Landcare Support Officer Report for Byron Shire Council



1st April – 30th June 2023

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Total of 149 properties registered in Byron Shire

84 registered by BVL, 64 registered by BSC Paperwork submitted for

• Gardiner, 681 Myocum Road

LANDCARE GROUPS

- 20 BVL locality groups 16 working on council owned land (three have become inactive due to coordinators moving away).
- 3 BVL special interest groups.
- 10 Incorporated Landcare groups working in Byron Shire (not under BVL's umbrella).

PROJECTS

- ET Broken Head Costal Corridor Restoration Stage 3 \$170,000 over 4 years working on 7 properties, 10.18ha of restoration and 4.9ha of planting. Coming to the end of year 1 and work is on track.
- LLS Landslip Recovery regional project across 4 northern Landcare networks. BVL liaised with landholders and soil conservation experts to arrange site visits to assess 15 priority slides that were identified in Byron Shire. Landholders have received their management plans and 6 sites have been successful in receiving some funding from LLS for earthworks and hydro mulching.
- **MNES Grant** from LLS (Matters of National Environmental Significance) \$65,084 over 1 year to work on 8 sites with subtropical rainforest that have had 1 year of funding already, and 5 of the landslide sites that are needing weed control work.

EVENTS

• **12th Annual Mother's Day Community Tree Planting** – held at 62 Yankee Creek Road. 1000 trees planted with 50 community attending, despite the rainy morning. Co-funded by BVL and Carbon Positive Australia.



COUNCIL

• Riparian Restoration field day organised by BVL and funded by council's Bringing Back the Bruns project held at Chris Mills property on 13th June, 27 attendees including 6 council staff. About 100 plants were also planted as well as great talks on riparian restoration from Peter Boyd and Dave Filipcyzk.



BVL COMMUNITY LIASON OFFICER

• Joanne McMurtry has been on leave for an overseas trip, but is now back. She will work for BVL for 2 days per week on a flexible basis. She has lots of ideas to reinvigorate our volunteer groups which have seen a decrease in volunteering over the last 3 years.

BVL PROJECT OFFICER

• Harry Hackett has started work for BVL as Project Officer and will work on a flexible basis between 1 to 2 days per week. She organised the Mother's Day tree planting and the field day for council, doing an excellent job on both.

Alison is now working reduced hours due to her carer's role, she is working 1 day per week on a flexible basis.

Phone	Email	Website	Social Media	Walk in	In Person
Suitable understorey	Help with grant application	volunteering	Memorial tree in heritage park		
species for a					
rainforest					
planting Singapore daisy control	Weed book	Slash pines			
2 x Planting		Bush regen			
native trees		contractors			
contacts		Grants for pp			
books					
bamboo					
Forming a locality group					
Grant for Private					
property					
9	2	4	1		
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ENQUIRY TOPICS/ ISSUES