



Clarence
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Kookaburra News

April 2014

Newsletter of Clarence Landcare Inc.



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A beautiful man has left us with a lasting legacy.

Jim was fatally injured when his car hit a damp patch on the road in early March near his home at Kangaroo Creek. Jim leaves a huge legacy in the Clarence as a person who touched many lives and causes. See Tribute to Jim Page 3.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

April 2014

29th April– Meeting to Start a New Native Bee Landcare Group (see page 7)

May 2014

Mon 12th May- Sustainable Management for Horse Properties Workshop

Wed 14th May—Hothouse Workshop: Committee Responsibilities and Governance

Thursday 15th May- Bob Shaffer Workshop Making Commercial Farming Systems Sustainable



FROM THE CHAIR

Brian Dodd reports



March 2014

This Chairs report is written with a heavy heart. Last week our past President Jim Knight passed away. Jim was the first President of Clarence Landcare Inc until I was asked to step into the role. I have had some big shoes to fill as Clarence Landcare has been evolving and changing since those early days.

Since the last Chairs report Clarence Landcare Inc has shown once again that we are the premier agency for Natural Resource Management in the Valley. Together with the other Landcare Incs of the North Coast, we have managed to roll out the Small Grants Program with only a small amount of angst.

I also would like to welcome Carol and Lorraine to Clarence Landcare. We have been fortunate to be able to employ them in the office to take some of the pressure off Sue and Debbie who can spend more time working on projects and developing future ideas, including seeking funding which keeps the office running.

The workshops that have been held recently have had good attendance and has also attracted some new members to Clarence Landcare.

This year is the 25th Anniversary for Landcare. Congratulations to all the groups and people who have seen Landcare go from strength to strength over those 25 years.

As always, the office is here for our members, so please drop in and say Hi and see what's happening and perhaps seeing a need where you may be able to help out.

Brian Dodd



25 YEARS OF LANDCARE

2014 marks the 25th anniversary of Landcare. That's 25 years of amazing achievement including an incredible array of impressive on ground works across the country and an amazing increase in community awareness about the importance of biodiversity, sustainable agriculture management, and respect for the natural environment. In the NEXT ISSUE of the Kookaburra we'll feature some of the many achievements by Clarence Landcarer's in the ensuing 25 years



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OFFICE HOURS

*It's always a good idea to RING THE OFFICE before attending, to ensure it is open. Even if the office is due to be or presumed to be open, staff may be out doing errands or site visits. The office is generally open 3 days a week, but these may vary. Please, **RING FIRST (66435009)** before coming to the office, to avoid the disappointment and annoyance of finding it empty.*



The **LEGACY** of **JIM KNIGHT** will **LONG LIVE ON**

TRIBUTE TO JIM KNIGHT

Frederick J (“Jim”) Knight will long be remembered in the Clarence for his unstinting devotion to the wide range of the many causes he was passionate about..

Jim was born nearly 91 years ago in Western Australia, of English migrant parentage. He served in the Army during World War 2, and it was his negative experience of war that shaped his political vision for Social Justice, Peace, and Environmental activism. Before moving to Kangaroo Creek with his wife Margaret in 1982 they raised a family at Mooroolbark, which was then a rural suburb of Melbourne.

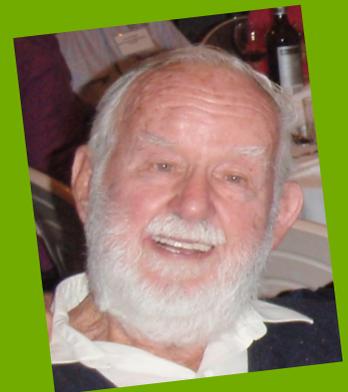
After moving to the Clarence, Jim continued his passionate interests and involved many others. He founded a Peace Group in Grafton, devoted to anti-war promotion. He was heavily involved in the successful fight resisting the development of the Clarence River Pulp Mill .If this had gone ahead, it would have been the largest in the Southern Hemisphere. This action gave rise to the Clarence Environment Centre, of which Jim was inaugural president, a position continued until his death. As many Landcare people will know, Jim instigated the founding of Clarence Landcare in 1995. He was the first Clarence Landcare Chairperson, remaining in that position until a few years ago. He stayed on as Vice Chair until last year, and remained as a guiding figure on the Executive Committee as member. He also founded Kangaroo Creek Landcare.

