

## GREETINGS LANDCARERS

Well, winter is here, with a few colder nights hitting.

In the seasonal calendar of the the Bundjalung people, there are six bush tucker seasons to a year. For the Arakwal Bundjalung people, cold season occurs June to late July. Aunty Delta Kay shares how Country tells us this - not just cold westerly winds, but brush turkeys showing their vibrant breeding colours and masked lapwing chicks starting to run around.

Bush Tucker: Pigface are fruiting. Native hibiscus (cottonwood), native raspberries and banksias are flowering.

For the Minjungbal people of the Bundjalung Nation, this time June - July is signalled by plentiful fish, migrating whales headed north and banksia flowering, making it lorikeet and honeyeater season.

Hoping you find something of interest in this month's newsletter. From the BVL team





## 2023 Landcare NSW State Gathering

BVL reps were in attendance at the recent Landcare NSW Gathering in Coffs Harbour May 16-18. We were generously welcomed to Gumbaynggirr Country with a Smoking Ceremony by Uncle Micklo Jarrett and Troy Robinson, before being invited to get our shoes off and connect with Gumbaynggirr Country through a walk on the beach.

We heard many inspiring presentations from Landcare networks across the state, doing incredible regeneration and restoration work with their communities.

Fantastic news was delivered by the new NSW Agriculture Minister, Tara Moriarty - NSW Labour are keeping their pre-election commitment to increase funding for Landcare to the tune of \$59 million for the next 4-year program. A significant chunk of this funding is to support increase to Landcare Coordinator positions and new Aboriginal Engagement Officers. Also investment in digital enabling services and professional development.

There was a strong focus on acknowledgement of, and collaboration with, First Nations people in the important work we do caring for Country. And building partnerships in our local communities.

Artists Blak Douglas & Karla Dickens gave a powerful presentation on how their 2023 collaboration to create the 2023 Archibald-winning portrait came about. In these times of great change, they provided timely reminder that First Nations artists stand with Landcare and hope to use their platform to amplify positive action for our environment.



Landcarers getting their feet wet, connecting to Gumbaynggirr Country



BVL Committee rep Felicity Watsford making her mark on the Landcare NSW Reconciliation flag



# Koalas in the Big Scrub: a Conservation Dilemma

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*It's an important discussion to have right now and will involve people working together to obtain best ecosystem outcomes.*



The Big Scrub Rainforest Conservancy, landowners, land managers and regenerators have been working hard for 40 years to protect, regenerate and replant the vegetation that once flourished on the red ferrosol soils of the Big Scrub. That vegetation type is lowland subtropical rainforest – a complex and diverse ecosystem that evolved 40 million years ago in the times of Gondwana. An estimated 600 ha have been restored via plantings and natural regeneration. In addition, Big Scrub Rainforest Conservancy cares for around 40 Big Scrub remnants.

Since European settlement the area of lowland rainforest and specifically the Big Scrub has undergone a dramatic reduction due to clearing and in 2011 it was listed by the Commonwealth as a Critically Endangered Ecological Community.

Eucalypt species did not occur in the Big Scrub rainforest. However, currently there are extensive eucalypt plantations being established in the open paddocks of the Big Scrub for koala habitat and carbon sequestration. We understand that more plantations are proposed. These eucalypt plantings are not native to the area, are therefore ecologically inappropriate and will negatively affect the restoration of the Big Scrub rainforest.

## **Where did the koalas in the Big Scrub come from?**

In the 1970s and 80s, macadamia growers planted many kilometres of windbreak trees, primarily Tallowood (*Eucalyptus microcorys*) which is one of the koala's primary food trees. This created favourable corridors across farmland within the Big Scrub. At the same time, the then NSW Forestry Commission planted a number of timber plantations, and promoted eucalypt plantings to landholders in the Big Scrub, further attracting koalas.

