

# Bush to Beach News

## Important Dates:

Submissions Deadline to Draft Biodiversity Action Strategy	15th June
CAP 2 Information Session (Dorrigoi)	19th June
Carbon Farming Initiative Seminar	20th June
CAP 2 Information Session (Coffs)	21st June
CAP 2 Information Session (Nambucca)	22nd June
Biological Farming Workshop	17th July
Clear Beaches Competition Deadline	20th July
Regional Achievement and Community Awards Deadline	27th July
Bush Regeneration Workshop	29th August
National Landcare Conference	3-5th Sept

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## President's Report

Hello Landcarers,

Well the fine weather didn't last long, but wasn't it great while we had some? The ground is so rank and sour from being wet for so long it's a wonder anything much is growing but still you'd have to be pleased with the growth of any revegetation you've done in recent times - it's powering ahead.

Some great news. Congratulations to everyone involved in the hard work preparing the submission for the Jaliigirr Project – 'Connecting communities and cultures through corridors' (\$3,000,000 over 6 years). The money is coming to the area to establish a significant corridor network from the coastal plains to the tablelands. Coffs Harbour Regional Landcare is playing a significant part in the delivery of this project, so we've got our work cut out for us over the next few years.

Thanks to Coffs Harbour City Council, we have just received some more good news that they have granted Coffs Harbour Regional Landcare \$119,820 from Council's Environmental Levy Program for 2012-2013. That will enable the great Landcare work that all you volunteers do to continue for another year.

As for me, I've recently chaired the National Moderation Panel for the C4OC Community Action Grants meeting in Canberra. I recently signed off the minutes that have gone through to the Minister with a ranked list of recommended, reserve, the quality cut-off line and ineligible projects. It's hoped he'll make a decision very soon so letters of offer can get flowing ASAP, because all the money needs to be spent by 30 June 2013, no exceptions.

The Federal Budget included significant monies to continue similar programs for a further 5 years, 2013/14 to 2017/18 so we can expect around the

same time next year, there will be new grant rounds announced. Start thinking about a project you need funds for now – nothing like being prepared.

The **Draft Biodiversity Action Strategy 2012-2030** is on Public Exhibition. The Draft Biodiversity Action Strategy 2012-2030 sets out Council's proposed course of action in implementing biodiversity actions to help achieve the environmental objectives identified in the *Coffs Harbour 2030 Community Strategic Plan*. Online submissions can be made by email to [coffs.council@chcc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:coffs.council@chcc.nsw.gov.au), with the subject line 'Submission to the Draft Biodiversity Action Strategy'. Written hard copy submissions on any issues relating to the draft documents should be made to: The General Manager, Coffs Harbour City Council, Locked Bag 155, Coffs Harbour, NSW 2450. **Submissions close at 5pm, Friday, 15 June 2012.**

Coffs Harbour Regional Landcare in conjunction with the Northern River Catchment Management Authority will be holding a Community Action Plan (CAP2) Information evening at the Cavanbah Centre, Harbour Drive Coffs Harbour, 7.00pm – 9.30pm on Thursday, 21 June. The *Northern Rivers Catchment Action Plan 2013–2023 (CAP2)* will be the Region's key natural resources management plan. CAP2 will identify priorities for maintaining and improving the health of the Region's natural resources, and identify how the community can contribute to these priorities.

**The evening will provide the background for anyone with an interest in sustainable natural resource management to contribute to the development of Northern Rivers CAP2.**

Remember; 21 June 7pm, light supper will be served. RSVP by **Monday June 18<sup>th</sup>**.

I'm not sure how many of you have been into the office when everyone is there, but I can assure you it's a hive of activity, it's suddenly become a bit squeezey again, with four people at times hard at it, because of our current workload and of our partnering roles in other new programs..

