

## GREETINGS LANDCARERS

### SOIL-OUR NATIONAL CAPITAL WORKSHOPS

Outstanding success! Fully booked! Fully happy! Fully fed!

The 3 x Workshops were held on 3 regional properties in June, focussing on soil health being the keystone to productive farming, regenerative agriculture and meeting the rapidly emerging demands of consumers and markets.

The workshops featured quality speakers and topics by Glenn Morris, John Grant, Kevin Glencross, Dave Forrest, Alan Coates, Joe Leven, Nathan Jennings, expertly MC'd by Charlie Arnott.

Featuring interesting properties and great food! More than 200 farmers and producers attended and we went away with new information, examples of progressive farming methods, and thoughts on modifying the “paddock between the ears” as well as their operations.

Thanks to our BVL\Farming Into The Future team for their hard work and smoko, our sponsors Casino Food Co-op, Commonwealth Bank Agribusiness, Australian Macadamia Society, Byron Shire Council, BioResources, and CFC for their Chef David Carew and great lunches.

Also to our 3 host farmers, Ross Arnett, Johan Kortenhorst and Lyn Lee, and our MC, Charlie Arnott (see link to his podcasts herein).

Interactive workshops like SONC have proven an effective way of educating, inspecting the paddocks, and enabling farmer-to-farmer interaction.

With the support received, we are encouraged to organise more workshops in the future as interest in regenerative\holistic\sustainable farming grows and grows...and grows.

Here is some of the feed-back.

"It was great to be involved. I don't think I have ever seen such a well organised set of field days held at that scale before. Well done."

Dr John Grant, Sthn Cross University and Presenter

"To say these events fill me up with encouragement, knowledge and connection is an understatement. Maybe just maybe we can collectively "steer the ship around" towards an ethical future."

"I enjoyed the workshops very much, thanks to you and the team for putting on such a great program."

"I found the day very inspiring also. I love love love the fact that the Casino Meatworks are working towards Carbon Sequestering and improving soil and the land with all their members."

"That made the news from the Government fade into insignificance for a while. Glenn Morris was also very inspiring! "



Thanks to MC Charlie Arnott for expertly weaving the topics, audience comments and his own farming journey into each workshop and Panel



Johan Kortenhorst's "Leela Farm", grazing and mixed farm, practicing HM, rotational grazing and soil improvement. The panel at Osho Mevlana Community Hall.



Kevin Glencross discussing holistic approaches to farming, importance of biodiversity and the role of Carbon.



Malua Farm, Lindendale



Ross Arnett's "Malua Farm"  
Lindendale

Macadamias with wide rows, grassed surfaces and inter-row cropping, soil testing and insectories.



Talking cover cropping and integrated pest management in Macacamia orchards.



Malua farm mascot



Casino Food Coop chef, David Carew prepared an amazing spread of delicious, Asian inspired dishes.



Simon Stahl, Casino Food COOP CEO enthusiastically discussing the future with John Grant SCU, Doubtful Creek.



In the Shed : Lyn Lee's "Rosedale Farm", grazing operation adopting de-compaction trials, Yeomans, rotational grazing, multi-species pastures for soil health and weed control, dung beetle trials



Popular presenter and Soil Guru, Dr. John Grant in his favourite place, and with a relaxed audience.

# SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS

## HOLISTIC MANAGEMENT in THE NSW NORTHERN RIVERS

starting NOVEMBER 2021  
with BRIAN WEHLBURG from  
INSIDE OUTSIDE MANAGEMENT

An 8-day course in Regenerative Agriculture

Grow grass for profit  
Work with nature  
Make decisions which benefit the whole  
Use livestock as a positive tool

### MULLUMBIMBY

The full Holistic Management Course  
eight two-day sessions

Session 1 November 23-24

Session 2 December 14-15

Session 3 January 11-12

Session 4 February 8-9

Enquiries: [kerry@insideoutsidemgt.com.au](mailto:kerry@insideoutsidemgt.com.au)  
[www.insideoutsidemgt.com.au](http://www.insideoutsidemgt.com.au)



We are calling for presentation and workshop submissions for the 2022 NSW Landcare and Local Land Services Conference and Awards. Many of you have established relationships with local experts who may like to participate or you may have a great case study you would like to share.

A timeline for the EOIs and program development is listed below:

- 31st August 2021 - Expressions of Interest submissions close
- September 2021 – EOIs reviewed and program developed
- October 2021 – 2022 NSW Landcare Conference Program launched.



