Coffs Harbour
Regional
Landcare

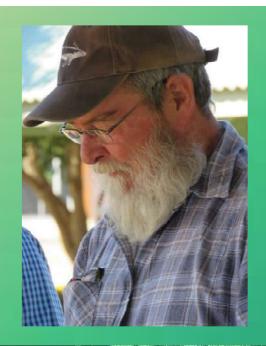# Landcare Officers' Annual Report 2018

Some Highlights of the year

Annual Awards 2017

Eileen Moody Award:

Martin Horseman

(Friend of Coffs Creek)

Dee Wallace Memorial

Landcare Volunteer Group:

Kinchela Reserve Landcare Group

New & Ongoing Projects 2017/18

- North Coast LLS

  - Local Landcare Initiative

  - Community capacity support*

  - Targeted Landcare*

  - Blueberry Industry Engagement*

- CHCC Environmental Levy

  - Volunteer support

  - Landcare Nursery Coordinator *new*

- Environmental Trust

  - Environmental Restoration Green Bluff to South Moonee (year 2 of 3)

- National Landcare Program

  - Workshop series on Sustainable & Biological Farming in the Bellingen/ Coffs Harbour region*

* These projects are now completed as of June 2018 and are not continuing

Coffs Council Environmental Levy Volunteer Support Project 2017/18

- 53 new members joined CHRL
- 152 people attended various training events
- On-ground bush regeneration support to the value of $ 93,264 completed
- $ 8,100 spent on trainers
- $ 942 spent on materials for Indian Myna control
- Over 250 Indian Mynas caught and destroyed
- 6317 plants distributed by CHRL Community Nursery
- $12,468 for tools, PPE & equipment
- CHRL added $ 680,342 value to the CHCC investment of $180,000 Environmental Levy Grant. For every $1 EL, we attracted another $3.78 (includes volunteer hours, other paid hrs & grants)

Volunteer Hours 2017-18

- Log Books received so far show that CHRL volunteers contributed 11,000 hours last financial year

- Value of work: $444,620 (@$40.42/hour)

Council Environmental Levy Project 2018/19 – 2020/2021

- After the Council reviewed this funding program and called for applications, *Coffs Harbour Regional Landcare* and *Orara Rivercare Association* were successful in achieving a three year funding commitment in the *Major Strategic Programs* stream of the Levy.

- This means that CHRL will receive funding for volunteer support to 30 June 2021, provided that we report on time and expend our funds by end of June each year.

New Concept: "Blitz Working Bees"

A 'Weed Blitz' was organised when Park Beach Dunecare Group asked for help with controlling Turkey Rhubarb. A call out was made to all CHRL members for help. 21 members attended the Blitz digging up these tubers and making a significant impact at this site.

Sawtell Dunecare is holding a similar event on Sunday 12th August to fight the Mighty Mother of Millions.

Workshops

Organic Farming – Beef & Chickens, Upper Orara

Site Assessment & Monitoring, Red Rock

Tool Maintenance

Wind Fencing, Sandy Beach

Display Stalls

- Landcare Week stall at Coffs Growers Market
- Chilli fest
- Nana Glen Market Day
- Orara Valley Fair

Blueberry Industry Engagement

Farm field day, Sandy Beach

- 3 Blueberry growers engaged in 17/18 project
- 2 Bioreactors constructed
- 0.25km of creek bank rehabilitated
- 500 plants installed
- 1 erosion gully remediated
- 1 field day held with 42 participants
- 2 Focus group meetings held with OzGroup, growers and other stakeholders

Indian/Common Myna control program

- Over 250 birds trapped
- Numbers of recorded trapped birds reduced from last year, probably due to insufficient reporting
- Funding through CHCC EL
- Currently 3 trapping coordinators: Ron Smith, Greg Robinson, Leah Sjoberg
- Would like some more coordinators!!

New sites/ members

Three new sites in the year 2017/18:
- Fuller St, Arrawarra
- Arrawarra Headland
- Corindi Beach.

53 new members approved, similar to last year.

Another successful year for
Coffs Harbour Regional Landcare

What to look out for this coming year:

- CHRL will be 20 years old, time for a celebration!

- All new members should complete at least one workshop on bush regeneration. Please encourage them.

- Our website is updated regularly – use it to find what you need to know.

- Send us your photos and reports for the newsletter.