A major problem arose for the Big Scrub koala in the early 2000s when macadamia plantation management undertook wholesale removal of the Tallowood windbreaks. Their removal left the vast majority of koalas isolated in the few remaining eucalypt stands with no corridors to allow safe movement. This problem is causing further inbreeding, stress and poor health in these isolated populations.

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## **Bushfires, climate change and koalas**

The Black Summer bushfires occurred in 2019-20 taking a terrible toll on koala populations and dramatically raised the awareness of the koala. In February 2022 the koala in Queensland, New South Wales and the ACT was listed as endangered. This listing and the impact of the 2019-2020 bushfires has led to a surge in public funding programs and private sector contributions, galvanising government and community support for eucalypt plantings.

This newfound concern for the koala has been supercharged with climate change awareness and the need to plant trees for carbon sequestration. We can now plant eucalypts for koalas and carbon sequestration; sounding like a 'win win'. The ecologically aware 'tree changer' landowners of the Big Scrub particularly hear this message.

Some of these plantings badged as 'Koala/ Carbon Farming Projects' on Big Scrub soil have been composed of close to 100% eucalypt species and often come at no cost to the landowner.

## **Ecological restoration**

Rainforest restoration and koala habitat restoration should be based on ecological restoration principles. The guiding principle of ecological restoration is to restore the plants and animal communities that once occurred on the site. The Society for Ecological Restoration states as its first principle: "conservation, repair and renewal of the local native ecosystem". (SERA, 2018). Similarly the Koala Habitat Restoration Guidelines (DPE 2022 chapter 4.2.1.) states: "Reference ecosystems will be a specific ecological community, usually dominated by eucalypts, that grows in similar soil, aspect and topographic conditions as the restoration site, and provides primary habitat for koalas".

Put simply: if there was a rainforest, plant rainforest trees; if there was a eucalypt forest, plant eucalypts.

## **Camphor laurel**

A major problem with planting eucalypt forests on red soil is they become dominated by camphor laurel, and other woody weed species. Camphor laurel is a major weed in the Big Scrub that has taken over thousands of hectares of pasture and invaded riparian and remnant edges. However, it cannot establish under the low light conditions of rainforest.

A eucalypt plantation, no matter how densely planted or mature, will always allow camphor laurels to establish. See picture (right).



In the long-term, without concerted management using herbicide or control burning methods, the camphor laurel will dominate the plantation, the eucalypts will die out and the koalas will have no food.

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## **Future threat of fire**

Intense wildfire is a major threat to rainforest remnants that adjoin large eucalypt plantations. Increasing fuel loads in these maturing plantations combined with the more extreme weather conditions as the climate changes is a risk to our Big Scrub remnants and plantings. Are we seeing the emergence of yet another 'key threatening process' to our critically endangered Big Scrub rainforest?

The Black Summer bushfires have shown how eucalypt forests / plantations with a high fuel load can burn into rainforest. Small remnants, fragments and edges are especially vulnerable and have been devastated up and down the east coast.

## **Big Scrub koalas**

What about the plight of the Big Scrub koalas? Aren't all koalas endangered and deserve help? Or are they genetically isolated, inbred, unhealthy and too close to houses, roads and a high density of domestic dogs? Aren't these small populations worth saving?

There is no doubt there is a strong push to not only save but also increase the population of koalas in the Big Scrub. It will be difficult to discourage individuals from planting eucalypts especially as they are cheap and often donated to planting projects. But most importantly, everyone loves the cute koala and the simple act of planting a eucalypt to feed a hungry koala is a strong emotional drive. This is a sad reflection on our collective awareness of the other amazing native fauna that rely on the Big Scrub for habitat, like the Pademelon, Quoll and countless varieties of birds and reptiles.

Is there a planting design that will help the Big Scrub koala and Big Scrub rainforest restoration? Clearly planting 100% eucalypts produces camphor laurel forests with a fire risk and no rainforest. It is also clear Big Scrub koalas need a corridor to link populations and provide a way out of the Big Scrub.