# REGENERATIVE AGRICULTURE

The growing interest in regenerative agriculture and the broader community has seen **Charlie Arnott's The Regenerative Journey podcast** clock up over 290k downloads since launching in 2020 with listeners tuning in from across the globe. In each episode, Charlie takes the listener on his guest's regenerative journey as he uncovers their inspirational stories, touching on topics including the regenerative agriculture definition, natural capital, the psychology of transitioning to regenerative farming practices and principles, and partnering with Nature. Head to [www.charliearnott.com.au/podcast](http://www.charliearnott.com.au/podcast) NOW and settle in for some seriously great yarns

## The Regenerative Journey with **CHARLIE ARNOTT**



# BEEF FARMER WORKING TO BRING BACK NATIVE GRASSLANDS FROM BRINK OF EXTINCTION

ABC RURAL / BY EDEN HYNNINEN

A Victorian farmer is helping to revive lost populations of native grassland. Over the past year, Mr Gailey has been working with Trust for Nature, a conservation organisation, to plant and help revive lost populations of spiny rice-flower and turnip copperburr. In addition, the discovery of Aboriginal settlements with a thatched barn and at least three Aboriginal ovens, there are mounds with the burnt clay where they had their meeting places.

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2021-06-30/farmer-bringing-back-native-grasslands-from-brink-of-extinction/100255182>



# REPAIRING OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH SOIL

LORRAINE GORDON  
25 JUNE 2021

If soil is a measure of the quality of our relationship we have with the earth, then it is time we had some emergency relationship counselling. It is no wonder we are facing increased soil degradation and desertification. Like all good relationships, they need to be nurtured. Fortunately, 2021 is shaping up to be the year where we are throwing everything we have at saving our relationship with the earth that feeds us.

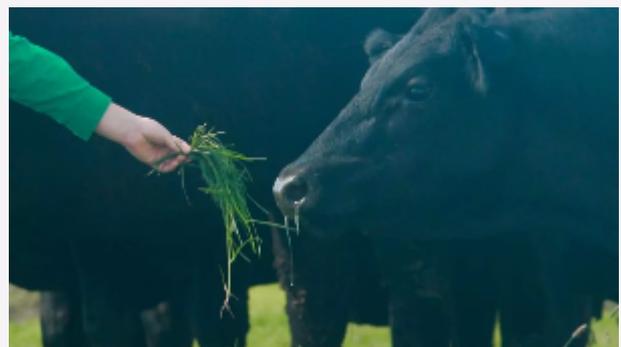
We are seeing unprecedented collaboration from government, industry, research and educators to save our soil.

<https://www.theland.com.au/story/7311289/repairing-our-relationship-with-soil/>



## GREAT SOUTHERN LAUNCHES SUSTAINABILITY PROMISES

AUSTRALIA'S leading certified grass-fed beef and lamb program, Great Southern, has announced the inclusion of its first sustainability framework in response to evolving consumer expectations. As part of Great Southern's Farm Assurance Program, lamb and cattle producers, via a producer advisory committee, have developed the sustainability framework to ensure their on-farm practices meet the evolving expectations of customers and consumers.



### Great Southern launches sustainability promises

JBS grass-fed program now has framework to ensure on-farm practices meet emerging consumer demands.

# FUNDING

Primary producers and certain rural enterprises can be eligible for tax rebates for Landcare, tree shelters, drainage, fire preparation and other works to arrest land degradation. Here are some useful links to these items and the ATO put together by Victorian Landcare group, Basalt to Bay.

As always, seek qualified advice or a ruling from the ATO before assuming!

<https://www.farmonline.com.au/story/7311279/great-southern-launches-sustainability-promises/>

<http://www.basalttobay.org.au/images/downloads/fact%20sheets/ATO-Landcare.pdf>

<http://www.basalttobay.org.au/images/downloads/fact%20sheets/ato-shelterbelts.pdf>

<http://www.basalttobay.org.au/images/downloads/fact%20sheets/ATO-fire-preparedness.pdf>

<http://www.basalttobay.org.au/images/downloads/fact%20sheets/ATO-Tree-farming-and-forestry-operations.pdf>



# **FARMERS to benefit from \$200m federal budget announcement**

IN good news for Australian Farmers, this month's Federal Budget announcement included almost \$200 million in new funding over four years to implement a National Soil Strategy.

As part of the strategy, a two year National Soil Monitoring and Incentives Program will be trialled to improve understanding of Australia's soil condition and assist farmers to improve productivity and profitability. This pilot program will include payments to farmers and land managers to undertake soil testing and capture soil data for the purpose of informing the program, and utilising for their own on farm improvements.



**FARMERS TO BENEFIT FROM \$200M FED BUDGET ANNOUNCEMENT**

[National Soil Strategy\\_\(awe.gov.au\)](http://awe.gov.au)

# NRCF COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM OPENS WEDNESDAY 4 AUGUST

NRCF is dedicated to improving the lives of those less fortunate in our community.