A carpenter by trade, Jim donated his services as a builder to many community and private causes. He was always ready to offer his expertise and service to people who could not afford to pay.

Right up until his untimely accident on March 11th, Jim enjoyed living independently at his Kangaroo Creek Property. He was one of the first people in the Clarence to have a conservation covenant placed on part of his property to protect rare and threatened species.

Jim will be remembered by all whose lives he touched as a beautiful, selfless man who never sought personal affirmation, credit or acknowledgement for his actions. *“Do good, for good is good to do. Shun threat of hell or bribery of heaven”* was his adage. He didn’t coin it, but being an Atheist, he gave this added resonance and potency.

By Alastair Maple



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Boyd River Project Funding Success

Targeting Mysore Thorn, Madeira Vine and Cats Claw



Clarence Landcare was successful in their bid for a NRCMA Partners and Projects grant late last year. The project “Protecting Biodiversity of the Boyd River” is now being delivered through the North Coast Local Land Services (LLS). On ground work has commenced with the Muurrbay Bundani Aboriginal Corporation undertaking bush regeneration work in the remote Guy Fawkes National Park on an EEC (Endangered Ecological Community).



Clarence Landcare are working in conjunction with Clarence Valley Council to implement parts of the weed control work identified in the Boyd River Recovery Project Plan 2007. We are also working with the LLS to implement the works along reaches of the river that are largely Travelling Stock Reserves (TSR's). “The Boyd River is a major tributary of the Nymboida River” said Debbie. “This makes it important to control major weeds such as Mysore Thorn, Cats Claw Creeper and Madeira vine before these weeds get swept further downstream on the Boyd, also there is very little to none of these weeds on the Nymboida River which makes control even more critical.” Sue Moore (CLINC), Tim Scanlon and Geoffery James (NPWS) having a look at the patch of rainforest (EEC) in Guy Fawkes National Park

About Mysore Thorn (*Caesalpinia*)

Mysore Thorn (*Caesalpinia decapetala*) is a vigorous growing plant capable of climbing and engulfing native vegetation, fences, sheds, bridges and other infrastructure. It favours creeklines, riparian zones where it forms dense thickets restricting water flow, access and downstream movement of flood debris, leading to increased flood damage. Mysore Thorn is not limited to riparian zone and will invade pasture, roadside, bushland and other vital areas. Mysore Thorn severely impacts biodiversity through restricting germination, reducing forest biomass by smothering native species and becoming the dominant species. The long spines of the Mysore Thorn can inflict serious injury to human and animals, both native and domestic.

Ref: North Coast Weeds

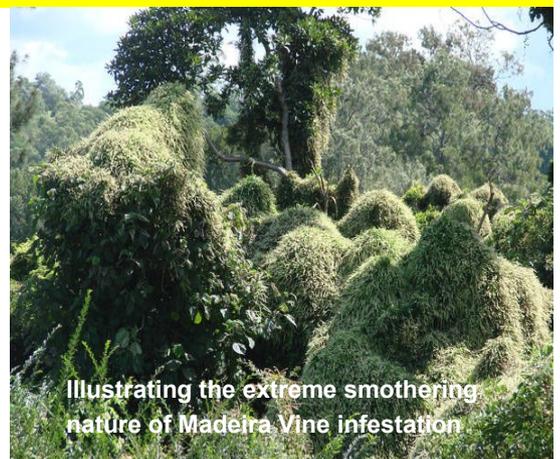


Mysore Thorn

About Madeira Vine (*Anredera cordifolia*) aka “Potato vine”

