

Have Your Say on How the New Local Land Services is Managed

Local Land Services (LLS) combines the Livestock Health and Pest Authorities (LHPA), Catchment Management Authorities and some Department of Primary Industries agricultural advisory services.

The board will be made up of 4 appointed members and three elected members.



Enrol to vote

Only persons on the Local Land Services electoral roll for the region will be eligible to vote. LHPA ratepayers across the State **need to enrol to vote** by lodging an enrolment form. Persons who have been on the electoral rolls of LHPA **will not** have their names automatically transferred to the electoral roll of Local Land Services. Only one occupier per land holding can enrol to vote.

Enrolments close 5pm 17 February 2014.

Forms are available on the LLS website <http://northcoast.lls.nsw.gov.au/our-region/our-board/elections>. Application forms are also available at your Local Land Services office.

How to vote

Once enrolled, all persons on the electoral roll will receive their ballot papers in the mail. All instructions and details will be provided on your ballot paper. Once the ballot papers are filled out, they can be mailed out or hand delivered to your local LLS office until **Voting closes 5pm 12 March 2014.**

Election results will be announced on 14 March 2013.

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

Keep an eye on our website for some upcoming community workshops.

Seed Propagation Workshop – March

Bell Minor Associated Workshop Field Day – April



Whole Farm Planning Workshops will be held in 2014 for North Coast Farmers and Land Managers

Your new North Coast Local Land Services will be conducting a series of workshops which will guide participants in the development of their own Whole Farm Plans (WFP) in 2014.

A formal call for registration for the WFP workshop programs will be announced in 2014. The workshops will be conducted between March and May 2014 at three localities within the region. If you would like to express an interest or ask further questions about the workshop series please contact Mark Asquith on 02 6653 0110 or email mark.asquith@lls.nsw.gov.au

Golf Club Fish Habitat Planting a Great Success

The Kyogle Fish Acclimatisation Society has seen increased fish activity within Fawcetts Creek in recent times. Downstream of Kyogle Golf Course, within the Kyogle Recreation Reserve, Kyogle Landcare Group have been maintaining 1km of creek bank and encouraging natural regeneration together with targeted planting of local native species since the early 1990's.

As part of a project to build on this great work Kyogle Golf Club, Kyogle Landcare Group Inc and Northern Landcare Support Services held a community planting day as part of the project to restore 180m of Fawcetts Creek adjoining the Golf Club. The project aims to establish native vegetation on the western side of the creek to provide shade, fish habitat and bank stabilisation.

There was a good turnout on the day and Liz Baker from Fisheries NSW provided a very informative talk with representatives from the Fish Acclimatisation Society, Kyogle Golf Club and Kyogle Landcare attending.

Club members provided the food and drink and pitched in with Kyogle Landcare and interested community to plant, fertilise, mulch and water the plants.



Saving Our Species is a new NSW Government program that provides a coherent framework for the conservation of threatened species. The program:

- **engages** the community to participate in threatened species recovery projects;
- **aligns** threatened species recovery effort across OEH and partners; and
- **guides** investment in targeted threatened species management actions.

Saving our Species has incorporated the recommendations of the statutory review of the Priorities Action Statement (PAS). The Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) is seeking public comment on the PAS amendments by Friday 14 February 2013 and these amendments are available on the *Saving our Species* website [here](#).

The program also launches a new web-based platform where the public can find out about the actions that could contribute to the recovery of threatened species in their local area and where researchers and community groups can record the work they do, that contributes to the programs outcomes.

Anyone who is interested in threatened species conservation can also find out more about the new program by going to the *Saving our Species* website www.environment.nsw.gov.au/savingourspecies to:

- review the program framework document and technical report
- subscribe to receive updates on the program and threatened species conservation projects
- share information on the work they are doing via two online surveys (one for community groups and one for research groups)

As a key stakeholder involved in threatened species conservation, I encourage you to take the time to explore our new website and find out more about the new program. Any questions on the program can be directed to savingourspecies@environment.nsw.gov.au or by calling 1300 361 967.



