



# LAND FOR WILDLIFE

## New South Wales

*"The National Program run by Locals"*



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### Hello Land for Wildlifers,

Hope you are going well and enjoying the holiday break.

2011 was very successful for Land for Wildlife in NSW with approx. 750 properties now registered. CEN is working more strategically and commenced building the program west of the dividing range this year. In these more rural areas, we found the larger distances and more limited local resources needed a more adaptable approach. The result was a partnership model to operate where the Regional Provider model is not suitable.

On May 6th and 7th the Biennial Land for Wildlife Forum was held in North Sydney. Thank you to our sponsors, Office of Environment and Heritage, Foundation for National Parks and Wildlife, North Sydney Council and Wingecarribee Council. Read the presentations on our website [www.cen.org.au/landforwildlife/forum2011](http://www.cen.org.au/landforwildlife/forum2011).



**Field Day in Wingecarribee 6th May 2011**

The Foundation for National Parks and Wildlife provided sponsorship for attendance by groups in rural areas. To read about the Foundation go to : [www.fnpw.org.au](http://www.fnpw.org.au)

Members often send photos or details of their success with wildlife. Read about Frog Hotels in Forum Presentations on the CEN website.



**Frog Hotel Kyogle—see Forum Presentations**

Many of you will know of the Great Eastern Ranges Initiative which seeks to create a wildlife corridor from the Dandenongs to Cape York. NSW Land for Wildlife has been accepted as an Affiliate of the Great Eastern Ranges to provide an entry level option for landowners.

Names and addresses on our database are sometimes in error. If the name on your envelope is 'The Landholder' it means we need to hear from you to update your details. Just send your current name and address and contact details to CEN and we will update your registration.

Correction: In our March edition a photo was shown of Kangaroos being rescued. The correct location should have been Burrendong Dam near Wellington.

Lastly, thank you for your support, hopefully we will catch up in 2012, John.



# Land for Wildlife welcomes Tweed Council, Palerang Local Action Network for Sustainability and Partners on the South West Slopes



CEN is delighted to welcome new Regional Providers in Tweed, Palerang and partners west of the dividing range:

## Tweed Council

Tweed is one of the biodiversity 'hotspots' in Australia. Tweed Council has recently become a Regional Provider of Land for Wildlife and staff have been trained in the process for Land for Wildlife registrations. Registrations will commence in 2012.

## Land for Wildlife West of the Dividing Range.

Land for Wildlife works to promote habitat by retaining vegetation. It does not require total exclusion of stock. Grazing often occurs in woodland areas and on native pasture.

In the Lachlan, Murrumbidgee and Murray catchments past clearing has left large areas with poor connectivity for birds and other wildlife. Through the South West Slopes project, CEN is keen to work with local organizations to promote LFW. Please pass on our details to anyone you know who maybe interested.

*Pam and Pam at Barham Show Day*



## South West Slopes Partners

Twelve out of the 22 councils in the SWS Bioregion are partnering with CEN to help build support for Land for Wildlife. Information is available from many councils and on the CEN website or write for a brochure and Expression of Interest form.

## Palerang Local Action Network for Sustainability (PLANS)

Palerang Shire is located near Lake George on the Southern highlands and includes the towns of Bungendore and Braidwood. PLANS has become the Regional Provider and already have 15 properties registered totaling over 130 Ha.

## Regional Provider Update: Clarence Environment Centre (CEC)

CEC is building LFW following the pilot program in 2002. There are now over 56 properties registered with a newsletter sent to locals and many nest boxes provided. Demand for nest boxes is high and sponsorship for timber to make them is needed. Landholders are combining their efforts to create ridge top connections to local reserves and wetlands. The work is outstanding and a real credit to the landholders.