The Executive have decided to upgrade the phone system to make things run more efficiently. Hopefully you'll soon notice improved service levels because our hard-working staff will have the tools provided to allow them to be handle multiple phone calls simultaneously. For the same reasons,

we're also obtaining quotes looking to upgrade and add to our computer stocks. We are a growing business that brings large amounts of real cash into the region, which is all spent locally, hence we've become a significant contributor to the local economy, something for which you all should be very proud.

Cheers for now, Happy Landcaring.

Rod



## Catchment Action Plan (CAP) - Update

Which matters most to you? Weeds or Indian Mynas? Erosion or sea turtles? Fishing or farming? The new Catchment Action Plan (CAP) for the Northern Rivers will set priorities for investment in natural resource management projects over the next decade, from Port Macquarie to Tweed Heads and west to the Tablelands.

Public consultation workshops to be held in Dorrigo, Coffs Harbour and Nambucca Heads will provide you with more information about the draft CAP so far, and how you can have your say.

Whether you enjoy fishing or birdwatching, run a farm or an eco-tourism business - if you've got an opinion about managing the local environment, this event is for you.

During June, staff from the Northern Rivers CMA will be hitting the road to conduct a series of public consultation workshops to talk to the community

about Discussion Paper No. 3 - New Directions for CAP2. You're invited to come along to a session near you:

#### **Dorrigo**

Tuesday 19th June, 2pm  
CWA Hall, Cudgery St  
Contact: Colin – 6655 0588

#### **Coffs Harbour**

Thursday 21st June, 7pm  
Cavanbah Centre, Harbour Drive  
Contact: Kara – 6651 1308

#### **Nambucca Heads**

Friday 22nd June, 10am  
RSL, Nelson St  
Contact: Tim – 6564 7838

For more information about the CAP, and to participate in a quick poll about which northern rivers landscape is most important to you, visit <http://yoursay.northern.cma.nsw.gov.au/northern-rivers>



Mark your calendars... Sunday July 29<sup>th</sup> is National Tree Day 2012

National Tree Day is all about inspiring, educating and recruiting Australians to care for our unique land and creating future generations of committed environmental custodians.

Over 1 million trees, shrubs and grasses were planted by individuals and community groups for National Tree Day 2011.

To register your National Tree Day event, read inspirational stories from other groups about their events, or get more information, visit the National Tree Day website at <http://treeday.planetark.org/>



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Fisheries and Forestry**

## **LANDCARE – THE FUTURE IS IN OUR HANDS**

The National Landcare Conference 2012 will be held this year between September 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour. This year's theme is "Landcare – the future is in our hands."

The conference is an excellent opportunity for individuals, groups and government organisations to learn, network, and share information and ideas about agricultural resilience, food security, and environmental sustainability.

The conference will include speakers, field trips, workshops, and of course – the National Landcare Awards.

To register, inquire about exhibitions, vote in the National Landcare Awards, or get more information, visit the National Landcare Conference website at <http://www.daff.gov.au/landcareconference>

## **CLEAN BEACHES AWARDS 2012**

You may recall that in our last newsletter we congratulated Sawtell Beach for gaining awards in three of the seven categories of the 2011 Clean Beaches Awards.

If you would like your beach to be in the running for the 2012 competition, there are two steps:





**Step 1:** Send an **entry form** to Keep Australia Beautiful by no later than **20 July 2012**.

**Step 2:** Send a **submission form** to Keep Australia Beautiful by no later than **10 August 2012**.

Copies of the entry form and submission form can be obtained from the Keep Australia Beautiful website:

<http://www.kabnsw.org.au/programs/CleanBeaches.aspx> or drop into the CHRL office and we can print them out for you here.

We've got lots of great beaches and lots of great volunteers that deserve recognition for the hard work they do caring for beautiful coast, so let's get those nominations rolling in!

## NSW/ACT REGIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS



Speaking of recognising the contribution of our great volunteers... nominations are now open for the 2012 NSW/ACT Regional Achievement Awards.

Nominees can be groups or individuals (or even yourself!), and each nominee will receive a certificate of nomination.