Catchment Management Authority
Northern Rivers

Small Grants Project

The Northern Rivers Catchment Management Authority (NRCMA) in partnership with Northern Landcare Support Services opened its 2013-14 Small Grants Program in October 2013. This incentive program has operated for a number of years providing funding for catchment stakeholders to undertake works to maintain and restore their natural resources to sustainable levels. These natural resources include soils, biodiversity, rivers, estuaries, wetlands, and coastal and marine environments.

In the Northern Socio Ecological Landscape (SEL) 108 applications were received and 35 on ground projects and 7 plans were funded. See table below for successful applicants. The majority of applications were of a very high standard and therefore it was a very competitive funding round. If you were unsuccessful in this instance Please do not be discouraged from participating in future natural resource management programs.

Successful On-ground Projects

Applicant	Project Name	Town
Dirawong Reserve Trust	Dirawong Reserve Coastal Protection	Evans Head
Clogheen	Extending and Enhancing 'Land for Wildlife' corridor in Lowland Rainforest riparian zone	Mullumbimby
Phil Jenke	Macadamia Tetraphylla Habitat Restoration, Gum Creek, Dalwood	Dalwood
Eureka Beef	Coopers Creek riparian protection and improved pasture biodiversity for the Eureka Beef properties	Clunes
Sharon McLean	Ecological restoration of 114 Crooks Valley Rd Crystal Creek	Crystal Creek
Leslie Roger Giles	Restore remnant rainforest and wet sclerophyll forest in Marshalls Creek catchment	Billinudgel
Edward Roberts	Stage 6 Lower Rowlands Creek riparian and corridor rehabilitation	Uki
Jennifer Parke	Coal Creek Restoration	Nimbin
Motherwood	Corridor enhancement and threatened species recovery project Motherwood	Goolmanagar
Chop-Wood-Carry-Water Co-op	Weed control in Lowland Rainforest for habitat and riparian restoration	The Channon
Ballina Coastcare Incorporated	Corridor enhancement through integrated WoNS control in EECs of West Shelly Beach, Ballina	Ballina
Raewyn Porter	Strategic weed control to increase restoration of HCV creek catchment Mullumbimby	Mullumbimby
Phil & Patti Stacey	Macadamia Tetraphylla habitat restoration, Gum Creek, Dalwood	Dalwood
Willowford Ford Farms	Dairy Effluent System Upgrade	Kyogle
Cattlewash	Cattlewash Bushland Restoration	Nobbys Creek
Nimbin Rocks Co-operative	Protection of high conservation value riparian vegetation	Nimbin
Friends of Ocean Shores Wetland	Restoring Mitchell's Rainforest Snail Habitat at Ocean Shores	Ocean Shores
Shiva's Forest	Primary treatment of Corridor to link Conservation Area to creek.	Crystal Creek
Suzanne Haynes	Regen of 1.5 ha of HCV Subtropical Rainforest - Nashua	Nashua
Durrumbul Habitat Neighbourhood Management Association.	Durrumbul Habitat	Main Arm
Steve & Margot Noakes	Macadamia orchard erosion control-stage 2	Rosebank
Altitude 261	Extending remnant rainforest and koala corridors on Mt Boogarem's eastern slope	Mullumbimby
Mount Lindesay Lodge	Combining Sustainable Agriculture and Corridor Enhancement Mount Lindesay	Dairy Flat via Kyogle
Lycoranne Angus - Tumbeelluwa	Installation OF Fencing to Strategically Manage Pasture	Mummulgum
Friends of East Ballina Wetlands	Improving Community Capacity at East Ballina Wetlands	Ballina
Amaruh	Amaruh Regeneration Project	TYALGUM
Malcolm Scott and Margo Rutledge	Enhancing and sustaining critical roosting habitat of the grey-headed flying fox	Dorrroughby
Taulangau Wildlife Refuge	Enhancing Biodiversity & Corridor Connections, Jiggi, by Excluding Cattle, Revegetating & Remediating Degraded Land	Jiggi
Sue Bryant	Lantana Removal for Bell Minor Control	Kyogle
Forest Grove Landcare	Forest Grove Rehabilitation	Banora Point
Lyn Jones and Ross Davies	Sustainable Grazing Management and Native Tree Planting	East Lismore
Terri Nicholson and Donovan Moss	Restoring rainforest to riparian areas of Terania Creek, northern NSW	The Channon
Colleen Cosgrove	Closing the gap in the upper reaches of Tospay Creek, Whian Whian	Whian Whian
Vesna Aleksic	Macadamia Tetraphylla habitat restoration, Gum Creek, Dalwood	Dalwood
Elliott's Farm	Bush regeneration at Elliott's Farm	Stokers Siding

