



Landcare Support Officer Report for Byron Shire Council

1st July - 30th September 2021

LFW

Total of 143 properties registered in Byron Shire

81 registered by BVL, 62 registered by BSC

Site Assessments and Properties registered:

- 46 Beech Lane, Wilsons Creek.
- 470 Main Arm Road
- 25 Prior Drive, Coopers Shoot
- 50 Tristran Parade Mullumbimby Creek NSW 2482
- 19 Mill Road, Huonbrook NSW 2482

LANDCARE GROUPS

- 23 BVL locality groups – 16 working on council owned land (one has become inactive due to illness of coordinator, council regen team now manage this site)
- 3 BVL special interest groups
- 10 Incorporated Landcare groups working in Byron Shire (not under BVL's umbrella)

PROJECTS

- **BVL Landcare Led Bushfire Recovery Funding – Glider project** \$50K community grant for glider habitat solutions. Nestbox installations have started in Main Arm, Myocum and Goonengerry.
- **NCRLN Landcare Led Bushfire Recovery Funding** North Coast Regional Landcare Network regional nest box project – \$13,587 for monitoring our existing nest boxes plus some hollow augmentations using the [Hollow Hog](#) tool. Plus a field day. Other networks in the region have funding for boxes, hollows and an ecologist to analyse all the monitoring data.
- **Main Arm Fish Habitat** – DPI Fisheries grant \$17,519 complementing Bringing Back the Bruns projects by carrying out 1.2ha of weed control and 750 trees planted on 2 private properties on the Brunswick River, Main Arm adjacent to Sherrys Bridge.
- **ET Ridge to River: Mooibal Spur Corridor Restoration Stage 1** \$99,873 working on council road reserve and private properties between Tallow wood Ridge Estate and Tristran Drive, Mullumbimby Creek. Year 2 complete with on ground work on track. Signage installed at the gathering tree and at the start of the walking track. Planned community planting rescheduled for March 2022 wet season. Nest box monitoring complete 9 of the 10 nest boxes were inhabited. See [BVL's October newsletter](#) for photos of the inhabitants of the planting and sign installation.
- **ET Broken Head Coastal Corridor** \$99,970 working on 8 private properties in Broken Head. Project completed with final report submitted 1st September 2021. BVL has applied for Stage 3 funding of \$170,000 over 4 years to continue the corridor from Broken Head up to Coopers Shoot including Hogans Bluff Big Scrub remnant – will know the result of the funding application in mid 2022.
- **IRCC grant** \$29,894 "Adapting to climate variability—a planting guide for the Northern Rivers region, NSW" to be delivered by 31st March 2022. To research and audit past plantings, data presented in a report to guide future plantings, 1000 Climate resilient land scape guide distributed to community, 2 workshops education on Climate resilient landscapes, 1 Demonstration site as Heritage Park with 350 plants + signs. Guide in draft with printing to be done by the end of the year.
- **Fish Habitat Planting** – funded through Ozfish and ZEB and 1 landholder, 464 & 466 Main Arm Road. 375 plants over 0.2 ha plus regen along the main arm of the Bruns River. Planting completed on 25th November 2020. Maintenance for 3 years included in project.
- **Working Together** \$2000 to have aboriginal traditional owners attend our Smart Farms and Seeds of Hope events.

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COUNCIL

- **Smart Farms workshops** – workshops have been on hold due to COVID restrictions.
- Met with Liz Caddick to review what books we have available – she is updating the council website.
- Met with Liz re the new Wildlife Corridor mapping and BVL's engagement

BVL PROJECT OFFICER

- Rochelle is now working mainly working from home 1 day per week on a flexible basis. In addition to this Rochelle has also been working with council on pest animal projects. 95 Indian mynas trapped to date. Funding and trapping to continue 2021 – 2022.

ENQUIRY TOPICS/ ISSUES

Phone	Email	Website	Social Media	Walk in	In Person
10 x Advice re grant	8 x maps	2 x Grants for private property			Grants for PP
6 x contacts	5 x LLS funding	contacts			
5 x Grants for Private property	4 x Grants for private property	nestboxes			
3 x Contacts	5 x contacts	student			
2 x Native plant nurseries	2 x LfW	membership			
2 x Support for event / project	2 x books	MLNG			
2 x Plant ID	2 x Support for project				
Weed Control methods	Grants for planting				
Salvinia Weevils	Nest box build them yourself plans				
Native landscape guidelines – recommended plants	Native nurseries				
Horses in creek	Camphor laurel control				
Regen contractors list	LfW				
LfW	Grants for planting				
Wetland plants	Bush regen list				
Site visits for Landcare conference 2022					
Weed ID work					
Riparian restoration					
Indian myna project in Canberra					
Idea for project					
Plants for a dam					
RSPCA cat project					
Cats					
46	35	7			1
TOTAL					89