A solution could be to replicate the function of the original eucalypt windbreaks of macadamia plantations. That is to plant continuous narrow corridors, even one tree wide, of eucalypts to allow the movement of koalas through the Big Scrub.

These corridors will need to be strategic and run towards the areas of quality habitat and avoid areas of denser human population and busy roads. This may mean directing koalas towards Goonengerry National Park, Nightcap National Park, Modanville and south of Lismore.

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## Conclusion

Imagine large-scale, well planned, and fully funded, biodiverse, carbon rainforest restoration plantings being undertaken across the Big Scrub. The good news is, we are seeing some projects with a high standard of ecological integrity underway by progressive landholders and supported by astute carbon brokers and/ or NGOs.

The critical issue is to inform and educate all landowners, government departments and decision makers in all organisations to have a policy of ecological restoration. This means restore all types of our biodiverse ecosystems where they occur naturally, to ensure they survive and thrive into the future.

The resources available for carbon and ecological restoration are only going to increase, so let's get it right and bring back both the koala and the Big Scrub.

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**The original article posting with References and a fascinating map showing Big Scrub footprint overlaid with pre-alienation vegetation mapping, created from the analysis of comprehensive surveyor reports prior to European settlement, can be found here:**

<https://www.bigscrubrainforest.org/koalas-in-the-big-scrub-a-conservation-dilemma/>



## **Have your say on the Draft Landscape Masterplan for Heritage Park**

**Consultation closes 23 June, 2023**

This Landscape Masterplan will guide the layout and future development of the Heritage Park area. This includes: Maslen Arboretum, Heritage Park West, Palm Park, Tincogan Street intersection.

Copy of the draft Masterplan and online feedback form are available at:

<https://www.byron.nsw.gov.au/Your-Say-Byron-Shire/Heritage-Park-Landscape-Masterplan>

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# BVL's 12th annual Mother's Day Planting was a hit!

On Sunday 14 May about 70 community members and volunteers braved the rainy conditions to plant 1,000 trees in honour of all mums out there, including Mother Earth. The rain unfortunately meant that the talented Spaghetti Circus performers could not present their show in the wet conditions, but the live set from Smokey Fields had planters with arms in the air, dancing in the paddock.

Big thanks to all who participated and made it a truly great day. Landholders Pete & Keran could not have been more thrilled to be the 2023 host site, returning to the planting at dusk in the rain to "look over" the baby plants.

BVL gratefully acknowledge funding partner Carbon Positive Australia and event supporters Little Valley Distribution, Byron Shire Council, Byron Shire Echo & Bay FM. Jason and his team at Wanganui Green did a sterling job of site prep. Special thanks to all the BVL members & friends who baked sweet treats, came to assist with site set up, plant layout, catering and planting guidance for the many young enthusiastic planters. Nice work everyone!





*Thanks mums!*



And thanks Deja for the beautiful photos

# Weed / Native look-a-likes

Information supplied by Tim Parer, volunteer with Australian Plant Society

## Winter Cassia / Coffee bush

Distinguishing features: When the two species are in flower or have fruit there is no possibility of confusing them; however in the vegetative state the two species can be confused.

To distinguish them, look for the opposite leaflets (leaflets facing each other in pairs) on the *S. pendula* and the alternate leaves on the *B. oblongifolia*.



**Winter Cassia** (*Senna pendula* syn. *Cassia coluteoides*) is native to tropical America.

It is an environmental weed in the coastal regions of NSW.

It grows to 2-3 metres and has compound leaves with 4-8 pairs of opposite leaflets. The showy yellow flowers in autumn are followed by long cylindrical bean-like pods which have numerous flattened seeds.

The seed germinate readily and are viable for up to 10 years.



**Coffee Bush** (*Breynia oblongifolia*) grows naturally in much of coastal NSW as a 1-3 m shrub.

Leaves are simple, alternate in a pseudo-pinnate arrangement. The ovate leaves are 1-3 cm long by 10-20 mm wide.