Madeira vine is a climber with wide, fleshy, ovate leaves that are 2 to 15 cm long, with flower spikes up to 30 cm long. These spikes resemble a lamb's tail, hence an alternate common name lamb's tail. The vine produces thousands of tubers both underground and aerially along the stems. Small light-brown or green aerial potato-like tubers fall to the ground as vines age and sprout. Madeira vine is native to South America and a garden escape in NSW. It blankets and smothers both shrubs and trees and will collapse smaller trees and can lead to their death. It is partly salt tolerant and has been observed growing over mangroves. It is a serious threat that is now widespread and common in coastal summer rainfall areas of NSW, is spreading in inland NSW and invading margins of rainforest. It has been declared a Weed of National Significance in Australia.

Ref.: NSW Dept of Primary Industries



Illustrating the extreme smothering nature of Madeira Vine infestation





INTRODUCING OUR NEW OFFICE STAFF!!



Carole



Lorraine

Clarence Landcare is pleased to welcome two new staff members to the team. Carole Bryant and Lorraine Jeanerette are helping the office run much more smoothly, enabling Debbie and Sue to concentrate on project work. The term “new” being used to describe staff is used advisedly, since Carole and Lorraine started work late last year. “I’m very happy to be involved in such an exciting field as Landcare” said Carole, whose employment history also includes working at the Grafton Agricultural research Station (Now Grafton Primary Industries Institute.) She and husband Rob have a conservation property at Kangaroo Creek on the outskirts of Coutts Crossing. (see Seed Network Workshop story Page 5) Carole is very pleased to have some remaining huge trees, -which escaped felling when the loggers moved in many years ago– surrounded by vigorous regenerated forest.

Lorraine moved to the Clarence several years ago, living at Halfway Creek on small acreage and “loving it.” Lorraine remembers holidaying in the Clarence as a child, and her fascination with the area has finally prompted her move. Prior to this Lorraine worked in a hospital in Toowoomba and raised eight kids!



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SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM SUCCESS

In September 2013, Clarence Landcare Inc. from the Central SEL* (Socio Ecological Landscape) was nominated to work in partnership with Hastings Landcare Inc. (Southern SEL), Northern Landcare Support Services (Northern SEL) and (what was then) the Northern River Catchment Management Authority to develop, manage and deliver the 2013 round of Small Grants.

Debbie, Sue and staff have all worked together to manage this program in the central SEL in what is the first time NRCMA has contracted out a program such as this.

The Small Grants Program opened for local landowners and community groups in October last year has been a success with 13 people taking up grants in the central SEL, this includes 8 properties in the Clarence.

Many are now up to their second round of payments. Projects receiving these grants are quite varied, and include money for drawing up Management Plans, fencing riparian zones, cane toad control and weed control work which includes protecting threatened species.



* Since the advent of Local Land Services, Landcare has been divided or assigned SELs. The Central SEL consists of Bellingen, Coffs Harbour, and Clarence Landcare Groups.

Native Plant Identification & Seed Collection Workshop held at Coutts Crossing & Maclean

As part of the Biodiversity Resource Support Project funded by the Australian Governments Clean Energy Future program, Clarence Landcare recently held two workshops designed around native species that are difficult to identify and also useful for revegetation projects. While the Coutts Crossing community Hall was the venue for a stimulating morning for people interested in better knowing their eucalypts, corymbia and angophoras, the Maclean workshop focused on rainforest species. Both events promoted the collection and storage of seed from the full gamut of native species, for reforestation and rejuvenation of sites across the Clarence Valley and floodplain.



Workshop participants enjoying their day identifying plants at the Bryant property, Kangaroo Creek.

Following a session on Clarence Landcare’s seed collection project and native seed network participants were able to key out a wide range of native plants using samples and plant identification keys. After lunch workshop participants were taken on field trips, enabling them to put their newly acquired knowledge and skills to the test, using eucalypts, corymbias and angophoras on Rob and Carole Bryants property and a field trip to the Iluka Nature Reserve found many species that participants were able to observe and identify out in the field.