Successful Plans Funded		
Applicant	Project Name	Town
Evans River & Coastal Landcare Inc	Weed Management and Bush Regeneration Plan for the Evans Head Coastal Reserve	Evans Head
Tregeagle Landcare Group	Tregeagle Landcare NRM Site Action Plans - Stage 3	Tregeagle
Ron Dewhurst	Ecological Restoration Plan for Lowland Rainforest Remnants at Alstonville	Alstonville
Whian Whian Landcare.	Branch Creek NRM plans for extension of riparian restoration	Whian Whian
Fig Tree Falls	Fig Tree Falls Big Scrub Rainforest Remnant Corridor	Coolgardie
Bill Sommerville	Ecological restoration plan - 86 Jiggi Road	Jiggi
Maria Matthes	Sustainable Land Management Workshops and Planning in the Tuckean Subcatchment	Bagotville

UPCOMING GRANTS

The Norman Wettenhall Foundation: Small Environmental Grants

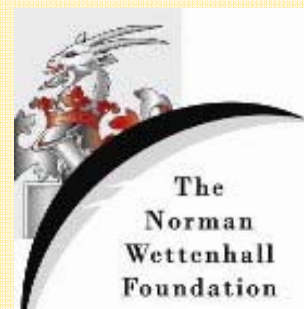
Norman Wettenhall Foundation is committed to supporting community biodiversity projects around Australia. The objectives of the Small Environmental Grants Scheme are to support **Australian biodiversity** projects that are concerned with one or more of the following:

- monitoring and recording data
- community education
- community capacity building (training)
- research and science

You can fill out the simple expression of interest form for these grants online.

Website: <http://nwf.org.au/grants/small-environmental-grants/>

There are no closing dates, as the round will be closed when the maximum number of applications has been reached.



The NSW Environmental Trust: Environmental Research program 2014

The NSW Environmental Trust will be inviting Expressions of Interest to its Environmental Research Program on 13 January 2014 (closing 14 February 2014)

Grants of up to \$150,000 will be available for biophysical, social or economic research relating to any of the following priority areas (from NSW 2021):

- Threats to environments
- Biodiversity and native vegetation
- Pollution
- Rivers, wetlands and coasts



Expressions of Interest

Expression of Interest forms, guidelines and more information will be available on the Trust website from 13 January 2013 at www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/research.htm or by phoning the Trust on (02) 8837 6093. The call for Expressions of Interest will close on 14 February 2014. Eligible organisations will be able to submit up to 3 Expressions of Interest for each priority area.

Please note: The Trust will only accept applications from Universities if they are submitted via their Research Grants Office to ensure that the above limits are not exceeded. This also applies to state-wide organisations, who should submit their applications via their Head Office/Chief Executive Officer.

New native vegetation regulation changes commenced on 23 September 2013. Under this new legislation A catchment management authority must publish on its website an up-to-date list of the species of native vegetation that are as a feral species for land or an area in its area of operations. - See more at: <http://www.northern.cma.nsw.gov.au/get-involved/native-vegetation-act/vegetation-listings#sthash.0tVsBWLQ.dpuf>

[Coastal Tea Tree \(*Leptospermum laevigatum*\)](#) - This is the first listing under the Native Vegetation Act (2003) of a feral native species in NSW.