Small, green flowers are produced in spring and summer and these are followed by orange or pink berries about 6 mm diameter that turn black when fully ripe



# Weed / Native look-a-likes

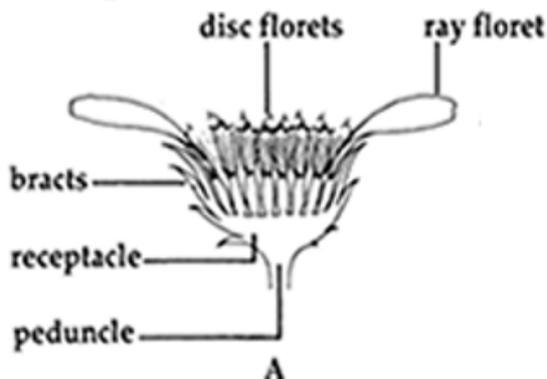
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## Fireweed / Variable Groundsel

Distinguishing feature: Variable Groundsel has a taproot whereas Fireweed has a fibrous root system. However, the most reliable distinguishing feature is that Variable Groundsel has 13-17 bracts and Fireweed has 20-21.



A typical daisy inflorescence showing the involucrel bracts



**Fireweed** (*Senecio madagariensis*) was first recorded in Australia in the Hunter Valley in 1918.

It is thought to have arrived in the ballast of ships trading between Australia and Europe via Cape Town. It has become naturalised along the NSW coastal areas and is now widely regarded as a most serious weed of pastures in these areas.

Fireweed contains toxic compounds called pyrrolizidine alkaloids that can lead to fatal liver damage, especially in cattle and horses.

The native **Variable Groundsel** (*Senecio pinnatifolius ssp maritimus*; syn. *S. lautus ssp. maritimus*) is a perennial herb on the dunes and it is often confused with the weedy Fireweed and is mistakenly removed.

They look superficially identical, growing to approximately 0.6 m with bright green leaves and with a typical daisy flower.



Fireweed growing along a fence line. Left of fence: pasture direct drilled with ryegrass competes well with fireweed. Source NSW Weedwise, Image: N. Griffiths.



# Vale Desley Pike

Image and words courtesy of Tweed Landcare Inc's May newsletter



Desley was one of the key bush regenerators on Tweed Landcare projects for many years with Bushland Restoration Services and put her heart and soul into the work.

She also had an amazing spirit and enthusiasm that inspired others to truly appreciate the bush that we work to restore and conserve and showed that we could make a difference.

Landholders and Care groups would often express a desire for Des to be assigned to their sites and she was a brilliant trainer with a wealth of knowledge that she was always happy to share.

BVL send heartfelt condolences to Desley's family and friends, and the Tweed Landcare network.

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## Firestories

### Reflections from Northern Rivers locals on the 2019/2020 bushfires

A group of creatives have documented people's experiences as part of the Fire Stories project, delivered by Kyogle Family Support Services and funded by the Bushfire Community Recovery and Resilience Fund. Stories have been recorded in written and audio format.

The creative team behind the project are: Jarrah Dundler, Anastasia Guise, Jodie Harris, Ben Belle, Jimmy Malecki and Daniel Taylor.

There's a wonderful diversity of voices and experiences represented, the team have done a beautiful job capturing them. It's well worth checking out via link below. One story to highlight is that of Gullibul Elder Aunty Kali - an inspirational force for our region's threatened wildlife species (photographed by Jodie Harris, image below right).

<https://firestories.com.au/>



# Friends of the Koala survey

[bit.ly/privatelandsurvey2](https://bit.ly/privatelandsurvey2)



WIN A \$500 GIFT VOUCHER! SHARE  
YOUR VIEW ON PRIVATE LAND  
CONSERVATION IN NSW!