*CEC Field Day at Pat and John Edwards' place.*



## Around the NSW regions:

- **Hunter to Hawkesbury**, CEN is currently registering properties in Wyong and Lake Macquarie with council support. Cessnock council have committed to helping build the program locally. CEN has an education program called 'Catquette' around managing domestic cats and their impact on wildlife.
- **Murrakool** recently had a stall at the Barham Show and started a Habitat for Wildlife program for 'Townies'. See photo opposite.
- **Wingecarribee** Council took part in the Penrose Sustainability Festival on Sunday the 18th of September. This gave an opportunity to promote Council's Environment Levy and it's initiatives which include the Land For Wildlife Program. Council also recently celebrated Threatened Species day by setting up a stall at the Mittagong market place. Brochures, posters and other educational materials were available to show the threatened species we have in the shire and the threats to them. Wingecarribee Shire Council now have 48 properties registered with the Land For Wildlife program. .



## Land for Wildlife around Australia

The 'Land for Wildlife' program was founded in Victoria in 1981 when it was recognized that landholders who voluntarily protected wildlife habitats on their land should be encouraged and assisted in their efforts. The program has now gone national with over 14,500 members across every state and territory. Although the program is run slightly differently in each state, they all share the same fundamental goal to 'encourage and assist landholders to provide wildlife habitats on their properties'.

Victoria was the birthplace of Land for Wildlife. The program was initiated at a time, when 95% of the Victoria landscape had been cleared for farming and other purposes. 2011 is the 30th Anniversary of Land for Wildlife, a National Conference and celebration will be run in Melbourne on March 15/17, 2012`.

## NSW Supporters and Sponsors

Thank you to our many Supporters and sponsors of Land for Wildlife in NSW:

Byron Shire Council,  
Cessnock Council,  
Clarence Environment Centre,  
Coffs Harbour Council,  
Community Environment Network,  
Office of Heritage and Environment,  
Foundation for National Parks and  
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Great Lakes Council,  
Hastings Landcare,  
Hornsby Council,  
Karuah Great Lakes Landcare,  
Lachlan CMA,  
Lake Macquarie Council,  
Manning Landcare,  
Murrakool Land for Wildlife,  
Nature Conservation Trust,  
North Sydney Council,  
Northern Landcare Support Services,  
Wingecarribee Council,  
Wyong Council.

## Thank you!



*John and baby wombat Upper Hunter  
(Wombat is one with hair)*



## How Does Land for Wildlife Work?

Anyone with a rural landholding may now apply to join LFW. This is due to two models now being used to make the program available in a wider number of local government areas in NSW, namely:

- Regional Provider Model* which involves an organization signing an agreement to conduct LFW locally. The agreement is a licence to operate to the LFW Protocols and standards. It gives local organizations the freedom to conduct the program in the way they want. Usually this means the LFW members receives local information, invitations to workshops and involvement with the organization.
- Partner Model*, this involves CEN working with a local organization or group to provide Land for Wildlife assessments locally. CEN works with the organization or group to promote the program through the media, websites, brochures or networks. When an Expression of Interest is received, arrangements are made through the local organization or group to conduct the assessment and register the property.

The CEN Land for Wildlife program has now been accepted as an affiliate organization of the Great Eastern Ranges Initiative. This means the program will be concentrating to build membership in the nearly 80 local government areas covered by the GER.

In addition, over the past two years CEN has been working to build up LFW west of the dividing range, there are currently 71 properties registered and hopefully

this will reach 100 within the next 6 months. Lastly, if you have local vegetation or habitat assessment skills we need volunteer assessors. CEN will provide training, support and some resources.

## What does Land for wildlife do?

The key feature of the land for wildlife program is the signage and environmental property assessments the organization provides free to land holders. In addition to environmental property assessments, LfW gives landholders the opportunity to participate in workshops, meet like minded people and receive up to date information via fact sheets and regular newsletters.

## Does my property qualify?

The program is available to landholders who:

- Have properties with half a hectare or more of native bush land
- Are willing to manage all or part of their property in an environmentally sustainable way

The Land for Wildlife program is available to private landholders who own properties ranging from small bush blocks up to large farming and grazing operations.

Schools and council managed public land may also qualify for Land for Wildlife.

**After reading, please pass this newsletter on to a friend who may be interested in Land for Wildlife.**



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