



BVL News Brief

April 2007

Dear readers, our workshop program is starting to shape up for the rest of the year so put the dates in your diaries and we look forward to seeing you on the coming Landcare adventures. April is a critical time for Landcare funding applications so BVL will be very busy!

For Your Diary

April

- Saturday 28 Local Native Garden Visit, Mullumbimby (note change of date)
- Friday 27 Envirofund Closes
- Friday 27 Bush Recovery Program, Round 2 EoIs due

- May 26 Regenerating Fauna Habitat Workshop
 - June 30 Walk from Tyagarah to Brunswick Heads
 - July 28 Spotlighting on the Koonyum Range Workshop
 - August 25 Bird Watching and Launch of New Byron Coastal Bird Group
 - September 29 Biodiversity Issues in Byron Shire Workshop
 - October 27 Bushwalk to Boogarem Falls
 - November 24 Melaleuca Wetlands Workshop
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Workshop Program 2007

For enquiries and bookings phone Georgia 6626 7028 or Judy 6684 5390

April 28 Local Native Garden Visit, Mullumbimby.

1.30-5pm, Corner of Coral Ave & Lomandra Lane. Come and seek inspiration from a very special and beautiful garden which has been created to enhance local biodiversity using only trees, shrubs and groundcovers native to the Brunswick Valley. There will be \$4 entry charge as a fundraiser to buy trees for the Coral Ave Locality Group which is restoring and linking riparian vegetation on the banks of the Brunswick River. Native plants will be available for sale. BVL will provide a list of recommended native plants that can be used in local gardens. Refreshments available. Signs from Mullum Show Grounds, Main Arm Rd.

May 26 Regenerating Fauna Habitat

Learn how to identify, protect and enhance fauna habitat in your bush regeneration works from the leaf litter up, understand the interactions between wildlife and your regeneration. Become aware of the short and long-term impacts of your works on wildlife.

June 30 Walk from Tyagarah to Brunswick Heads

Get to now more about our coastal and heath ecosystems with local flora and bird experts.

Funding Opportunities

Envirofund Round 9

Funds available to individual landholders and groups. BVL is looking for sites of high conservation value vegetation in fauna corridors and sites at the top of the catchment for a joint project. Contact Georgia or Judy or go to www.nht.gov.au/envirofund.

Bush Recovery Program - Round 2 is now open.

A market based program offering grants to landholders for native vegetation conservation and management on private and some public lands. Unsuccessful bids from round 1 can be re-submitted or landholders can use the management plan developed with the NRCMA to apply to other funding programs. Closing date for Expressions of Interest is **27 April 2007** or when a maximum of 130 applications have been received. www.northern.cma.nsw.gov.au.

Environmental Trust. Eco Schools Grants – Applications close 27 April. **Restoration and Rehabilitation Grants.** Applications close May 4, 2007.

www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/envtrust.htm

Mitre 10 Junior Landcare Grants

Provides grants of up to \$500 to schools and youth groups that involve young people in Landcare activities in conjunction with local Landcare groups. www.landcareonline.com.au

Byron Councils Pesticide Notification Plan has been adopted and we now need to establish procedures for notification for Landcare and Dunecare works on council lands. As a very brief summary, groups using cut and paint, or back pack sprays will have to show signs on-site on the day of herbicide application and have ongoing notice put onto council's website. There will also be a register of sensitive persons and special places to consider.

Until we get a procedure established groups must not use herbicide on council sites. Byron Council will soon be sending out letters asking for information to set up web notice, but to get the process happening more quickly, groups working on council sites can forward the following details to Georgia:

- Landcare/Dunecare group
- Phone
- Email
- Work locations on council land (this might need a bit of a description)
- Purpose of application (e.g. bitou bush control)
- Method of Application
- Products used.

I have ordered signs for us to use, but until they arrive we can improvise and make our own with the required info. You can look at the plan at <http://www.byron.nsw.gov.au/Environment/Pesticide.aspx>

Congratulations to Byron Shire Council for winning the NRCMA Regional Landcare Award - *Local Government Landcare Community Partnership Award* (nominated by BVL).

New CMA contracts for Landcare Community Support Officers will soon be open for tender, and it looks like there will be new boundaries for the areas covered by CSOs. BVL will tender again for the local position, but it is likely that the area covered will be much larger. Stay tuned...

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BVL's Landcare Community Support Officer
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