Our annual Community Grants Round is an opportunity for us to support a wide range of charitable organisations across the Northern Rivers region and help them in the important work that they do in our community.

In response to critical issues impacting the Northern Rivers community, the Community Grants Program will offer streams of funding that focus on four priority areas:

- 1) Projects that address the social, economic, cultural and/or educational disadvantage in our region.
- 2) Supporting the conservation of our natural environment, by conserving and restoring natural ecosystems, protecting threatened species, building community skills and education, and/or dealing with local pollution.
- 3) Recovery & Resilience: supporting smaller community organisations in their recovery from COVID-19 and/or recent natural disasters, specifically those organisations who have 'fallen through the gaps' in state & federal funding, such as volunteer driven organisations.
- 4) Housing & Homelessness: projects that focus on the prevention of homelessness and/or provide accommodation and support services for those most vulnerable.

NRCF will offer small grants from \$2,000 - \$10,000 with an average grant recommendation of \$4,000 - \$5,000. All not for profit groups and organisations from the 7 LGAs of the Northern Rivers are invited to apply.

The grants round opens on Wednesday August 4 and closes on Monday September 6.

The application form will be available to download from our website on Wednesday 4th August.

Enquiries can be directed to NRCF's Community Impact Officer Kyla White at [grants@nrcf.org.au](mailto:grants@nrcf.org.au) or 0499 862 886.

If you are a service organisation or LGA Council we would greatly appreciate you forwarding this email to your network or community.

# LAND FOR WILDLIFE



This program may change, but will be updated as much as possible. If you wish to attend any outing, please phone or email the contact number provided. If it's raining the event may also be cancelled. The Calendar also includes outing dates for other groups in the Northern Rivers, any questions please contact the number provided.

The six monthly program (July-December) can be downloaded here: [Monitoring Program 2021](#)

# WEED OF THE MONTH

**Corky passionfruit** is a weed in native vegetation and agricultural land.

It grows quickly, smothers small trees, shrubs and groundcover plants.



## Poisoning

Corky passionfruit leaves and unripe fruit contains cyanogenic glycosides.

These toxins cause cyanide poisoning if eaten.

## Human poisoning

Eating unripe fruit or leaves may cause vomiting or diarrhea.

- If the patient is unconscious, unresponsive or having difficulty breathing dial 000 or get to the emergency section of a hospital immediately.
- If the patient is conscious and responsive call the Poisons Information Centre on 13 11 26 or your doctor.
- If going to a hospital take a piece of the plant for identification.

## Livestock poisoning

Cattle, pigs and occasionally sheep have been poisoned. Symptoms include staggering, convulsions muscle tremors and sometimes diarrhea or constipation.

## What does it look like?

Corky passionfruit is a slender, climbing or creeping vine with distinct passionfruit flowers. They have lots of tightly coiled tendrils that grow out of leaf forks.

## Leaves:

- dark green with pointy tips
- usually with 3 lobes (sometimes no lobes)
- 3-10 cm long
- alternate along stem

## Flowers:

- similar looking to edible passionfruit flowers
- 10-30 mm wide
- a ring of yellow or white threads with a purple base sitting above pale green 'petals'
- present most of the year.

## Fruit:

- round berries
- 6-15 mm diameter
- pale green, turning purple-black when ripe.

## Stems:

- older stems are corky
- up to 6 m long.

## Roots:

It has a deep taproot.

Corky Passionfruit grows in the coastal districts of northern and central New South Wales.

It is native to southern parts of the United States of America and South America. It is a weed in many countries throughout the pacific region.

# WORKING BEES

- why not get out and get involved in one of our local groups?

For all Landcare Working Bees please wear protective clothing - long pants, long-sleeved shirt, closed-in shoes, hat, gloves and bring water, sunscreen, and insect repellent. Please always contact the group coordinators before attending a working bee as plans do change!

Bangalow Land and Rivercare, Bangalow

WHEN: every Saturday 8:30am  
WHERE: find out from Liz Gander  
CONTACT: Liz Gander [bangalowlandcare@gmail.com](mailto:bangalowlandcare@gmail.com) 66871309

Green and Clean Awareness Team, Byron Bay

WHEN: 3rd Sunday of the month 9:00am  
WHERE: Meet Main Beach, Byron Bay  
CONTACT: Veda Turner [vedaturner@gmail.com](mailto:vedaturner@gmail.com) 0427 857 991

Heritage Park Landcare, Mullumbimby

WHEN: alternate Saturdays 9:00am – 11:00 am  
WHERE: Heritage Park, Mullumbimby  
CONTACT: Diana Hughes [bromspot@gmail.com](mailto:bromspot@gmail.com)

Jinangong Landcare, Ocean Shores

WHEN: 1st Sunday of the month  
WHERE: The Tunnel Road, Ocean Shores  
CONTACT: Ian Parer [ianparer@hotmail.com](mailto:ianparer@hotmail.com)

