

Brunswick Valley Landcare
**Visions of the Valley
Photo Competition**
Mullumbimby Civic Hall



Photos from 2006 L to R by Peter Gibney, Helena Armstrong, David Kemp

Opening Night
Friday 4 June 6:00pm – 9:00pm
Exhibition open Saturday 5 and Sunday 6 June
9:00am – 3:00 pm

Contact Richard Smith 6684 2734

Thanks to Hotel Brunswick and Byron Shire Council for their support



The Nature Festival is also supported by
Tweed Byron Bush Futures
Northern Rivers Catchment Management Authority
Rainforest Rescue
Brunswick Valley State Emergency Services
Mullum Creek Native Nursery
Byron Region Community College
Wards Landscape Supplies



Brunswick Valley Nature Festival



4 June – 6 June 2010

**Mullumbimby Civic Hall
and
around the Brunswick Valley**

Activities include: Walks, workshops and tours focussing on ecological restoration works, plant identification, river restoration and bird walks. Presentations about the biodiversity of the Brunswick Valley will include soil biodiversity, reptiles and migratory bush birds. There will also be a variety of displays and children's activities.

Brunswick Valley Landcare: www.brunswickvalleylandcare.org.au

This project has been assisted by the NSW government through its 'Environmental Trust' initiative.



Saturday 5 June

8:30 am	Bush Birds walk – Byron Bird Buddies This morning walk will be at Old New Brighton Road . Come along to learn about the diversity of bush birds from Jan Olley and Heather Harford. Numbers are limited so please book in advance *
9:00 – 1:00 pm	Basket Weaving - Lelarnie O’Sullivan. Lelarnie will demonstrate weaving of a traditional water holding baskets. Then guide attendants on how to make their own palm basket. Civic Hall, \$10 for materials. Numbers are limited please book. *
9:30 – 10:30 am	Botany Walk – Darren Bailey Darren Bailey is a local botanist and bush regenerator. Learn about the diversity of plant life that grows in the Brunswick Valley. This walk will be around Mullumbimby. Meet at the Civic Hall.
11:00 am – midday	Habitat Walk – Angus Underwood Angus is employed by Byron Shire Council as project officer for Bush Futures. He will teach you about attributes of bushland and gardens that are habitat for native fauna. Come along to learn what you can do to encourage a diversity of fauna to your own backyard. This walk will be around Mullumbimby. Meet at the Civic Hall.
Midday – 1:30 pm	Mullum Creek, Shearwater’s fish passage - Ken Ohlsson and Matt Gordos. Ken is Shearwater Steiner School’s bush regenerator and Matt is Conservation Manager for Aquatic Habitat Rehabilitation, for the NSW Dept. Industry and Investment. They will show the recently completed fish passage and subsequent work towards regeneration of the site. 22 seat mini bus provided. Meet at Civic Hall.
1:30 – 2:30pm	Bush Regeneration Techniques – Jacqui Paine Jacqui is a local bush regenerator who has experience in many different vegetation types. Learn a variety of bush regeneration techniques to control weeds on your landcare site, property or in your back yard. This workshop will be around Mullumbimby. Meet at the Civic Hall.
3:00 - 4:00 pm	River Restoration Walk – Dr Jo Green and Mandy Lisson Dr. Jo Green and Mandy Lisson are part of a team working on the Brunswick riparian restoration project in Mullumbimby. Come along and ask anything about River bank restoration. This walk will be around Mullumbimby. Meet at the Civic Hall.
3:00 pm	Bush Bird Walk – Byron Bird Buddies This afternoon walk will be at the West Byron Wetlands . Come along to learn about the diversity of bush birds from Jan Olley and Heather Harford. Numbers are limited so please book in advance *

* For all bookings please contact
Wendy Gibney 02 6626 7028 wendy.gibney@byron.nsw.gov.au

Sunday 6 June

Speakers program in the Civic Hall

9.30am	Opening Address
9.35	Welcome to Country
9.45	Soil Biodiversity - Justine Cox Come along to learn about the amazing biodiversity beneath our feet. Justine has worked for many years as a soil scientist for Dept. Primary Industries. Her extensive research includes soil erosion control in macadamia orchards and the beneficial effects of compost.
10.30	Reptile biodiversity in the Brunswick Valley - Mark Fitzgerald Mark is an ecologist with a background in herpetology. His diverse professional activities include consultancies and ecological research.
11.15	Biodiversity Byron-style : from forests to dunes – Wendy Neilan Wendy coordinates the Land for Wildlife program for Byron Shire Council. Wendy works with landholders who are restoring the ecology of their land. Wendy holds an honours degree in Ecology and Conservation Biology and has a research background in utilising camphor forests to restore rainforest.
12.00pm	LUNCH delicious meals on sale in the Civic Hall. Thanks to Shearwater Steiner School for Catering
1.00	Bush migratory birds add to biodiversity - Jan Olley & Heather Harford Byron Bird Buddies promotes conservation and community education programs of birdlife in the Byron shire. This talk will be about bush birds which migrate both within different parts of Australia and from overseas from New Guinea and Indonesia.
1.45	Native plants and their contribution to biodiversity in the Brunswick Valley - Mark Dunphy Mark has been involved in ecological rainforest restoration projects in northern NSW for 25 years and is well known for establishing Firewheel Rainforest Nursery.
2.30	Cane toads and Indian mynas: a threat to biodiversity - Wendy Gibney Wendy is the landcare community support officer for the Byron region. She has also worked as environmental project officer for Byron Shire Council’s cane toad control project and has been researching the diets of cane toads.
3.15pm	Closing

For more information please contact
Jacqui Paine 6685 1880 sjpaine1@bigpond.com

Displays in the Park beside the Civic Hall will be open all day.