There are multiple categories you can nominate in to recognise people or groups that you know who contribute to regional areas through improving their communities in social, business, or environmental ways.

Not only are these awards considered to be the most prestigious, they are also generous! This year's winner of the *Peabody Environment and Landcare Award* will be given \$5,000!

Nominations close **27 July 2012**, so visit the Awards Australia website at [www.awardsaustralia.com](http://www.awardsaustralia.com) and follow the links to the NSW/ACT Regional Achievement and Community Awards. Press the 'Nominate Now' button and select and download your nomination form in your selected category for 2012!

## UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

Ever wanted to know more about the Carbon Farming Initiative and how it may apply to your farm? What about biological farming and the connections between soil fertility, quality crops and herd health? Or maybe you want to learn about bush regeneration techniques? Maybe all three?

If so, then this winter is going to be a busy one for you.



Next week, Mick Keogh will be presenting the workshop *"Proactive farming to build carbon in your paddocks. What does it mean for your farm?"*

The workshop will be held at the Nambucca Heads RSL from 9.30am – 1.00pm. For more information about this free workshop being hosted by North Coast Regional Landcare Network, contact Tim at Nambucca Valley Landcare on 6564 7838 or by email at [tryan@nvlandcare.org.au](mailto:tryan@nvlandcare.org.au). RSVP's must be received by **Friday June 15<sup>th</sup>**.



Then in July, Gary Zimmer and his daughter, Leilani Zimmer Durand will discuss *"Feed Quality in Relation to Soil Fertility and Fertiliser Inputs"*.

This free workshop, also hosted by NCRLN, will run from 9.00am to 1pm on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July at the Hickory House in Dorrigo. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Colin at Bellinger Landcare on 6655 0588 or by email at [belland@westnet.com](mailto:belland@westnet.com).

August will see a repeat performance of the very popular *Bush Regeneration Techniques* workshop. This same workshop was booked out when we held it earlier this year, so if you missed out here is your chance to attend. This free workshop will cover



common bush regeneration techniques, a review of common weed species, safe use of chemicals, and basic tool maintenance. The course will be on Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> August from 9.30 – 12.30 (venue TBC). To book your place, contact Kara at the CHRL office on 6651 1308 or by email at [chrl@westnet.com.au](mailto:chrl@westnet.com.au).

And a final note... the workshop on *Worksite Health and Safety* – planned for 27<sup>th</sup> June – has been postponed. We will advise of the new date for this workshop when it is available.

## WHAT LANDCARERS ARE DOING AT... KINCHELA

At long last, the Kinchela Landcare group is up and running! The group received their on-site induction on 1<sup>st</sup> April (no joke!) and have had several working bees already.

Group Co-ordinator, Helen Lawrence, says their enthusiastic group has already achieved “a lot”. With 15 members currently signed up to the group, the reserve at Kinchela will be well on its way to environmental health in no time.

Welcome to the new Kinchela group and its members! Wishing you many happy days landcaring at your site.



Kinchela Landcare members at their first working bee in April

## WHAT LANDCARERS ARE DOING AT... WOOLGOOLGA NURSERY



Woolgoolga Community Nursery has been instrumental in the beautification of the Woolgoolga and Coffs Harbour regions for more than 20 years.

During this time, dozens of dedicated volunteers have helped propagate and distribute thousands of plants to community groups, Landcare groups, and individuals working to rehabilitate degraded public lands. Each year the volunteers meet supply demands which can be as high as nearly 8,000 plants, from around 30 different species.

From the beginning, the construction of the nursery and its daily operation has relied upon a combination of volunteer innovation and both public and private donation. This latest makeover is no exception!

March saw a sprinkler water system and a water counter installed by one of the nursery volunteers (who also happens to be a plumber). These works will help the nursery to be as efficient as possible with their water use.