Mullum Town Landcare, Mullumbimby

WHEN: last Sunday of the month  
WHERE: find out from Jude Alcorn  
CONTACT: Jude Alcorn 0411 298 356 [judealcorn@yahoo.com.au](mailto:judealcorn@yahoo.com.au)

Ocean Shores Landcare, Ocean Shores

WHEN: each Friday at 8.30 – 11.00 am (8.00am DST)  
WHERE: corner of Yallakool Drive and Warrambool Road, Ocean Shores  
CONTACT: David Kemp [dnkemp77@gmail.com](mailto:dnkemp77@gmail.com) 0427 650 861

Tallowood Ridge Locality Landcare, Tallowood Ridge Mullumbimby

WHEN: Second Saturday of the month from 3pm (winter), 4pm (summer).  
WHERE: Gathering Tree Pocket Park, Cockatoo Cres Tallowood Ridge Estate  
CONTACT: Joanne McMurtry [jmcmurtry@bigpond.com](mailto:jmcmurtry@bigpond.com)

South New Brighton Dunecare

WHEN: 1st Friday of the month 1:30pm - 4:30pm  
WHERE: Meet at southern end of the Esplanade at the Strand beach access point.  
CONTACT: Robyn Bolden [robyn.bolden@optusnet.com.au](mailto:robyn.bolden@optusnet.com.au) 6680 1970

Suffolk Park Dunecare

WHEN: 1st Saturday of the month  
CONTACT: Helen Brown [hellyh@bigpond.com](mailto:hellyh@bigpond.com) 6685 4964

Tyagarah Landcare

WHEN: Each Thursday 9:00am – 11:00am  
WHERE: 23 Prestons Lane, Tyagarah  
CONTACT: Bela Allen [bela\\_allen@yahoo.com](mailto:bela_allen@yahoo.com) 6684 7113

Can't find a group near you? We have many other groups who meet on an ad hoc basis (contact us for more details) or if there isn't an existing group in your neighbourhood or you are interested in looking after a particular area, BVL can help you to form a locality group under the BVL umbrella.

# LINKS

- Arakwal <http://arakwal.com.au/>
- Border Rangers Alliance [http://www.greasternranges.org.au/border\\_ranges/overview/overview](http://www.greasternranges.org.au/border_ranges/overview/overview)
- Bangalow Koalas <http://www.bangalowkoalas.com.au/>
- Bangalow River and Landcare <http://www.bangalowlandcare.org.au/>
- Big Scrub Landcare <https://www.bigscrubrainforest.org.au/>
- Brunswick Valley Landcare <http://www.brunswickvalleylandcare.org.au/>
- Byron Bird Buddies <http://www.byronbirdbuddies.com.au/>
- Byron Community College <http://www.byroncollege.org.au/>
- Byron Shire Council <http://www.byron.nsw.gov.au/>
- EnviTE [www.envite.org.au](http://www.envite.org.au)
- Environmental Trust <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/envtrust.htm>
- Friends of the Koala [www.friendsofthekoala.org](http://www.friendsofthekoala.org)
- Federal Landcare Inc [federalandcare@gmail.com](mailto:federalandcare@gmail.com)
- Local Land Services [www.northcoast.lls.nsw.gov.au](http://www.northcoast.lls.nsw.gov.au)
- North Coast Local Land Services <http://northcoast.lls.nsw.gov.au/>
- Border Ranges Richmond Valley Landcare [www.brrvln.org.au](http://www.brrvln.org.au)
- Mullumbimby Community Gardens <http://mullumcommunitygarden.wordpress.com/>
- North Coast Nature <http://www.northcoastnature.org.au/>
- Richmond Landcare Inc. <http://www.richmondlandcare.org/>
- Rous County Council (formerly Far North Coast Weeds) <http://rous.nsw.gov.au/>
- Soilcare [http://www.soilcare.org\\_](http://www.soilcare.org_)
- Tweed Landcare Inc. <http://www.tweedlandcare.org.au/>
- Wilson's Creek Huonbrook Landcare <http://www.wilsonscreeklandcare.mullum.com.au/>

**For information about Landcare or other natural resource issues in Byron shire please contact  
Landcare Support Officer, Alison Ratcliffe 6626 7028  
(Mon, Tues, Wed)**

**[aratcliffe@byron.nsw.gov.au](mailto:aratcliffe@byron.nsw.gov.au)**

**Project Officer, Rochelle Merdith 6626 7201 [rmerdith@byron.nsw.gov.au](mailto:rmerdith@byron.nsw.gov.au)**

**[www.brunswickvalleylandcare.org.au](http://www.brunswickvalleylandcare.org.au)**

