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COFFS HARBOUR REGIONAL LANDCARE

Awards 2025



CHRL have 3 Award categories:

Eileen Moody Award - Nominees 2025

Acknowledges and celebrates the achievements of an individual Coffs Landcare volunteer.

- Dave Wood
- Jeff Alcott
- John Wackett
- Kerry Pritchard
- Maree Lane

Dee Wallace Award - Nominees 2025

Recognises a Coffs Landcare volunteer group for its direct contribution to Landcare by rehabilitating the environment.

- Arrawarra Coastcare
- Fuller St Landcare
- Green Bluff Landcare
- Korora Landcare
- Red Rock Landcare
- Sapphire Reserve Landcare

Pia Dollmann Award - Nominees 2025

Celebrates an individual, community group, business or school who have significantly contributed to conservation and/or sustainability in the Coffs Region.

- Brent Hely
- Danielle Ryan & James Sherwood
- Happy Frog - Kim Towner
- Nick Lambert
- Rose & Vern Treilibs





EILEEN MOODY AWARD

for the outstanding efforts of an
individual Landcarer

NOMINEES

Dave Wood

Dave Wood is recognised for his unwavering commitment to conservation and community Landcare. As a key volunteer and coordinator at Boambee Headland – Sawtell Dunecare, Dave generously gives his time to support and organise local bush regeneration efforts. His passion for protecting local ecosystems is evident in his hands-on leadership and consistent presence across multiple Landcare sites. Beyond his work at Boambee Headland, Dave actively contributes to the broader Landcare network, participating in Weed Blitzes, planting days, and supporting other groups with enthusiasm and expertise. His regular involvement with the Community Nursery and coordination of working bees at Grandpa's Scrub further demonstrate his dedication to fostering biodiversity and community engagement.

Jeff Alcott

Jeff Alcott, Site Coordinator for Pearce Drive Landcare, is recognised for his intelligent, mature, and deeply committed approach to bush regeneration in West Coffs. His leadership in re-establishing the endangered Lowland Rainforest on his site reflects a profound understanding of ecological restoration and a long-term vision for the protection of this critically important vegetation community. Through consistent and thoughtful effort, Jeff has worked to restore and enhance biodiversity in the Coffs Basin, contributing to the resilience of native ecosystems and the preservation of threatened species. His work not only benefits the immediate landscape but also sets a benchmark for community-led conservation in the region. Jeff's dedication exemplifies the values of Landcare — stewardship, sustainability, and collaboration — and his contributions will have lasting positive impacts for generations to come.



LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Barry Powells

Barry Powells has made an outstanding contribution to Landcare in the Coffs Harbour region through his long-standing leadership, commitment and hands on involvement over many years. As the longstanding Site coordinator for Sawtell Dunecare and Boambee Headland Landcare sites, Barry has led significant ecological recovery efforts, most notably following the October 2021 supercell hailstorm. His work helped restore critical habitat for local fauna and protect threatened ecological communities. Barry also fostered collaborations with local schools and businesses, strengthening community engagement in Landcare.

Over 12 years on the Executive Committee, including 10 years as President, Barry has guided Coffs Harbour Regional Landcare through major transitions in funding, governance, and strategic direction, helping the organisation grow in capacity and impact. His advocacy for weed awareness, coastal conservation and volunteer support has left a lasting legacy. Barry's dedication, leadership, and hands-on approach make him a highly deserving recipient of Life Membership.

Larry Langman

Larry has been a passionate and influential contributor to Landcare for over 20 years, with sustained involvement at local, regional, state, and national levels. He has served on the Executive Committee of Coffs Harbour Regional Landcare for 18 years, including 12 years as Secretary and Public Officer, and currently assists in managing grants for Nana Glen Landcare.

Larry is deeply committed to promoting Landcare and serves as a strong voice for Coffs Harbour Regional Landcare in the wider community and among stakeholders by regularly representing the organisation at public events. He shows initiative to finding practical solutions to environmental and organisational challenges by undertaking extensive research. His well-informed, thoughtful contributions help guide strategic decisions and keep others up to date on key issues.

He is also passionate about accurate record-keeping and preserving organisational history, ensuring that Landcare's legacy is documented and valued. His engaging presence, dedication to Landcare, and ability to bring people together make him a highly deserving recipient of Life Membership.



PIA DOLLMANN AWARD

for conservation and sustainability
in the community

NOMINEES

Rose and Vern Treilibs

Rose and Vern Treilibs are dedicated conservationists whose long-term volunteer work has significantly contributed to the protection of native flora and fauna in the Red Rock region and beyond. For over a decade, they have coordinated the Red Rock Landcare site, working with volunteers to remove invasive weeds and restore native ecosystems. Their collaboration with National Parks and Wildlife Service includes protecting threatened nesting shorebirds on an island in the Corindi River by trapping egg-eating goannas and releasing them into nearby bushland. They are co-hosting a Shorebird Awareness Day for children to foster environmental education. Rose and Vern work closely with local land managers to implement effective weed management strategies. Their commitment extends nationally through their roles as Birdlife Australia guardians, helping to conserve the endangered grey grasswren and as Friends of the Innamincka Reserve, where they contribute to annual bird and vegetation surveys. Their thousands of volunteer hours reflect a deep, enduring dedication to conservation, education, and community collaboration.



