



## BVL News Brief

February 2007

Welcome readers. This news brief is the inter-newsletter brief to keep you up to date with coming events and funding opportunities. The new Brunswick Valley Landcare Newsletter will be distributed every second month starting from March, and a 'brief' distributed in the months between.

### For Your Diary

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#### February

- Friday 9      Envirofund Round 9 opens  
Saturday 12    Farm Forestry Bus Trip (Tweed Landcare - 66725488 for info)  
Saturday 24    Fish Habitat Workshop, Mullumbimby  
Sunday 25     Camphor Laurel Workshop (Tweed Landcare – 66779326 for info)

#### March

- Saturday 24    Get to know local dune species Workshop, New Brighton  
Thursday 29   NRCMA Landcare Awards Dinner, Grafton  
Friday 30 & Sat 31   Northern Rivers Landcare Forum and Awards Dinner, Grafton

#### April

- Saturday 21    Local Native Garden Visit, Mullumbimby  
Saturday 28    Envirofund Closes
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### Events

#### Heritage Park, Mullumbimby – New Locality group forming

##### Volunteers needed

Weeding, bush regeneration and new plantings are now required to maintain and expand this splendid arboretum of our local rainforest trees. BVL is establishing a new Landcare Locality group to undertake this work and is looking for new volunteers to become involved. Working bees will start in late February.

Contact Nina Bishop: 6684 1263

**Join in a local Landcare working bee** Do a bit for the environment and have a socialize at the same time. Monthly half day working bees happen at Yalakool [Ocean Shores], Jingatee [Billinudgel], Mullum Ck, Brunswick Heads, Mullum township, Clarkes Beach and Belongil. Details from Georgia or Judy.

#### Landcare Farming Forum and Awards Dinner, Grafton: 29- 30 March

Early Registration closes Feb 9. For program info go to [www.northern.cma.nsw.gov.au](http://www.northern.cma.nsw.gov.au)

## Workshop Program 2007

BVL will continue to provide a free monthly 'Workshops and Walks' program for Landcarers and the local community.

### **February 24: Fish Habitat Workshop, Saturday 1.30-4.30**

BVL with the support of the Railway Friendly Bar Social Freshwater Fishing Club received an \$8,000 NSW Recreational Fishing Trust Grant in early 2006 to increase fish habitat in Mullumbimby. Visit the restored site on Mullumbimby Ck behind the Mullumbimby Bowling Club with members of the Fishing Club, Landcare experts and Byron Council's Biodiversity Officers. Learn about our local fish species, what has to be done to keep them in our waterways and why we need to restore our creek and river banks. There will also be a fishing demonstration and a Byron Council environmental information/display stand.

Afternoon tea provided.

### **March 24: Get to know local dune species**

Natives and weeds at South Golden Beach, New Brighton and North Head.

### **April 21: Local Native Garden Visit**

An opportunity to see one of the best local native gardens in the Shire. This will be a fundraiser for the riparian restoration work being undertaken on the Brunswick River at Coral Ave, Mullumbimby.

## Funding Opportunities

### **Envirofund: Landcare seeking new sites for funded works**

The next round of Envirofund is now open will be open for 8 weeks. With a maximum of \$50,000 per project this funding offers Landcare and property owners great opportunities to undertake environmental restoration works. This round will have a Coastal/Marine focus and will give preference to multi-site projects. BVL is looking for more sites of high conservation value vegetation in fauna corridors to be included in its funding application. It is also looking for sites at the top of the catchment which have infestations of Madeira vine or Cats Claw creeper. Contact Georgia or Judy if you are interested in being part of the BVL project or go to [www.nht.gov.au/envirofund](http://www.nht.gov.au/envirofund).

### **Community Water Grants** Round 3 will open in early to mid 2007.

This Australian Government program offers grants to help local community organisations save, recycle or improve the health of their local water resources. BVL received \$33,434 for restoration of water quality in the Brunswick Catchment in the first round in mid 2006. Contact Georgia or go to [www.communitywatergrants.gov.au](http://www.communitywatergrants.gov.au)

### **BVL MEMBERSHIP**

Families and M.O.'s \$30, Individual \$20, Concession \$10

Call Maura 66843693/maurajean@iinet.net.au

**Plant discount offer.** Mullum Creek Native Nursery is very generously supporting BVL and offering new and renewing members a *25% discount voucher* for plants purchased in a single sale.

**COMMUNITY SUPPORT** Georgia Beyer is our acting Community Support Officer at Byron Shire Council: Tuesday & Wednesday: 6626 7028.

For more info or to join Brunswick Valley Landcare phone Judy MacDonald - 6684 5390.



BVLs Landcare Community Support Officer  
is Funded by the Northern Rivers CMA.