The native plant workshops coordinated by Fig Forest and Susan Moore were a great success, in fact at both workshops it was hard to get participants to have a break as they were having so much fun!

-**What some of the participants had to say**.....
- “What a great workshop, I have learnt so much today”
 - “We had such a great time today, we are definitely coming to the next one”
 - “Well organised event”
 - “Before today, I struggled with plant identification”



Participants keying out samples at Rainforest workshop



Monica Laurie & Graeme Miller keying eucalypts

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BANK DISPLAY A BIG HIT with

Summerland Credit Union 's

Business Boost Program.



Above: All credit to the bank! Host of a Clarence Landcare display at Summerland Credit Union; pictured is Summerland Credit Union Manager Lisa Partridge (right) with Clarence Landcare's Debbie Repschlager.

Summerland Credit Union was recently the venue for an impressive Clarence Landcare display highlighting Landcare activities in the Clarence Valley. This featured a wide range of displayed objects indicative of the work and sphere of all things rural and biodiverse that Clarence Landcare covers. It included a caged Indian Myna bird, an artificial nesting hollow, and scenes of agriculture, rivers and beaches. There were also plenty of brochures and leaflets available for people to pick up and take home.

The display was supported by the credit unions *Business Boost Program*. "Using the Summerland Credit Unions Business Boost Program is a great way to raise awareness of Clarence Landcare's activities," said Clarence Landcare's Sue Moore. "Even though Clarence Landcare has many successful connections with government agencies, farm managers, farmers and individuals, new landholders who move to the Clarence often don't know where to seek advice regarding environmental assistance on their properties."

Display designed and coordinated by Sue Moore



All abuzz at the Native Stingless Bee Workshop*

*sorry-couldn't resist a bad pun-Ed.

Proud sponsors:

The historic Grafton Experiment Farm, now the Grafton Primary Industries Institute, was the venue for the Clarence Landcare sponsored Native Stingless Bee workshop, on 13th March. Stingless bee guru, Entomologist Dr Tim Heard, with nigh on 30 years experience in keeping Native Bees, was the presenter.



FEEDBACK COMMENTS

"well worth the money"-anon.

"I've now got only a small block in Grafton, but it'd be nice to get some native bees"-Lance

"I've had them for 20 years-never considered splitting; but I might now"-John

"I've had them for years, and yes I split 'em-give them to the neighbours."-Gary

"I learnt a lot today, especially learning that I've been doing it all backwards"-Mark

"Our kids gave us a hive we haven't been game to split. But now we will next spring!"-Jo

A "beyond workshop quota" of over 50 people attended including experienced honey bee-keepers, experienced native stingless bee-keepers, novice keepers, and people interested in the concept of learning more about and providing hives for native bees.

Tims' presentation was thorough, and included power point presentation describing the types of native bees, bee anatomy, history of hives, building hives, "splitting" hives (o double the bee numbers within 9 months), through to honey extraction from hives. Hive splitting was overwhelmingly the most interesting part of the day for people who attended *.



Native Stingless Bee Workshop (continued)...

Tim explained the importance of native bees for pollination of both native species and food crops. Food crops especially benefitting from native bee visitation include avocados, strawberries, blueberries and macadamias. The role of native stingless bees may become increasingly important, with the commercial honey bee in marked decline in the north. While the Native bee is unlikely to present the same commercial opportunities as the European Honey Bee, there is no question that individuals can keep themselves and neighbours supplied with honey. Interestingly, according to Tim's research of available data, the overwhelming reason people keep Native Stingless Bees (60+ %) is purely out of interest and enjoyment. This alone is great reason for fostering the spread of knowledge of our Native Stingless bees.

Finally, there was a sugarbag honey tasting. While no one disliked the taste (quite the contrary!) different subjective taste buds described the honey ranging from super overly sweet, "sweet and tangy" to having a pleasant tart flavour. There was overwhelming agreement that it does not taste as bland as some commercial varieties!



