



LAND FOR WILDLIFE

New South Wales

"The National Program run by Locals"



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Hello Land for Wildlifers,

Land for Wildlife (LfW) is flourishing in the Great Eastern Ranges areas of NSW, particularly Kosciusko to Coast, Kanangra to Wyangala and Tweed Council.

I recently visited the northern tablelands and north coast to promote the program and catch up with volunteers and Regional Providers.

Our newest Regional Provider is Brunswick Valley Landcare Network who are working in the Byron Shire region with council support. More about them in our next newsletter.

The incredible support is heart-warming; thank you to all those involved.

Cheers
John

If you have any stories or information to share, or would like to contact me, please email: lfwnsw@cen.org.au



Congratulations to Wingecarribee Council which received a Highly Commended in the Habitat and Wildlife Guardianship Award Category, in the NSW Blue Star Sustainability Awards, delivered by Keep NSW Beautiful.

This was for the Protect & Grow program, which includes all of the biodiversity-related programs, such as Bushcare, Habitat for Wildlife, Land For Wildlife, Southern Highlands Koala Conservation Project, Native Vegetation Mapping Project and Green Web.

Wingecarribee is hosting a LfW Farm Bus Tour in August. This will give people the opportunity to see and experience the regenerative works of local landowners.

We hope to feature this event in a Newsletter later in the year. Contact Karen.Guymer@wsc.nsw.gov.au or (02) 4868 0828.



Kyogle district landscape



Bell Miner associated dieback



Land for Wildlife is spreading fast into and across the Kosciuszko to Coast (K2C) and Kanangra Boyd to Wyangala Link (K2W) regions with new properties signing up in many areas including: Clear Range, Craigie, Yaouk Valley, Braidwood, Cooma, Bungendore, Lower Boro, Bango, Jeir, Berridale, Yass River, Delegate, Murrumbateman, Little Forest, The Angle, Burruga, Benboura, Fullarton, Bermagui, Bombala, Brogo, Cowra, Coolagolite, Mongarlowe, Dalgety, Wallagoot, Bredbo, Michelago, Jerangle, Numeralla, Coolringdon, Manton, Chakola, Upper Kangaroo Valley, Guerrilla Bay, Pambula, Tarago, Shannon's Flat, Tombong, Mt Fairy, Marulan, Corrowong, Mayfield, Bowning and Bookham.

Lesley Peden (K2C Facilitator) has been having an immensely enjoyable time meeting hard-working, fascinating landholders, all dedicated to sustainable management of their land. Whilst the landscapes may be dramatically different and host a range of vegetation types, all the properties share two important similarities. These are that they all contain high conservation values worthy of protection, and all serve as valuable habitat and connectivity within the Great Eastern Ranges Corridor.



Properties contain critically endangered ecological communities including White Box-Yellow Box-Blakely's Red Gum Grassy Woodland and Derived Native Grassland, Tablelands Snow Gum, Black Sallee, Candlebark and Ribbon Gum Grassy Woodland, Bangalay Sand Forest, Swamp Sclerophyll Forest on Coastal Floodplains, Ironbark, Woollybutt, White Stringybark open forest, Natural Temperate Grassland, Swamp Oak Floodplain, Freshwater Wetlands and Coastal Salt Marsh.

They also contain threatened species such as Red-Tailed Glossy Black Cockatoo (pic 1), Flame Robin, Scarlet Robin, Diamond Firetail, Omeo Stork's-bill, Spotted-tailed Quoll (pic 2), Hoary sun-ray, Austral Toad Flax, Powerful Owl (pic 3), Eastern Bristle-bird, Regent honey eater, Varied sittella, Southern Brown Bandicoot, Eastern Pygmy Possum, Grey-headed Flying-fox, Long-nosed Potoroo and Eastern Freetail Bat. Such animals are now further protected under LfW agreements.

Lesley has been working with landholders to help them access information and conservation funding. Greening Australia has several projects running at present, from the Monaro Come-back project in the south to the Yass Habitat Linkages Project and Goulburn Rivers of Carbon in the north.





Landholders are also busily applying for the Foundation for National Parks Private Landholder Conservation Grants. Projects include Natural Resource Management Workshops, Stepping Stone construction, Paddock Tree protection, Ecological walks and talks, revegetation, cool burn workshops and weed and pest control activities.

All these will make a significant difference on the ground and contribute to connectivity within the GER.

It is inspiring to see landholders so interested and committed to landscape connectivity and doing their part to manage their land sustainably. By working with neighbours and landcare groups, landholders are combining efforts to achieve greater outcomes within their own landscape.

It is truly a privilege to work with these exceptional people and Lesley looks forward to meeting more landholders who join the Land for Wildlife program, and to continuing to support our current members.



