



LAND FOR WILDLIFE

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"The National Program run by Locals"



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Hello Land for Wildlifers,

Land for Wildlife (LfW)

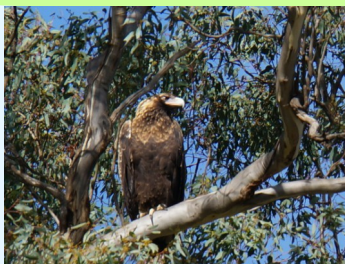
has done great things in the past year with growth of 22%. The number of members as at 31st December 2016 was 1513 landholders. The **Total Area registered was = 122,601 Hectares** with an average property being 81.03 Ha.

Compared: 42,000 Ha. in 2009 with an average of 81.55 Ha. The **Remnant Habitat Area** = 56,924 Hectares = 46 % of total area now compared to 48 % in 2009. While the **Restored Area** = 16,205 Hectares = 13% of total now compared to 3% of total in 2009. This is the Big Winner with 16,205 Ha. now being rehabilitated. If this work by landholders was costed @ \$1,000 per Ha. = \$16,205,000 at negligible cost to government.

Well done to everyone for caring and achieving,

Best Wishes, John

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



Land for Wildlife Biennial Forum 2017

The Forum was held in Queanbeyan over Friday and Saturday 28th and 29th April. Keynote speaker on Friday was Dr Linda Bommel taking on "Livestock Guardian Dogs".

If you were unable to attend, all presentation are on the LFW website under 2017 Biennial Forum Presentations.

On Saturday we visited Wandyalia Sanctuary south of Queanbeyan. Lunch was at Bungendore where the Harvest Festival was in full swing. After lunch we visited Phil and Lesley Machins' property in Wamboin for a walk.



Pam Sullivan talks on fungi



Wamboin wildlife



Around The Regions:

New England:

Armidale Tree Group are likely to become a Regional Provider. Covering the area of Armidale, Walcha and Uralla.



Armidale Tree Group Members

North Coast:

Kyogle: A new Landcare Network; Border Ranges Richmond Valley has been formed and it replaces Northern Landcare Support Services as the local Regional Provider.

Mullumbimby: Brunswick Valley Landcare Network led by Peter are the Regional Providers working in the Byron Shire region with council support.

Murwillumbah: Michael Corke at Tweed Council has built up 150 members in 4 years.



Alstonville: Hannah from Richmond River Landcare works is steadily building numbers in magnificent Avocado Country .

Coffs Harbour and Bellingen; Envite are the newest Regional Providers.



Karuah Great Lakes Landcare and Great Lakes Council have been working together since 2012. While the councils are being amalgamated arrangements are in place to support members.



Southern Region:

Wingecarribee Council have produced some incredible videos Titled: LFW in Southern Highlands, Families, Farmers, Schools and Legacy to promote Land for Wildlife. They are available to view at: www.wsc.nsw.gov.au/land-for-wildlife



Training of Regional Providers:

There are now over 120 people trained as Land for Wildlife Assessors in NSW. However, only about 20 have actually applied this training. To improve the skills and experience of Assessors, from this month trainees will need to have actually conducted an assessment before being sent a Certificate. It is hoped this will lead to more confident assessors and more registrations.

CEN will liaise with trainees if there are any issues.

Lesley has recently been training students at Canberra Institute of Technology in LFW. (She recently rescued a lamb).



Ten Year Agreement

CEN have recently been awarded a ten year agreement to coordinate Land for Wildlife in NSW and the ACT. It runs from 2017 to 2027.

Land for Wildlife in the ACT:

CEN Land for Wildlife now includes the ACT. It is a great advantage to have the Regional Provider partnership for the ACT as it is a common water catchment. In addition, the existing Regional Providers are able to work in a seamless manner between the ACT and NSW. There are about 140 eligible properties for LFW in the ACT.

ACT Pilot Project:

A Pilot Project in 2016 to 2017 is aiming to register 20 properties in the ACT.



Partners are:

- ACT Government ;
- National Landcare Program;
- Molonglo Catchment Group;
- Kosciusko to Coast Inc.;
- Community Environment Network.

The ACT Government also provided sponsorship for the Land for Wildlife Biennial Forum in Queanbeyan.



Great Eastern Ranges is being established as a Non Government Organisation with a new Board.

The GER Transition Group has been tasked with managing funds until the new GER Organisation is established. In the meantime it is expected that the GER Vision will remain the same with regional partnerships continuing.

Biodiversity Legislation: Is out for public consultation during June. It continues the existing Conservation Agreement and Wildlife Refuge strategy and adds a new element for Stewardship Agreements.

Voluntary Private Land Conservation is building!



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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



Book Review: Recommended:

Sharon Pincott's *Elephant Dawn*, (Allen and Unwin) Set mainly in Zimbabwe, this documents the many challenges faced by Sharon in seeking to protect the Presidential Elephants.

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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