We would like to know your views and perceptions about conservation programs on private land for the University of Queensland Research Project. By taking this survey, please help us better understand both positive and negative preferences for conservation programs. This could help inform strategies for a more resilient future for nature and private landholders. Please click the following link or scan the QR code to complete the survey.



*Survey link: [bit.ly/privatelandsurvey2](https://bit.ly/privatelandsurvey2)*

By completing our anonymous survey, all participants will have a chance to enter a prize draw to win one of eight \$500 Coles Myers gift vouchers.



Questions about this study can be directed to Prof. Jonathan Rhodes at [j.rhodes@uq.edu.au](mailto:j.rhodes@uq.edu.au)



Biodiversity  
Conservation  
Trust



The University of Queensland approves it. Ethics approval number [2022/HE001839]

NOTE: The data collected from you will be kept confidentially on a secure password-protected server on The University of Queensland Research Data Manager. We will delete it after project completion.

# Wildlife Safe Havens update

There's been a recent June round monitoring of nestboxes and artificial hollows installed for BVL's Wildlife Safe Havens initiative, in partnership with Wildbnb Wildlife Habitat. Commencing as a small bushfire response project in 2020, a Chuffed fundraising campaign then grew, attracting generous donations from our community, artists, Santos Organics and the Beam Foundation.

Thanks for all the support everyone!

In addition to the Greater Glider activity being closely followed since discovery of that threatened species in Byron Shire in 2021, the Wildbnb monitoring team found:

Breeding Sooty Owls in Wildbnb boxes at a macadamia farm;  
Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoos inspecting one of those special Hunks of Trunk;  
& Squirrel Gliders and Sugar Gliders galore!



Images by Locky Cooper @pixofnature

**We know times are tight, but if you are considering making a tax-deductible donation this end of financial year, make one for our native wildlife!**

<https://chuffed.org/project/wildlife-safe-havens>



# SNIPPETS

## **Recycling trial investigates PVC granules in water filtration as 'economically viable' waste solution**

Scientists have embarked on a \$100,000 research trial at a country scrap dealer to recycle PVC in a way that makes economic sense. The thermoplastic — or polyvinyl chloride — can be recycled, but it's expensive, and it can create more carbon emissions than virgin plastic.

Bunbury scrap metal dealer Murray Connop and Edith Cowan University (ECU) researchers say they may have found a solution. <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2023-06-10/bunbury-scrap-dealer-pvc-waste-to-desalination-equipment-trial/102451686>

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## **Fungus first for new dung beetle species**

CSIRO have found the local fungus (*Beauveria australis*) in a newly imported species of dung beetle. The infections could help explain why not all introduced species of dung beetles have established in Australia. The fungus is related to Cordyceps, the infamous zombie ant fungus.

<https://www.csiro.au/en/news/All/Articles/2023/June/dung-beetles>

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## **Help, bees have colonised the walls of my house! Why are they there and what should I do?**

Have you spotted a swarm of flying insects emerging from a wall? Or noticed a buzzing noise coming from inside the house? If this sounds familiar, a colony of European honeybees (*Apis mellifera*) may be making their home in your walls. Why does this happen, and what should you do?

<https://theconversation.com/help-bees-have-colonised-the-walls-of-my-house-why-are-they-there-and-what-should-i-do-203334>

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## **How Australia's meat industry could be part of the climate solution**

It's the omnivore's dilemma: is there an environmentally responsible way to continue eating meat? Cattle farmers like Charlie Arnott are working on a fix. It was about 15 years ago, as the millennium drought baked the life out of his farm in Boorowa, south-west of Sydney, that Arnott resolved to put a stop to the gusts of dirt being lost to the sky. When drought returned in recent years, Arnott and a growing collection of sustainability-minded pastoralists were better prepared for the challenge – and so was the soil beneath their feet.