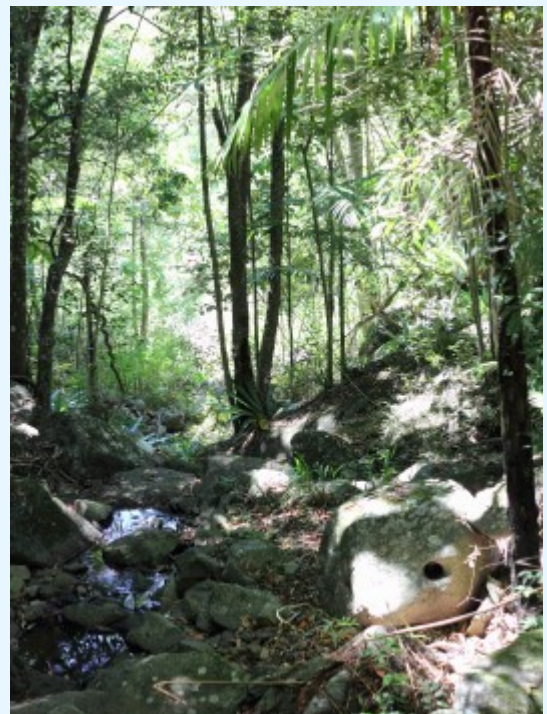
Land for Wildlife South East Queensland

In December 2015, Land for Wildlife South East Queensland reached a milestone with the registration of their 4000th property. This achievement was celebrated on a stunning property owned by Bev and Laurie Geraghty in Currumbin Valley.

Their property contains seven hectares of Lowland Subtropical Rainforest, an ecosystem that is considered critically endangered under Commonwealth legislation.

The Geraghtys say they have benefitted enormously from the support of the LfW program. *"The program has opened our eyes, stopped us from making mistakes and inspired us to learn quickly, comprehensively and enjoy of every part of this area we now call home."*

Discovered on the property were a healthy population of the Southern Pink Underwing Moth (larva pictured above) and Macadamia tetraphylla. Both are listed as endangered under Commonwealth legislation. Bev and Laurie's property is bursting with wildlife, plants and fungi and is a perfect fit for the LfW program.



Review of NSW Biodiversity Legislation

In the terms of reference for the review, the Minister for the Environment, the Hon. Rob Stokes MP, asked that a review be made of the Native Vegetation Act 2003, Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995, Nature Conservation Trust Act 2001, and parts of the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974.

The aims of the review were to recommend a simpler, streamlined and more effective legislation which improves the conservation of biodiversity and supports sustainable development thereby reducing the compliance and administrative burdens.

The Final Report is at <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/resources/biodiversity/BiodivLawReview.pdf>



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Other members of our ecosystem communities

Fungi

Autumn rains, warm days and cooling nights... its fungi season! You might have noticed them popping up everywhere. Fungi are a vital part of the ecosystem. They are the earth's recycling agents, decomposing dead plant material and returning nutrients to the soil.

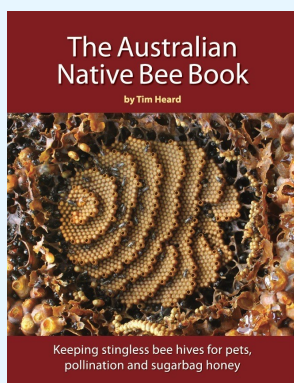


Dermocybe splendida or Splendid Red Skinhead

Bees

Native bees are important pollinators of Australia's unique wildflowers and are a vital part of our bushland.

A book has recently been published: "The Australian



Native Bee Book: Keeping stingless bee hives for pets, pollination and sugarbag honey" by Tim Heard.

This book is a result of the author's lifelong passion and research into native bees with a particular focus on native beekeeping.

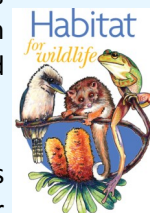
Bridging the Urban –

Rural Divide with Land for Wildlife & Habitat for Wildlife



Land for Wildlife is a voluntary property registration scheme for rural landholders with half a hectare of native bushland or more and that aims to assist landholders to maintain wildlife habitats on their land. Registration is free and non-binding. The good faith agreement between the CEN and landholders does not change the legal status of the properties, and information is confidential.

Habitat for Wildlife Online is a program available for urban or rural landholders and renters who are interested in wildlife conservation but who may not have a large bushland remnant on their property.



Smaller holdings can provide safe havens for wildlife moving between larger bushland areas. For a small fee, registrants will receive a membership certificate, a small HFW sign, a resource kit and a newsletter for two years.

Links: www.cen.org.au/CEN-Projects/Habitat-for-Wildlife™/ Information resources available to download are found at: www.cen.org.au/Habitat-for-Wildlife™/fact-sheets7.html

After reading, please pass this newsletter on to a friend who may be interested in Land for Wildlife and visit: <http://cen.org.au/Land-for-Wildlife/>



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