



LAND FOR WILDLIFE

New South Wales

"The National Program run by Locals"



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Hello Land for Wildlifers,

Hope you are all well and enjoying your properties during the holiday season. It has been a very busy year with new Regional Providers in Palerang, Tweed, Wollondilly, Ballina and Lismore Local Council Areas.



Funding has been provided in partnership with locals and the Great Eastern Ranges Initiative to increase the number of registered properties and the number of Regional Providers helping locals.

In late 2013 Land for Wildlife is due to hold the NSW Bi Annual Workshop for Regional Providers, landholders and supporters. If you would like to present a case study or tell your local story let me know.

Review of Coastal Conference

Most of the mechanisms for conservation on private lands are through contracts or agreements which are on the title of the property. In many cases these arrangements provide funding to landholders through contractual arrangements. However, there is considerable resistance from landholders to contracts and provisions which affect their title. This is especially the case if they are production farmers or dislike dealing with government.

In contrast, Land for Wildlife is confidential and voluntary and builds on the values and belief of landholders. Joining Land for Wildlife following a property assessment provides recognition and support for landholders with no impact on the property title. A poster was displayed at the Coastal Conference and copies have been provided to many Regional Providers.

To view the poster go to:

www.cen.org.au/landforwildlife/

Kanangala to Wyangala Project

The K2W project seeks to strengthen habitat conservation in the Local council areas of Bathurst, Blayney, Boorowa, Cowra, Oberon, Upper Lachlan, Wingecarribee and Wollondilly.

If you know of anyone in these areas who might be interested in Land for Wildlife ask them to contact the Regional Providers, at Wollondilly or Wingecarribee Councils, or CEN directly if in any of the other council areas.

To find out more go to:

www.greateasternranges.org.au/kanangra-boyd-to-wyangala-k2w-link



John Asquith and LFW display at the Bathurst Lifestyle Expo

National Corridors Plan

The National Wildlife Corridors Plan (Corridors Plan) is the Australian Government's framework to retain, restore and manage ecological connections in the Australian landscape. It lays the foundation for a new, collaborative, whole-of-landscape approach to biodiversity conservation, one based on voluntary cooperation and the efforts of communities, landholders, governments and industry. The role of the Australian Government is to enable and coordinate the efforts of all participants.

To find out more go to: www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/wildlife-corridors/publications/national-plan.html



Land for Wildlife welcomes Bathurst, Oberon & Lithgow local government areas



NSW Land for Wildlife Website

The CEN, Land for Wildlife website is being upgraded to make it easier to submit an Expression of interest. Soon it will be possible to go into the website and apply to become a member through **Land for Wildlife On Line**. Where there is a Regional Provider it will be forwarded or if none is available, CEN will arrange an assessment once there are ten or more interested landholders.

In addition, more links, a gallery and webpages of Regional Providers are being added.

See: www.cen.org.au/landforwildlife/

Stepping into Conservation, the first small steps.

Many landholders who have live in town or country, rural or urban, farm or lifestyle may want to support wildlife conservation and the Great Eastern Ranges Initiative (GER) but they do not want anything more. Hence, CEN in conjunction with GER are now providing a self registration facility through Habitat for Wildlife. On payment of a small fee (\$20), a property can be registered and the landholder will receive a resource kit, Habitat for Wildlife sign and ongoing newsletters. If the landholder has an acreage and wishes to register for land for wildlife, then submit a Land for Wildlife Expression of Interest Form.

See www.cen.org.au/habitatforwildlife/

Bush Stone-curlew Facebook page

Check out the Central Coast population at:
<http://www.facebook.com/#!/FriendsOfTheBushStoneCurlew>

**Best Wishes for the Holidays Season and Thank
you for your support.**

Around the Regions

In June 2012 the Community Environment Network (CEN) started LFW in the Bathurst, Oberon and Lithgow Local Government areas. So far nine landholders have signed up to LFW, adding an additional 1107 hectares of good native



bushland to the register. Much of this bushland provided valuable habitat for many threatened flora and fauna species. During the site assessments, one threatened fauna species, *Callocephalon fimbriatum* Gang-gang Cockatoo was observed on one of the properties and another landholder has *Phascolarctos cinereus* Koalas on their property.

Threatened Species Workshop in Lake Macquarie

In June 2012 CEN also held a threatened species workshop through the LFW program in the Lake Macquarie LGA. The main focus of this workshop was to assist landholders in



identifying whether they have the threatened flora species *Angophora inopina* on their properties. Information on other threatened species in the local area was also provided by Lake Macquarie Council. In total 10 LFW members attended the workshop.

Photos above

Jenny Barnes of Peel, one of the first landholders to join LFW in Bathurst LGA. Robbie Economos from Lake Macquarie Council presenting at the Threatened Species Workshop



Palerang Success

Palerang is a rural and rural-residential shire situated in the Southern Highlands near the ACT. Land for Wildlife (LfW) is new to the region, but in just over a year we have grown to 24 members with more recruits in the pipeline, and the number only limited by the time to complete assessments.

The Palerang Local Action Network for Sustainability (PLANS) is the regional provider undertaking the organising and administration, and a team of volunteers and assessors.

Recently we have initiated a program of events for LfW members and members of the public.

In September 2012 a LfW group were taken on a ramble around Brooks Hill

Reserve to check out the flora and fauna. The opportunity was taken to present seven new members with their LfW signs (see picture).

There has also been an information evening with presentations about land care and how to help wildlife. In February 2013 we are planning a field day.

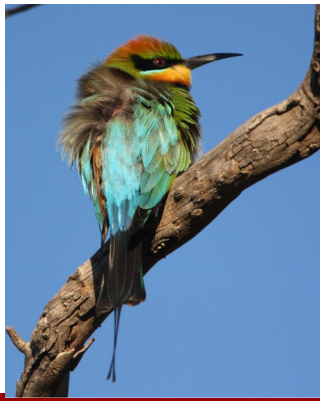
LfW has only scratched the surface in Palerang and there are high hopes to continue to build the program.

Phil Machin & Mel Hillery

Summary of new members for 2012

Ballina	1
Bathurst	6
Byron	13
Cessnock	4
Clarence	14
Corowa	1
Dubbo	3
Gosford	9
Goulburn Mulwaree	1
Karuah Great Lakes	4
Kyogle	1
Lake Macquarie	9
Lismore	1
Lithgow	1
Mid-Western	1
Oberon	3
Palerang	10
Parkes	2
Taree	6
Tenterfield	2
Wagga Wagga	1
Wakool	1
Wellington	4
Wingecarribee	8
Wyong	6





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 on building memberships 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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