EILEEN MOODY AWARD

for the outstanding efforts of an
individual Landcarer

NOMINEES

John Wackett

John is recognised for his outstanding and enduring contribution to bush regeneration and community led conservation in the Arrawarra area. As the founder and coordinator of Mullaway North Landcare since 1998, John has worked tirelessly to restore and protect native vegetation across challenging coastal sites. A long-term part-time resident of Arrawarra, John is also an active member of Fuller Street Landcare and Mullawarra Dunecare, generously sharing his time, expertise, and knowledge across multiple groups. His quiet leadership and commitment to excellence in bush regeneration have made a lasting impact, particularly in areas affected by illegal clearing, waste dumping, and antisocial behaviour. As one of Coffs Harbour Regional Landcare's senior elders, John stands out for his resilience, generosity, and quiet determination. His long years of service, pride in his work, and willingness to mentor and inspire others make him a role model and a deserving recipient of recognition for excellence in bush regeneration and community leadership.

Kerry Pritchard

Kerry has been a dedicated member of Eastern Dorriggo Landcare for over 20 years, since the group's formation. She is the most consistent member, attending nearly every working bee with a smile and an unwavering positive attitude. Kerry welcomes new members warmly, helping foster a strong sense of community and inclusion. Despite recognising changes in her capacity, Kerry remains actively engaged, contributing wherever she can. Her joyful presence and commitment have been a constant source of encouragement and inspiration to others. Alongside her late husband Ben, she was a founding member of the group, and her long-standing involvement reflects deep care for the land and the people working to protect it. Her enduring contribution and sunny disposition have made her a valued member of the Landcare community.



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NOMINEES

Maree Lane

Maree Lane is recognised for her extraordinary commitment to bush regeneration and community leadership. Over many years, Maree has maintained high-quality weed control across multiple sites, coordinating Landcare teams with consistency and care. Her dedication is unmatched—undertaking Landcare activities nearly every day of the week, year after year. Maree's impact extends beyond the physical restoration of landscapes. She mentors other volunteers, sharing her skills and knowledge, helping build capacity and confidence within the Landcare community. Her leadership style is hands-on and inclusive. Maree's sustained effort, reliability, and willingness to support others make her an invaluable contributor to Landcare in the Coffs Harbour region.



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NOMINEES

Kim Towner - Happy Frog & Harbourside Markets

Kim Towner is the founder of The Happy Frog and manager of Harbourside Markets in Coffs Harbour, NSW. She is a passionate sustainability advocate who has built inclusive, ethical businesses that promote conscious consumerism, environmental responsibility, and community wellbeing. Since 2009, Kim has created spaces that offer wholesome food, sustainable products, and opportunities for education and connection. Her “good karma” business model reinvests marketing funds into community donations, supporting local causes and grassroots initiatives. Kim employs a diverse team and ensures her ventures are welcoming to people of all backgrounds and abilities. She actively contributes to local governance through her roles on the Coffs Harbour City Council's Sustainability and CBD Business Committees. Kim also supports youth mental health through her ongoing participation in Laps for Life, integrating fundraising into everyday business activities. Her leadership exemplifies how small business can be a powerful force for sustainable change and community empowerment.

Nick Lambert

Nick Lambert is a passionate citizen scientist, educator, and mentor whose tireless work has helped establish the Coffs Harbour LGA as a globally recognised biodiversity and citizen science hotspot. A teacher at St Augustine's, Nick has personally logged over 177,000 iNaturalist sightings across 12,600+ species, including rare and undescribed flora and fauna. His work focuses on species distribution, ecological relationships, and seasonal patterns, often in remote or under-recorded locations. Nick collaborates with researchers, contributes to scientific publications, and collects samples for national and international experts. He leads local surveys, mentors students in fieldwork, and supports workshops with the Regional Botanic Gardens. As coordinator of the annual Great Southern Bioblitz, Nick empowers local citizen scientists and enhances regional biodiversity data. His contributions provide a lasting archive for future ecological research and land management planning. Nick's dedication, generosity, and scientific rigour make him an outstanding nominee for this award.



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NOMINEES

Brent Hely

Brent Hely has dedicated over 30 years to bush regeneration across the Coffs Harbour region, working across diverse vegetation communities and contributing to numerous significant conservation projects. His practical experience, ecological insight, and willingness to share knowledge have created lasting environmental benefits and inspired others in the field. Brent's holistic approach to restoration, adoption of innovative techniques, and commitment to mentoring volunteers and professionals reflect the values of conservation and community-led environmental care. His legacy is evident not only in the landscapes he's helped restore but in the people he's empowered to continue this vital work.