Dividing (or "splitting") a hive

Further information: www.sugarbag.net. This is Tim Heard's site and has a range of info including how to make your own hives or buy empty or fully stocked



Native Bee Landcare Group ?

Meeting to start the new group 29th April 2014

Several people at the Native Stingless Bee workshop expressed an interest in forming a Landcare group in the Clarence for native beekeepers. The group could focus on improving the environment on their properties to favour the habitat of the native bee. Not to mention the great opportunity to share information, experiences, ideas and what they have learnt from keeping native bees. This would be an exciting new innovation and extension of the service and sphere of interest for Landcare; not just locally but in a wider sphere as well. Meeting date set for **10 am Tuesday 29th April 2014 at the Landcare Office Grafton** please RSVP to let us know you are coming. Exactly how the group will operate, when they will meet and what their focus will be will be entirely up to the members. **Contact Clarence Landcare if you are interested in being part of this exciting new group . Ph 66435 009 email: clarence_landcare@bigpond.com**

Or.....WHAT ABOUT AN URBAN LANDCARE GROUP?

Why should Clarence Landcare membership be restricted to people living on the coast or with acreage? We are keen to promote Landcare in **urban areas**. This could be looking after your own yard or a local natural area near you and could include a range of ideas to care for the urban environment. Clarence Landcare can assist with liaison with the public land manager. If it's part of your urban surroundings, why not have input? If you or anyone you know is interested, contact Debbie or Sue. They'll help get the ball rolling.



How's YOUR patch of Cats Claw ?

Cats Claw (pictured left) is a smothering garden escapee. Away from the garden, it can quickly spread out of control. A rapid climber, its habit can eventually smother trees causing inability to photosynthesise and die. In addition Cats Claw vines can grow sufficiently thick so as to drag down fully grown trees. In recent years there has been funding for its control. NOW is the time to look and see if there is any regrowth that requires further control. This may involve cutting and painting on stems growing up the tree, and/or spraying tell tale carpets of green regrowth. This is an important environmental weed, and it also has the potential to smother shade trees growing in pasture.



'Making Commercial Farming Systems Sustainable' with Bob Shaffer



CARING FOR OUR COUNTRY



North Coast Regional Landcare

Thursday, 15th May 2014
Harwood Hall, River St.,
Harwood



Bob Shaffer is a horticulturist, agronomist and viticulturist for Soil Culture Consulting. Recently Bob relocated from Glen Ellen, California, heart of the famous wine producing region of Napa – Sonoma to Kona, Hawaii to his coffee farm. Bob has been consulting and training farmers in sustainable, science based farming systems in sub-tropical and temperate environments for 35 years. He is a regular presenter at

ACRES USA conferences.

He is broadly experienced in development and management of cover crop systems for farms, orchards and vineyards. Bob looks at cover crops from a whole-farm perspective including soil biology, soil physics and how the cover crop interrelates with food production and quality. Since 1994 Bob has divided his time between

California and his farm in Hawaii where as a farmer/consultant he is involved in crops as diverse as taro, coffee, ginger, avocados, macadamias, pineapples, herbs, tea, vegetables, mangos, nursery crops, spices and more. Kona Keei Farm, producing organic coffee, avocados and macadamia nuts, is being developed as a demonstration farm and school for sustainable farming practices. Bob also specializes in compost development and use. His clients include compost companies where in daily cooperation with farmers, restaurants and produce packers they compost tons of food scraps recycled from San Francisco and create millions of tons of

... the foundation of sustainability begins with respect for nature and feeding the soil.”
Bob Shaffer



compost that are applied to vegetables and vines just north of San Francisco. Bob understands soil, plants, their health and their diseases and works with farmers to develop management practices that fit each farm's environmental, social and personal needs.

Meet Bob as he encourages San Francisco residents to recycle for farmers:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=0OF15n13qWM

This project is partially funded through North Coast Regional Landcare Network Inc., Clarence Landcare Inc. and the Australian Government's Caring for our Country.

