



# Landcare Officers' Annual Report 2020

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# New Team

Mel Craig – Landcare Officer Kylie Brooks – Project Officer Karen Black – Admin & Finance Officer



### New Office

- 1/14a Lawson Cres, Coffs Harbour
- 5 year lease





CHRL Executive Committee 2019-2020

# Thankyou Elisabeth Edwards

More than a decade of commitment and dedication to the CHRL Executive Committee, Elisabeth has sadly made the decisions to resign from her position as Treasurer.

Who will pick up on our grammatical errors now!?

Elisabeth will continue to lead the Friends of Coffs Creek Landacre group as Site Coordinator.

Your hard work, contribution and dedication is very much appreciated.



#### 2019 Annual Awards



- Bakker Drive Landcare Dee Wallace Perpetual Award for Excellence by a Landcare Group
- Narelle Swanson Eileen Moody Memorial Award
- Held at CHRL Community Nursery

#### Annual Awards Moving Forward

- CHRL Executive sub committee reviewed the Awards and developed guidelines which were approved by the Executive committee
- 3 Awards
  - Eileen Moody Award
  - Dee Wallace Award
  - CHRL Conservation and Sustainability Award will be known as the Pia Dollmann Conservation and Sustainability Award
  - Nominations will open shortly Awards day to be held in early November
  - A CHRL volunteer group or individual is able to win the award more than once however it needs to be a new achievement

### Projects 2020/2021

- Landcare Program (2019-2023) Local Land Services & Landcare NSW
- Groundcover & Vegetation Best Management Practice for Intensive Horticultural Farms (2019-2021) NLP Smart Farms
- Rehabilitating Old Banana Lands (2019-2022) NSW Environmental Trust
- Growing Our Future (2020-2021) CHCC
- Environmental Levy Volunteer Support (2018-2021) CHCC
- Weeds of the North Coast Resource Update (2018-2021) CHCC
- Community Based Weeds Project (2019-2020) NCLLS, DPI, CHCC
- Bush Fire Recovery Grants Program (2020-2022) CHCC
- Nestboxes for Bushfire Recovery (2020-2021) Landcare NSW & WWF
- Small Landholder Engagement (2020-2021) NCLLS



Weeds of the North Coast of NSW a guide to identification and control 2013







# Weed Book Update

#### Update of the resource to;

- Include new legislation Biosecurity Act (replacing the repealed Noxious Weeds Act)
- Inclusion of Priority
   Weeds species, in line with
   the Regional Weed
   Management Plan

North Coast Regional Strategic Weed Management Plan 2017-2022

Local Land Services North Coast

NSW



# EL Volunteer Support Project

6096 Volunteer hours 2019/20 (= \$246,400 in kind)
98 new members joined CHRL
1 new group formed
5 training events
2100 hours of bush regeneration support

### NEW Landcare Site - Linden Lagoon Landcare



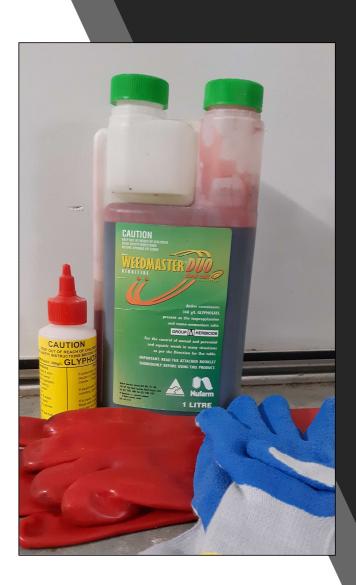
#### 14 active volunteers

The newly formed Linden Lagoon Landcare team in Boambee East, marked Wattle Day (Tuesday September 1) by planting ... you guessed it ... some wattle trees! This follows a busy initial schedule over the last 2 weeks of removing woody weeds and unwelcome species, as well as a significant amount of rubbish, making a huge impact on an otherwise neglected area.

Although it is early days, and they have an ambitious program, there is nothing like the infectious enthusiasm of energetic like minded neighbours to make a difference. Well done Liz and the team!



# Out & About



# Site Coordinators Meeting

- October 2019
- Opportunity to get site coordinators together in one room
- Main focus was on glyphosate use
- 17 coordinators attended
- All thought it was worthwhile
- Next meeting Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September

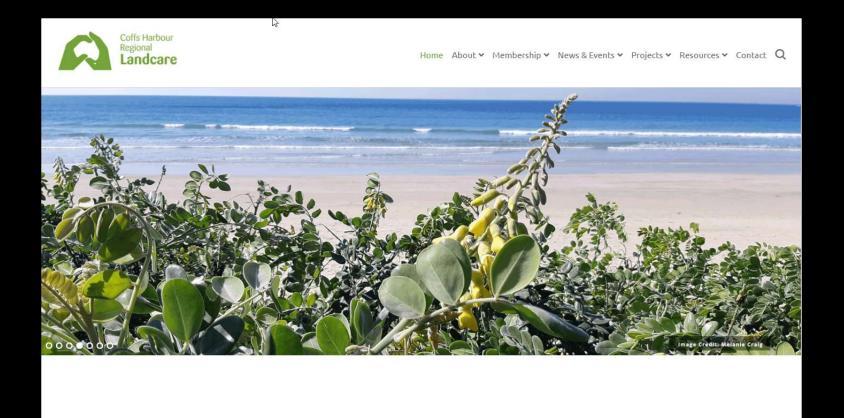


# Indian Mynas

#### **Current trappers**

- Ron Smith
- Greg Robinson
- Barry Powells
- Lyndy Rees
- Gerard Kelly
- Graham Tupper

# Reinvigorated website





# Facebook

- Currently have 297 followers
  - 285 individuals have liked the page Posts about people get the most engagements Send us your site photos with a brief message Like our page!!





# COVID19

- Restrictions started late March
- Volunteer work on site suspended for 3 months
- Staff working from home for 3 months
- Majority of workshops/ training suspended
- Ongoing restrictions around holding events
- COVID safe procedures put into place including risk assessment and checklists for all volunteer activities
- Continue COVID safe procedures indefinitely until Government restrictions are listed

### The Year Ahead...

- More Weed Blitzes let us know if you need one!
- More new sites coming on board
  - More interesting training and workshops. All new members should complete a bush regen workshop.
    - CHRL Annual Awards Day November
    - Follow our Facebook page and provide post ideas
  - Send us your photos and reports for the newsletter