Danielle Ryan and James Sherwood

Danielle and James have been tireless advocates for environmental protection in the Coffs Harbour region, working through the National Parks Association over the past four years. Their efforts have elevated the Great Koala National Park proposal at the local government level, led to impactful media coverage—including a story that prompted the suspension of logging in 106 koala hubs—and brought together diverse stakeholders to support conservation goals. They have organised community events such as the GKNP Forum and Picnic in the Park, facilitated delegations to meet with political leaders, and formed the Solitary Island Marine Park Group to promote ridge-to-reef protection. Their work on the 'Hope Spot' proposal aims to expand marine sanctuary zones in line with global biodiversity targets. Through strategic advocacy, community engagement, and behind-the-scenes coordination, Danielle and James have made a significant contribution to conservation in the region, with lasting potential for both terrestrial and marine ecosystems.



DEE WALLACE AWARD

for excellence by a Landcare Group

NOMINEES

Arrawarra Dunecare

Arrawarra Dunecare under the dedicated coordination of David Bryant and Lorraine Boyd have spent the last nearly 20 years restoring and protecting the significant littoral rainforest remnant that makes up their site. Their long term commitment and passion is shown in the many hours they have spent cleaning up, maintaining and protecting this natural site. This has included a brutal battle with prickly pear.

Fuller St Dunecare

Over the last 7 years, Fuller St Landcare have been working hard to transform their site from an area of minimal biodiversity to one supporting a diverse range of native species. Biodiversity has been improved through both planting and bush regeneration with previously mown areas carefully transformed. Fuller St Dunecare is a dedicated team continuing their focus on improving the site by meeting regularly to maintain their efforts.

Green Bluff Landcare

Green Bluff Landcare received two nominations this year. Green Bluff Landcare is a model of perseverance, collaboration, and environmental stewardship, making them a highly deserving nominee for this award. Green Bluff Landcare Group has shown exceptional dedication to restoring a site of ecological and cultural significance since 2004. Despite major access challenges—including the loss of the Stingray Creek footbridge—volunteers have continued regular working bees, reaching the site via 4WDs, boats, and even wading across the creek. Their efforts have led to a significant reduction in invasive species and the restoration of Endangered Ecological Communities. The group has expanded and connected restoration zones, improving landscape resilience. They've successfully secured funding, built partnerships with agencies such as NPWS, Crown Lands, and City of Coffs Harbour, and engaged the community through field days, school programs, and guided tours. Green Bluff Landcare stands out for its long-term commitment, resilience, and measurable ecological impact making them a highly deserving nominee.



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NOMINEES

Korora Landcare

Korora Landcare has thrived over the years initially starting in the Korora Basin and recently moving east with the addition of Hills Beach as a site. Over the years, the group has been guided by dedicated coordinators including Brent and Kris Hely, Simon Proust, and currently Phil Bowden. Early efforts focused on planting native trees along the road corridor at a number of locations in the Basin to improve habitat connectivity and biodiversity. These plantings have created a lasting legacy with the trees now established and providing habitat for many fauna species. The group has also enhanced this habitat by building and installing bird nest boxes through their sites. They now regularly monitor these boxes and bird life on their sites. Korora Landcare's success is built on strong leadership, consistent volunteer effort, and a collaborative team spirit. Their long-term impact on local ecosystems makes them a worthy nominee for recognition in environmental excellence.

Red Rock Landcare

Red Rock Landcare has demonstrated exceptional dedication to environmental conservation through sustained volunteer efforts and community leadership. In the 2024-25 period, the group recorded an outstanding 1,287 volunteer hours—more than any other site in the Coffs Harbour Regional Landcare network. This achievement reflects their consistent commitment to restoring and protecting the extensive site they manage. Weekly working bees, with additional volunteer contributions occurring throughout the week has resulted in a significant ecological transformation of the site, improving habitat quality and supporting native biodiversity. Coordinators Rose and Vern have provided consistent leadership for over a decade, inspiring volunteers through their dedication to weed control and native species protection. Their efforts have fostered strong community engagement and long-term environmental stewardship. Red Rock Landcare's sustained contribution to conservation makes them a highly deserving nominee for this award.



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Sapphire Reserve Landcare

Sapphire Reserve Landcare is a shining example of grassroots environmental stewardship in the Coffs Harbour LGA. Since its formation in 2010, the group has demonstrated unwavering commitment to the restoration, protection and enhancement of their section of the Coffs Coast Regional Park. Through consistent volunteer action and collaborative partnerships the group has embodied the spirit of Landcare and serves as an inspiration to others across the region. Sapphire Reserve Landcare has transformed a previously degraded area of bushland covered with mostly lantana and senna into a thriving, biodiverse area with remnant littoral rainforest and themed grasslands protected.