When: Thursday, 15th May 2014
9.15 for 9.30 AM start and finish at 3pm
Where: Harwood Hall, River Street, Harwood
Bookings required - RSVP by Friday 9th May to Clarence Landcare at <http://www.clarencelandcare.com.au/events>
E. clarence_landcare@bigpond.com.au P. 66435009





Iluka Landcare Celebrate their 20 YEARS of achievement.



On Sunday 3rd of November 2013 Iluka Landcare Group celebrated 20 years of achievement working in Bundjalung National Park and Iluka World Heritage Nature Reserve. There was well over 60 people from the community, Landcare groups, government departments and council. Many of the people there have worked with the group in some capacity over the last 20 years. Congratulations to the group and all those involved. It was a great day which included speeches, a field walk around a number of the groups sites and of course cutting the cake!!



Our Landcare Weekend at Woody Head, Iluka Clarence Landcare AGM

On the weekend of Saturday 2nd of the November 2013, Clarence Landcare hired the Swamp House at Iluka. On the Saturday morning Sue Moore carried out training for her seed collectors as part of the Biodiversity Resource Support Project and in the afternoon we had the Clarence Landcare AGM and General Meeting. It was something new to have the AGM down on the coast for a change and as a result we got a number of coastal group representatives come along. The committee was elected—Brian Dodd Chair (Cowans Pond Group), Helen Tyas Tuggall Vice Chair (Angourie), Jan Scott (Kangaroo Creek Landcare) Treasurer, Alastair Maple Secretary (Nymboida Landcare) and Jim Knight (Kangaroo Creek) committee member. It was noted that Peter Bond and Susan Ariel (Landcare Link members) had expressed an interest in being on the committee but were unable to come to the meeting. They later joined our committee as members. So welcome to our three new executive committee members. (We meet in the Landcare office every third Monday of the month for 1 to 1 1/2 hours at 4.15 pm.) We had an enjoyable dinner and night and the next morning went along to the Iluka Landcare's Event. It was a most enjoyable and productive weekend.—Deb



Liz Sarchett and Sue Moore relaxing in the evening at the swamp House





Sustainable Management for HORSE PROPERTIES



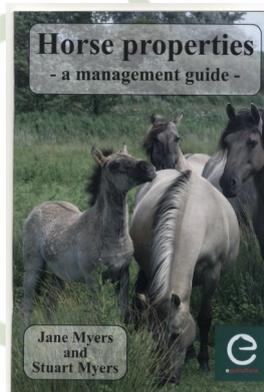
GRAFTON Workshop
Monday 12th May 2014
Grafton Hockey Complex
Cnr of Oliver St and Duke St GRAFTON

PRESENTERS: JANE AND STUART MYERS—EQUICULTURE

Workshop Program (times approximate): (Morning Tea and Lunch Provided)

- 9.00 – 9.30 am Registration
- 9.30 – 10.30 am Session 1: Horse characteristics
- 10.30 – 10.45 am *Morning tea – time to drink and graze*
- 10.45 – 12.00 pm Session 2: Pasture improvement
- 12.00 – 12.10 pm Session 3: Horse & pasture management
- 12.10 – 12.30 pm Hendra Virus—Ian Poe, District Vet.
North Coast Local Land Services
- 12.30 - 1.00 pm *Lunch – more drinking and grazing*
- 1.00 – 1.30 pm Session 4: Manure management
- 1.30 – 1.50 pm Session 5: Water management
- 1.50 – 2.10 pm Session 6: Vegetation management
- 2.10 – 2.45 pm Session 7: Property design & planning.
- 2.45 pm - close Wrap up & Question time on seminar topics
or other horse related issues

Free "Horse Properties—a management guide" booklet valued at \$15 for all workshop participants

