



# *In the Valley*

## *Rainforest News and Views*



### **Newsletter distribution**

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. "In the Valley" is also available from our Facebook group page and on the Brunswick Valley landcare website.

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*Bringing you a quick update to get the year rolling. We'll get more news to you soon.*

### **New funding for our Bush Connect projects!!!!**

We have an additional \$100,000 (approx.) for our projects, which is shared pretty much equally between Goonengerry Landcare and our group. There will be more fantastic work to be done, converting blocks of Lantana or Camphor Laurel to biodiverse subtropical rainforest. The works will add to our current Bush Connect project sites and will also pull in some additional landholdings. We will be in touch with landholders soon.

All the details are in the Byron Shire newsletter.

### **Coral Trees and other flood dispersed weeds**

Our funding period has finished and the reporting to our granting body is tidied away. Now it is over to us to continue following up to complete the permanent removal of Coral Tree. Our group has committed some general funds for our team to work in the next couple of growing seasons, mopping up some small infestations and anything else that comes to light.

What we need now is not much work but EXTREME vigilance. Please check nearby work sites and new flood debris for any signs of Coral Tree life, as one fragment will be enough to start another problem cycle for the future. Notifications please, to [terrafocus@bigpond.com](mailto:terrafocus@bigpond.com) or [wilsonscreeklancare@yahoo.com.au](mailto:wilsonscreeklancare@yahoo.com.au)

Checking out your creek frontage? Now is the time to remove any newly deposited Black Taro, White Ginger, Barner Grass and Madeira Vine.

### **Annual General Meeting**

Our AGM was held in December. Office bearers elected were:

**President:** Barbara Stewart

**Vice President:** Darryl Larkin

**Treasurer and Public Officer:** Robyn Berrington

**Secretary:** Julie Gardner

**Additional committee members:** Louise Lilley, Steve Millard, Suzi Lechner, Graham Watson, Marg East, John Wynberg.

Welcome to new committee members and special thanks to Vicky King, who did not stand for re-election. Vicky has contributed wonderful skills in business management and communication to the group, along with lots of enthusiasm.

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