



In the Valley

Rainforest News and Views



Newsletter evolution

The Byron Shire Landcare and Dunecare newsletter is sent out electronically every month by Brunswick Valley Landcare and now includes our newsletter as an insert. Thanks to our Community Support Officer Alison for facilitating. A few people have notified a preference for continuing to receive hard copies. We hope no-one misses out, let us know what works for you (email wilsonscreeklandcare@yahoo.com.au, write to PO Box 678 or drop off a note at 1016 Wilsons Creek Road, providing address and number of hard copies required, or other suggestions). Please talk to any new neighbours who would like to be connected. As has been recent practice, newsletters will also be available from our Facebook group page.

Landcare Field Day! Re-scheduled Breakfast with the Birds Now called "In the Valley Field Day"

Our much-anticipated Field Day has been confirmed for Friday 18th of August 7:30am -3:00.

As you know, our communities previous attempt in March was well and truly rained out!

This is a free event, including guest speakers, a great feed, a bird walk and various demonstrations. It is also a great opportunity to chinwag with our community and your neighbours, and catch up on some new skills.

This new event is even more engaging, being run jointly with Land for Wildlife's field day, spreading across two venues and with lunch!

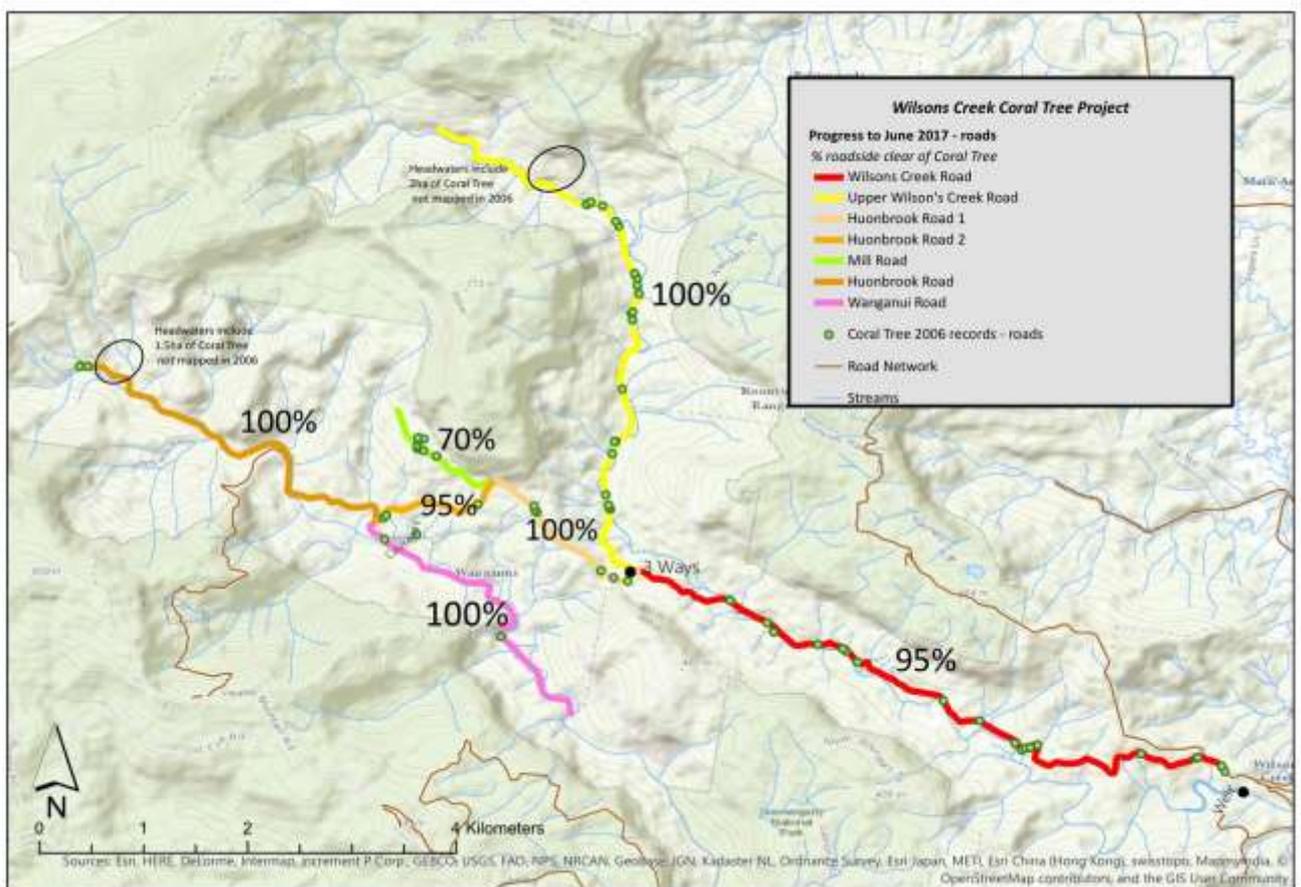
A new flyer shall soon be landing in your mail box with the program and other details. If somehow you don't receive a physical flyer, please use the contact details below to get the info. The flyer is also included in the Shire-wide electronic newsletter and on the Wilsons Creek Huonbrook Landcare Facebook page.

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The Coral Tree Eradication Project - update

We are nearing the end of our three-year Coral Tree eradication project and it is time to update the community on progress towards removal of roadside trees. Our map (below) says it all – a wonderful effort. Much of Upper Wilsons Creek Road was once lined with trees, and we are so grateful to Council for getting in there and doing the bulk of the work in Year 1. Now we are left with a small number of trees on the main road and a bit of a hotbed on Mill Road. It is not simple to work on roadsides, where safety dictates that trees cannot be drilled and left to drop dead material onto the road. Other methods require traffic control.

It is worth the effort to work towards a roadside clear of weed trees capable of spreading into adjoining lands and sometimes into the creeks. And no more brittle Coral Trees collapsing under their own weight and blocking the road.



Some of us have been watching this roadside specimen with some despair. Just before Cyclone Deb, the side arm slasher came through and liberally spread smashed branches around the trunk. After the cyclone, before anybody could collect the live wood, the grader cleared the silt and covered many of the fragments. They are all set to grow and expand the existing tangled thicket next season, unless “someone” clears them up.

Over the years, it has not proved possible to prevent scarce and constantly changing contractors from spreading weeds such as Coral Trees. The only way is to remove them completely. Can we do it?



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