And this April, with the help of kind donations from The Woolgoolga Quarry and their delivery carriers EB & DE Bunts Pty Ltd, blue metal has been spread throughout the working area so that the volunteers and their equipment don't get bogged in the mud as they go about their busy days.

Once again, thanks to the efforts of the nursery volunteers and the generosity of local businesses, the Woolgoolga Community Nursery can continue its good work for the local environment.

On a related note... if you or your group have plant tubes or trays from the nursery please either drop them into the nursery on Wednesday or Thursday mornings or into the CHRL office so they can be re-used for more plantings.



# NEW RESOURCES

## Carbon Farming Initiative Handbook



The Carbon Farming Initiative (CFI) allows farmers and other land managers to earn carbon credits by storing carbon or reducing greenhouse gas emissions on the land. These credits, known as Australian Carbon Credit Units (ACCUs), can be sold to people and businesses wishing to offset their emissions.

The CFI also helps rural communities and the environment supporting sustainable farming by creating incentives for landscape rehabilitation.

Participation in the CFI is voluntary; farmers and landholders can choose whether or not to be involved.

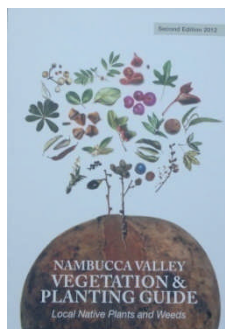
The Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency have issued a new handbook containing information about the Carbon Farming Initiative (CFI) and how it operates. It will also help you decide what type of CFI activity might be right for you, your business or your organisation.

**Part One** of the handbook explains how carbon markets and the CFI work.

**Part Two** provides an overview of the steps involved in undertaking a CFI project.

To download a free copy, visit the Australian Government's Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency at <http://www.climatechange.gov.au/government/initiatives/carbon-farming-initiative/handbook.aspx> or contact us at the CHRL office.

## Nambucca Valley Vegetation & Planting Guide, 2nd Edition



On Tuesday 29th May, Nambucca Valley Landcare proudly launched the 2nd edition of the very popular "Nambucca Valley Vegetation & Planting Guide", thanks to a grant from Caring for our Country.

The second edition of this valuable resource contains information on a wide range of topics such as:

- suitable species for planting in particular situations like streams and wetlands;
- plants to minimise fire impact;
- establishing bird habitat;
- plants to protect against soil erosion;
- how and when to plant native species;
- legislation; and
- a list of further readings.

NV Landcare was kind enough to give CHRL a few copies of this excellent resource, however supplies are limited. If you would like a copy for yourself or your Landcare group, contact the CHRL office.

## Grasses of Coastal NSW

In March, the NSW DPI released "Grasses of coastal NSW". Though similar to the previously released



"Grasses of the North Coast of NSW", it has been updated to include new taxonomy, as well as the inclusion of more coastal grasses. It is an easy to use reference guide, and includes methods for identifying species.

Though CHRL has not been provided with copies for distribution, we hope to obtain some copies for future related workshops. If you would like to order a copy direct from the DPI, you can do so by visiting their website at <http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/aboutus/resources/bookshop/grasses-of-coastal-nsw> or by phoning them on 1 800 025 520.

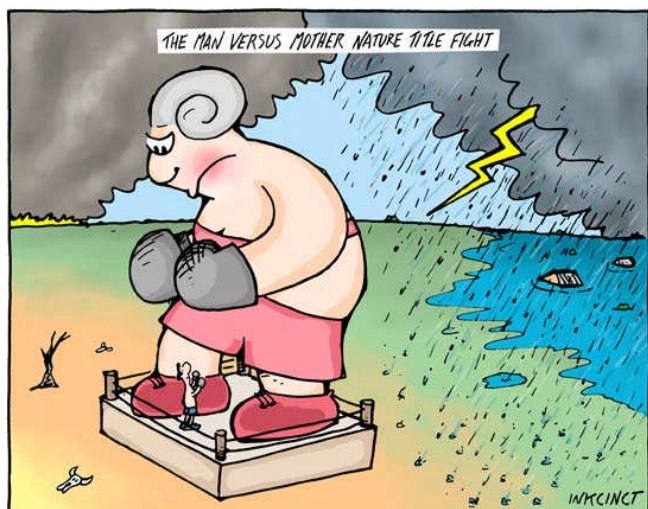
## CHCC Environmental Levy

We received an overwhelming response to our request for expressions of interest for the CHCC Environmental Levy in our last newsletter. Twenty-two groups provided EOI's to be included in our umbrella submission to CHCC.