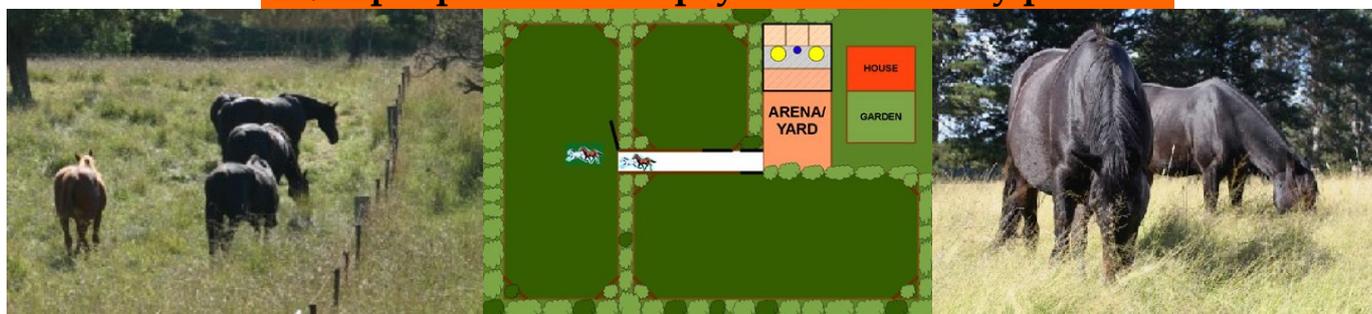


The Equiculture Sustainable Horse Keeping series (9 publications) will be available for sale on the day.

**For Bookings Please Contact Clarence Landcare 02 66435009 or
clarence_landcare@bigpond.com. By Wed 7th May 2014**

Please book early as numbers are limited

\$10 per person – cash payment on the day please



This project is funded through Clarence Landcare and the

Australian Governments Caring for our Country. The workshops will be delivered by Jane & Stuart Myers from Equiculture for information about Equiculture visit their website <http://www.equiculture.com.au/index.html>



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The WIRES Report:

Clarence Landcare News of what WIRES folk are doing.
(WIRES is an acronym for Wildlife Information Rescue and Education Service)



About WIRES:

As many Landcare people are aware, WIRES provides an invaluable service for injured and/or distressed native Wildlife. Rescued birds, mammals and reptiles are looked after by WIRES carers until the animal is sufficiently recovered to be returned to the wild. If this is at all possible, the point of return is where the animal was first found injured. For the animal in question, this minimises distress as compared to what almost inevitably would occur if introduced to a new situation. In that instance, the recovered animal, in unfamiliar surrounds, may well have to fight to establish new territory. Return to original site also helps ensure the local gene pool of the species is not compromised by outside influence, thus maintaining the biodiversity of the species. WIRES often have specialist people who look after animals according to their interest and expertise.



Sandy Webb is the local Coordinator for WIRES. She reports that on the weekend of 22nd-23rd of March, WIRES had training : "Rescue and Immediate Care Course" for WIRES new members who wish to become carers. This training (formerly called the Basic Care course) teaches new would-be and will-

be carers what to look for in an injured animal. "It includes stuff like 'rehydrate if the animal is hot; warm it up if it is cold'", said Sandy. Participants on this course are taught care for a range of animals including pythons and macropods (kangaroos, wallabies etc.)

There is no "busy season" says Sandy. "There is always something happening." Kangaroos breed all year round, so rescued joeys can be a constant.

Vehicle collisions are a common cause. "At the moment I have two Eastern Grey joeys", said Sandy. One mother was killed outright, the other threw her joey out and kept going." "I also have a young 6 month old very angry wedge-tailed eagle." This was delivered to Sandy on the 2nd of February weighing only two and a half kilograms and with a broken leg. Asked about "the anger" Sandy said older wedge tailed eagles are much calmer. "The big ones seem to know they're not under threat."

