



LAND FOR WILDLIFE

New South Wales



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Hello Land for Wildlifers,

This newsletter is to bring you up to date with Land for Wildlife (LFW) in NSW.

In the past 12 months, I have spoken to many Regional Providers, councils, CMAs and Landcare Networks about Land for Wildlife. This includes:

- Manning Landcare, Karuah Great Lakes Landcare and Northern Landcare Services in Kyogle all became Regional Providers.
- Applied for grants for on-going funding for LFW in NSW;
- Visited many individuals, councils, not-for-profit groups and Catchment Management Authorities to discuss becoming a Regional Provider;

Regional Providers are established in: Byron, Manning, Karuah - Great Lakes, Kyogle and Lismore (Northern Landcare Services), Wingecarribee, Hornsby, Murrakool, and in the Hawkesbury to Hunter region, CEN works across 4 council areas (Gosford, Wyong, Lake Macquarie and Cessnock).

Over 30 people have completed Land for Wildlife assessor training and been accredited during 2009.

New Regional Providers may soon be available in the Lachlan and Murray Regions and on the mid North Coast.



CEN Chairman, John Asquith, (left) with LFW members in the Manning - Sept, 2009

I receive inquiries from landowners wishing to join but our ability to respond depends on resources and local support.

If you wish to join LFW and there is no local provider, the first step is to fill out an expression of interest form available on the CEN website www.cen.org.au and send it to me.

Finally, thank you to all LFW members for your hospitality, patience and support.

Cheers
John

State Co-ordination involves establishing local or regional LFW providers and providing them with training, support, communications, newsletters and LFW registration. The central database is able to be used to provide gross data for a region. Information on an individual property is treated as private and confidential.

CEN provides free training in Land for Wildlife for staff and volunteers who undertake LFW Assessments. A Manual and Certificate is provided and the training takes half a day.

What is Land for Wildlife?

Land for Wildlife is a voluntary scheme which aims to encourage and assist private landholders to provide habitat for wildlife on their property, even though their property may be managed primarily for other purposes such as grazing. Landholders need to have at least 0.5 Hectares of good quality bushland to become LFW members.

Nationally there are over 10,000 members of LFW. With only 500 in NSW, there are over 260 located on the Central Coast (including Lake Macquarie and Cessnock LGAs) and the remaining LFW members are in the Byron, Hornsby, Northern Rivers Region, Wingecarribee and the Murray/Wakool Region.



Land for Wildlife NSW Conference/Workshop

A Land for Wildlife Conference is planned for **March 2011 in Sydney**. If you have any interesting case studies or would like to attend, speak and/or showcase your successes, please let me know.

Next year 2011 is also the 30th Anniversary of Land for Wildlife which started in Victoria. This will be a major event and a conference/workshop will be held as part of the celebrations in **November 2011 in Melbourne**.

Other News

Around the regions:

- Bush Stone Curlew in the Murray Region, in a recent visit to Moulamein I saw a recovery program on private property. The Curlews are vulnerable to foxes and other predators. The work in raising 18 chicks a year is incredible and a great credit to the landholders.
- Victoria has over 6,000 registered properties covering over 560,000 ha. On average 200 new LFW registrations occur each year.
- North Sydney Council & Boorowa Council partner to restore Swift Parrot habitat in the Lachlan Ctachment.

- Some of you may remember Dr Fred Bell who died last year. Working with his daughters, CEN have produced a book on ***The Answers to Global Warming Scepticism*** based of Fred's academic work. This legacy is a permanent reminder of Fred's great contribution conservation in Australia. Free copies are available by contacting me.

- Several rural councils provide support to Land for Wildlife in the form of news with rate notices.

If you have a story to share or good advice on managing feral pests such as cats and foxes, drop me a line at lfwnsw@cen.org.au

Cheers John.



Manning and Karuah - Great Lakes Landcare say Cheeeeezzzz. - Sept, 2009



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