We are pleased to announce that CHCC has granted CHRL \$119,820 in funding towards continuing the great landcare work performed by our groups for the financial year 2012-2013.

Thank you to all the groups for submitting your well considered EOI's. The CHRL office will be in touch with group co-ordinators soon to discuss implementation of your projects after 1 July.



## Membership Renewal 2012-13

Yes, it's that time of year again – membership renewal time. In order to remain a financial member of CHRL for 2012-13, membership submissions are due by 30 June. The membership rates haven't changed: still \$5 for individuals and \$20 for incorporated groups.

Membership renewal packs have been mailed to group co-ordinators. You can also access the membership form on line by visiting our website [www.coffsharbourlandcare.org.au](http://www.coffsharbourlandcare.org.au), or drop into the office for a copy. If you have any questions about renewing your membership, contact Jude at the CHRL office.

## Biological Control of Salvinia

The NSW DPI recently held a workshop about the biological control of the water weed *Salvinia molesta* through the weevil *Cryptobagous salviniae*. The first releases of the weevil in 1980 on Lake Moondarra, QLD, were an overwhelming success, and many other massive infestations were soon controlled in the same way all over Australia and overseas.

*Salvinia* is an incredibly fast growing water weed, capable of doubling its dry weight in two and a half days. While the weevil does not eradicate the weed completely, it can bring the volume of the weed down to acceptable levels – and keep them there.

If you have *Salvinia* at your landcare site, dam, or have noticed it in a waterway near you – please let CHRL know. Two of our landcare members attended the workshop and are keen to get involved in trials using the weevil in the Coffs Harbour region.



Primary Growth Form of *Salvinia* (Photo: Sheldon Navie)



Tertiary Growth Form of *Salvinia* (Photo: Sheldon Navie)



## PROTECTING COFFS CREEK COMMUNITY SURVEY

Coffs Harbour City Council has received financial assistance from the Northern Rivers Catchment Management Authority to develop Natural Resource Management plans to help protect Coffs Creek. The plans will guide the future improvement of bush land reserves in the Coffs Creek Catchment. They will also assist Council in attracting funding for relevant on ground works and community activities. Council is seeking your views as a member of Coffs Harbour Regional Landcare residing in the catchment. As a Landcare member, your experience and perspective is highly valued. Your assistance in completing the online survey would be greatly appreciated. It should just take under ten minutes of your time. Please find the survey at the following link.

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/QFV3L8W>

If you would like further information from Coffs Harbour City Council about the Coffs Creek Plans, please add your e-mail address to the last question in the survey form. If you do not have access to the internet and would like to fill out a paper copy of the survey, or have any questions, please contact Sandy Eager, Parks & Reserves Technical Officer, ph 6648 4000, or Kara at the CHRL Office.

## Autumn Events

Autumn was a busy time for CHRL, with lots of events and workshops. There was the Bush Regen workshop in March, then the Coastal Plant ID workshop in May.

Of course we also had the Coffs Harbour Show, the Emerald Beach Show, World Environment Day, and the Moonee Beach membership drive. Whew!

The workshops were fully booked and the show stalls were busy, which is great news. For this edition of Bush to Beach News, we leave you with a few happy snaps of Landcare in Autumn.