PAST & PRESENT EXAMPLES

Injured Wildlife in the Clarence CALL WIRES— 66 434 055



"Wedge-tail Eagles are top of the food chain but they are as vulnerable to motor vehicles as any other bird or animal out there. This one came into care on 2nd February 2014 at only 6 months old and already weighing 2.5kg. It was hit on Lilypool Rd and left on the side of the road with a broken leg. Fortunately it was a hair-line crack but it was still unable to walk so therefore couldn't get it's run-up to launch into the air. The crack has healed but it still has some tendon damage causing it to limp. It can perch again and fly so hopefully will be back in the wild in the next couple of weeks.

Wedge-tail Eagles are opportunistic feeders so spend a lot of time on the side of the road. After they have just had a big feed they need a lot of room to launch so if you see one slow down and give it some time."—Sandy Webb

"This is the little Barn Owl (right) with the upside down head. He came into care 4/11/08 and was released 3/3/09. I had him so long it broke my heart to release him.....I soft released him; he hung out on the veranda for a couple of days then left. He was really very sweet." (The bird was given thrice daily massages on its dislocated neck.)



"This Pacific Baza (left) was hit by a car near Iluka on 5th March 2014 and suffered a head injury. It's eye was swollen and full of blood. A trip to the vet got it some eye drops and after week of having them put in 3 times a day the eye cleared with no blindness. It was released back at Iluka on 16th march. Pacific Bazas have a little crest of feathers on the top of the head and are sometimes called the Crested Hawk. They are the gentlest of all the raptors and are a pleasure to look after. This one was very young and now stands a good chance of living a long healthy life thanks to the member of the public who took the time to call WIRES."—Sandy Webb.

HOT HOUSE WORK-SHOP: Learning about regulations, responsibilities and governance. THIS IS IMPORTANT !!!



Clarence Landcare Inc

WEDNESDAY 14TH MAY

9AM – 1:30PM

CLARENCE VALLEY COUNCIL,
MACLEAN CHAMBERS

Hothousing Landcare leaders with tailor-made workshops

Landcare staff :: volunteers :: committee members

Workshop topics include what Landcare NSW is all about and how it can support your group, as well as:

WORK HEALTH + SAFETY FOR LANDCARE: an overview of WHS responsibilities for Landcare, including templates.

ROLES + RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COMMITTEE / BOARD: duties associated with being an office bearer in a Not for Profit organisation + legal obligations.

MARKETING YOUR LANDCARE GROUP / NETWORK: tips on branding, maintaining a consistent message + standing out from the crowd.

INSURANCE: understanding the options, which groups require insurance + deciphering the double-dutch!

What Landcarers have said about Hothouse Workshops:

"Great sessions, very informative and enjoyable. Thank you" – Tenterfield workshop

"Great workshop, very worthwhile to me personally and my group" – Coffs Harbour workshop

"Great take home resources. Friendly presenters" – Wingham workshop

"Well presented, excellent workshop. Great for sharing ideas" - Parkes workshop

"Good presenters, well done" – Orange workshop

Free, with light meal + refreshments provided.

RSVP to Clarence Landcare by Friday, 9th May

Tel: 02 6643 5009

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The Hothouse Workshop series is funded by NSW DPI and delivered by Landcare NSW under the NSW Landcare Business Plan 2011-2015.





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IMPORTANT Message from Committee and Staff !!

We reported in this space in the previous Newsletter that we may have government funding cuts to the Community Support Program from Aug. 31 2013. This did happen with a 60% cut to this core program. We now operate 2 days per week under this program instead of the previous 5 days. However the good news is that we are busier than ever as we have numerous projects from a range of sources that we are currently operating under.

At this stage we are continuing the print run of this newsletter, however the number of issues produced will most likely be variable. If you are not on our email list and have an email address please inform us as we produce an E-News that comes out between Kookaburra News editions with important information about funding and training and workshops. Get on our **NEW SNAIL MAIL ENEWS Mini Kooka List**. For those wanting to get the e-news that don't have an email address—or very rarely check it. We will post it out to you but please notify us ASAP to be added. Thankyou - Deb.

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