and Shannon McElvey.
- Circulated email to all LfW members from Liz Caddick re interest in Koala Plantings through the **North East Hinterland Koala Conservation Project**.
- **Plantings with public money** – Karen Love has requested information on all plantings carried out with public money so that council can map it and it will have a better level of protection.
- Meeting 29<sup>th</sup> July re possible **Increasing Resilience to Climate Change grant program** Round 2 of the grants will open today July 1 and close on 1 September 2019. Application information for Round 2 is available on the [LGNSW website](#).
- Catch up 1<sup>st</sup> August with David Filipczyk re **locality groups** and upcoming projects.
- Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> August with Andrew Camrean, Tani Crosbie, Dave Forrest and Kieran Livermore (Soilcare) to talk possible **field day** at Rex Hunt's property
- Supplied info on the **GIS mapping of the landcare groups** to Liz Caddick who has arranged for them to be loaded onto Geocortex.
- Liaised with Rachael Lee re the **responsible dog ownership event** as part of the ET Mooibal project.
- Attended meeting with the **Biodiversity team** re project planning on 15<sup>th</sup> August
- Went through the old "**rural landholders guide**" and made notes of changes that will be required – gave to Andrew Cameron.
- Meeting re "**Bringing Back The Bruns**" project 29<sup>th</sup> August
- Supplied info on BVL to Anthony Jarvis for BSC's **Biodiversity Conservation Strategy**.
- Assisted **Andy Erskine** with some enquiries re a shed in Federal
- Supplied a letter of support to Peter Boyd and mapping of Phyllanthus work sites for council's application to the **Fisheries Habitat Action Grant "Bringing Back the Bruns – stage 1"**.

## **ENQUIRY TOPICS/ ISSUES**

<b>Phone</b>	<b>Email</b>	<b>Social Media</b>	<b>Walk in</b>	<b>Info Stall</b>
6 x Private landholder grants	3 x Promoting events for other organisations	Cane toad traps		2 x Land for Wildlife
3 x advice on grant project management	3 x LfW	Dutchmans pipe		Planting Guides
Trees being cut down	Regen info			
volunteering	Speakers suggestions			
Weed classifications	Locality group request for support			
Advice on facebook groups	Cat traps			
Help with grant reporting	Tips for ET grant applications			
Veg mapping	Tree guard supplier			
Locality group support	groups			
Nest boxes	Koala habitat			
Swooping magpies	Planting management			
Planting info	Nest boxes			
Wildlife rope bridges	Locality groups			
Landcare work areas	Venue to hold a Myrtle rust workshop organised by OEH			
School assistance	Help with grant			
Farm forestry	Junior landcare			
Indian myna's	New nest box supplier			
Mapping – area of cleared land				
Contacts				
26	21	2		3
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>52</b>