Aaron Hartley at the Bush Regen Workshop 28th March



Happy landcarers at the Coastal Plant ID Workshop 2nd May



Coffs Harbour Show 13th May

Coastal Plant ID Workshop 2nd May



World Environment Day 5th June (Photo: Sara McCafferty)





# Worksite Updates

**Arrawarra Coastcare Site:** Volunteers working monthly on littoral rainforest at the southern end of Corindi Beach

**Bakker Drive:** Working one Saturday a month removing Privet and Camphor from the reserve at the end of Bakker Drive. Contact Geoff Cohen on 6653 5891 for more information.

**Bundagen Landcare:** A new sub-group has just started in the Bundageree village that will be focusing on revegetating the creek that passes through the village.

**Crystal Waters Landcare Site:** Volunteers are working with National Parks in Coffs Coast Regional Park at Sapphire Beach – maintaining the dunes and wetlands. Contact: Tim and Jennie 02 6656 4158

**Eastern Dorrigo Landcare Site:** The group continues to work on riparian zones, both on public & private land. The group will assist local landowners who were successful in gaining funds from CMA.

**Friends of Coffs Creek:** Meet 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays from 9-12, Mondays 8-2.30, Tues 8-2.30, and Thurs 8-11. Ph Elisabeth Edwards for more information 6651 5380

**Jarrett Creek Landcare Site:** The group continues its great work at Woopi (despite frequent flooding!). Looking for more members to join. Ph Leah Sjoberg, 6654 7942

**Jetty Dunecare Group Inc:** Are continuing their bush regeneration work in the Jetty area. Volunteers meet Tuesdays and Saturdays from 7.30am. Ph Jane Ireland for more information 66524389.

**Karangi Landcare Group:** Are meeting monthly to weed areas around the Cemetery .Contact: Ron Smith, 66538249

**Karangi Public School:** Karangi School students continue to work along Karangi creek each fortnight.

**Kinchela Landcare Site:** A new group looking for members to on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month. Contact Helen, 66532015.

**Korora Basin Landcare Site:** Have taken on new volunteers and are meeting monthly, contact Kris Hely, 66536781

**Korora Dunecare Site:** Looking for new members following Sylvia Turner's departure. Contact the CHRL office.

**Mullawarra Dunecare Site:** Meeting on the last Saturday of the month. Contact Roger Jennings, 66541203

**Nana Glen Landcare Group:** Have commenced work on a NRCMA bio-grants project in conjunction with Nana Glen School. Meeting every second Saturday. Contact Larry Langman, 66543965.

**Park Beach Dunecare Site:** Volunteers meet on Fridays at 9am between the Hoey Moey and the Bowling Club. Contact Rosemary on 6652 5940 or Judy on 6651 7691.

**Safety Beach Dunecare Site:** The group is having monthly working bees and working closely with National Parks staff.

**Sapphire Reserve Landcare Group:** An active group with activity centered around White Bluff. Contact Greg Robinson 66537118

**Sawtell Community Bushcare:** A couple of new members have joined this site. The Council is hoping the volunteers will assist with the approved works in the adopted Dolmans Point Action Plan.

**Sawtell Dunecare:** Continue to remove weeds, plant local natives & remove man-made rubbish from the beach.

**Serenity Landcare:** Volunteers regularly working along Serenity Beach, Look at me now Headland, and Emerald beach. Contact Karina Rothacker 66561895

**Woolgoolga Main Beach Dunecare:** Are continuing their good work with working bees carried out every Monday and Wednesday from 8am to 12 on the dunes. Looking for new members. Contact Gerard Nolan 66560929

**Woolgoolga Back Beach Dunecare:** Working bees are held on the second Sunday of each month, 8-11am, meeting at the back beach picnic area at the end of High St. Ph: Alex Groot, 6654 2833

**Woolgoolga High School:** Another new group that are in the process of forming – more news to come soon. Please note: The information about dates for group activities is sourced from your membership & group activities forms, if it is not correct please let CHRL know, phone 6651 1308 or email [chrl@westnet.com.au](mailto:chrl@westnet.com.au)



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