<https://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/2020/sep/17/how-australias-meat-industry-could-be-part-of-the-climate-solution>

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## **The Bureau of Meteorology issues an El Nino ALERT**

The Bureau of Meteorology has moved from El Niño WATCH to El Niño ALERT, meaning that there is around a 70% chance of an El Niño developing this year. Bureau of Meteorology Senior Climatologist Catherine Ganter said climate models and indicators now meet the Bureau's El Niño ALERT criteria. "While the models show it's very likely the tropical Pacific Ocean temperatures will reach El Niño levels during winter, we have seen some movement in the atmosphere towards El Niño conditions," Ms Ganter said.

<https://media.bom.gov.au/releases/1170/the-bureau-of-meteorology-issues-an-el-nino-alert/>

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# EVENTS AND SEMINARS

## JUST AROUND THE CORNER, NEXT WEEK!

Connecting the Drops with Dr Matt Landos

Wednesday 14 June 5pm - 7pm

Venue: the Shad at The Farm, Ewingsdale



Hosted by TROPO (Tweed Richmond Organic Producers Organisation)

The evolution of humanity and modern agriculture is inextricably linked to water. The way that landscapes are managed impacts all parts of the water cycle from rainfall, to groundwater, to the persistence of riverine flows. The impacts that flow from land management decisions don't end at the boundary fence. This talk will take you on a historical journey to appreciate how our decisions on land use ultimately influences the health and productivity of aquatic ecosystems and down the line influence the health of our community.

Email: [tropo@tropical.com](mailto:tropo@tropical.com) to book for the seminar **RSVP by Monday June 12**

Please provide your name, email address and number of people attending to assist with seating and catering

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## Measuring & monitoring soil microbiology & soil health - free workshops, 2 locations!



**Monday, 3 July 2023**

**11.30AM to 3.00PM**

Tweed Heads (AKA Kingscliff)  
Sustainability Centre,  
Altona Drive, Cudgen NSW

**Tuesday, 4 July 2023**

**9.00AM to 12.30PM**

U Block Theatre, Southern Cross  
University,  
Military Rd, Lismore NSW

Soil biological processes can deliver a myriad of benefits to agroecosystems including suppression of plant diseases, provision of critical plant nutrients and optimal soil structure. The complexity of soil microbial ecosystems makes the management of soil biology challenging. To be able to understand something and effectively manage it we must be able to measure it.

Limited seating – bookings required by 28 June, 2023

To book for this workshop [email SoilCare](mailto:email@soilcare.com) providing name, phone number and workshop location, Tweed or Lismore.

Sponsored by SoilCare Inc

Supported by Tweed Shire Council's Sustainable Agriculture Program





## Next Gondwana Green Drinks

FRIDAY 16th of June, 2023

4 PM – 6 PM

Venue: Cape Byron Distillery (Brookies Gin), 80 St Helena Road, McLeods Shoot, NSW.

Hosted by Rainforest 4 Foundation and Mullum SEED.

[https://www.rainforest4.org/gondwana\\_green\\_drinks](https://www.rainforest4.org/gondwana_green_drinks)



## Flood Recovery Vouchers

**Brunswick Valley Landcare are offering \$250 vouchers for native plants to help residents of Byron Shire to replant and recover from flood damage.**

This offer is open to members of BVL and Wilsons Creek Huonbrook Landcare.

Vouchers will be accepted at 3 local native plant nurseries:

- Firewheel Rainforest Nursery
- Northern Rivers Natives
- Friends of the Koala Nursery

The vouchers will only be reimbursed for native plants and must be reimbursed within 6 months of issue. To apply please complete this simple online form

<https://form.jotform.com/222261171517852>

**Brunswick Valley Landcare**

# 2nd Flood recovery

**BVL members can apply for a \$250 voucher to spend on native plants.**

**TO BE CLAIMED AT THE FOLLOWING NURSERIES**

**Firewheel Rainforest Nursery** | **Friends of the Koala** | **Northern Rivers Natives**

**to apply please fill out this form**  
<https://form.jotform.com/222261171517852>

We recommend consulting our booklets My Local Native Garden and Climate Resilient Landscapes if you are unsure of what you should plant. You can download both here:

<https://brunswickvalleylandcare.org.au/native-plants/>

Not a BVL member? Don't worry you can become a member for \$20 per year or \$100 for life membership, head to: <https://brunswickvalleylandcare.org.au/apply-for-membership/>



# FUNDING

## **NSW Rural Assistance Authority - Critical Producer Grants Applications close on 30 June 2023**

Assistance is now being provided to 60 local government areas in NSW through the jointly funded Commonwealth-State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA). Primary producers recovering from the devastating impacts of floods are receiving vital support, with Special Disaster Grants of up to \$75,000 now available.

Flood affected primary producers are encouraged to apply for Special Disaster Grants to access financial assistance to get back operating as soon as possible. Once approved, eligible primary producers can access \$25,000 in assistance up-front, with a further \$50,000 in financial assistance available thereafter upon submission of valid tax invoices.

The objective of the program is to help primary producers and primary production enterprises impacted by the February and March 2022 NSW Severe Weather and Flooding events to rebuild and recover in the medium to longer term with the aim of supporting job security, future resilience and enabling future production.

<https://www.raa.nsw.gov.au/disaster-assistance/storm-and-flood-programs/sdg-february-2022>

Applications close 5 pm June 30 2023

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## **NSW Department of Primary Industries Farms of the Future Grants Program**

The NSW Government opened the \$20 million Farms of the Future grants program in February 2023, which will provide up to \$35,000 to eligible farm businesses to purchase the latest Agtech equipment and connectivity solutions to address their farm needs. The grants program will be available for primary producers in the target Local Government Areas (LGAs). The grant will be for purchasing approved connectivity solutions and digital Agtech devices with a level of co-contribution required to participate in the program.

Minimum grant amount \$5,000 ex GST, maximum \$35,000 ex GST  
Connectivity solution cap \$15,000 ex GST

### **Applications close 31st August 2023**

Claim period closes 29th February 2024  
Program closes 30th June 2025

For more information on grant program details and eligibility, head to:  
<https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/dpi/climate/farms-of-the-future/grants>

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# 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 co-ordinators before attending a working bee as plans do change!

Bangalow Land and Rivercare, Bangalow

WHEN: every Saturday 8:30am

WHERE: find out from

CONTACT: Noelene Plummer [bangalowlandcare@gmail.com](mailto:bangalowlandcare@gmail.com) 0431 20 0638 6687 4470

Friends of Lilli Pilli (Byron Bay)

WHEN: 1st Saturday of the month 3:30pm - 5:00pm

WHERE: At entrance to Lilli Pilli (contact Deb).

CONTACT: Deb Jorgensen [deborah.jorgensen60@gmail.com](mailto:deborah.jorgensen60@gmail.com) 0434 254 802

Green and Clean Awareness Team, Byron Bay

WHEN: 3rd Sunday of the month 9:00am

WHERE: Meet Main Beach, Byron Bay

CONTACT: Peter Farmakis [peter.farmakis@gmail.com](mailto:peter.farmakis@gmail.com) 0488 715 565

Heritage Park Landcare, Mullumbimby

WHEN: 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: Morning of last Sunday of the month

WHERE: find out from John Tann

CONTACT: John Tann [johntann99@gmail.com](mailto:johntann99@gmail.com)

Ocean Shores Landcare, Ocean Shores

WHEN: each Thursday 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)

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/>
- Australian Association of Bush Regenerators <http://aabr.org.au>
- Border Rangers Alliance [http://www.greatasternranges.org.au/border\\_ranges/overview/overview](http://www.greatasternranges.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.ils.nsw.gov.au](http://www.northcoast.ils.nsw.gov.au)
- North Coast Local Land Services <http://northcoast.ils.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/>

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