

Land for Wildlife News

Winter July 2025

Hello to all our Land for Wildlife members and friends. It has been a busy 2024-25 with a lot of assessments and lots of events around the valley.

We have some important events coming up which are very relevant to Land for Wildlife landholders.



Land for Wildlife Assessments 2024-25

We have assessed and welcomed 23 properties to our Clarence Valley Land for Wildlife program. It is such a privilege to visit so many wonderful properties in the Clarence Valley, including:

- Pillar Valley
- Dundurrabin
- Nymboida
- Stockyard Creek
- Eatonsville
- Coutts Crossing
- Whiteman Creek
- Ashby
- Lanitza
- Braunstone
- Chambigne
- Banyabba
- Maclean

We now have over 180 properties registered with Land for Wildlife in the Clarence Valley LGA.

We welcome those new members to our community.

Water Quality Testing in Lower Clarence Commences

The Clarence River Guardians (CRG), under the supervision of Professor Scott Johnston from Southern Cross University, have commenced water quality testing in the lower Clarence River around Maclean.

Scott Johnston gave a training session to around 12 volunteers at Maclean in mid-June. They used a YSI ProDSS handheld water quality sensor to measure a

variety of water properties, such as dissolved oxygen and pH.

The device consists of a probe which is lowered into the water, then reads the various conditions and delivers them to a handheld device.

The volunteers then photograph the read-out on the handheld device and send the photo to a special WhatsApp group along with the location taken. Ten locations were initially selected around the south arm and main arm of the Clarence. This information is then entered into a spreadsheet.

The results are already

accumulating and have been published on the CRG website.

If you would like to see the results or know more, check out their website - <https://www.clarencriverguardians.net/waterquality>

If you would like to volunteer and join the testing crew, leave a message on the CRG website at <https://www.clarencriverguardians.net/contact>



Don't forget we will need lots of people to help with the sediment testing on Saturday, October 18. For more information on this - <https://www.clarencriverguardians.net/volunteer-resources-page>

Events

Protecting The Clarence from Mineral Mining

There are many threats to our beautiful Clarence Valley and its rivers and waterways, but none so much as the threat of mining within the valley.

The Clarence Valley is a very heavy rainfall region of NSW and does not lend itself to mining. Any spills or accidents in the Clarence Valley would result in major pollution of our waterways. These disasters cannot be cleaned up.

The Clarence Catchment Alliance (CCA) is a community group set up to counter moves to mine parts of the valley. They have rallied all major political parties, including our current National politicians, to reject any mining here in the valley due to these potential dangers.

The Clarence Catchment Alliance (CCA), in partnership with the Environmental Defenders Office (EDO), will deliver a **four-day Regional Roadshow of free public forums**.

These events respond directly to the sharp increase in Exploration Licences (ELs) and licence applications, now totalling 44, across the Clarence Catchment, placing high-rainfall, flood-prone landscapes and vital river systems at risk.

PROTECT OUR WATER
NO MINES
CLARENCE CATCHMENT ALLIANCE
SAVE OUR RIVERS & CARE FOR OUR CATCHMENT

THE CCA - EDO REGIONAL ROADSHOW

Protect
Learn
Share
Yarn
Unite

Hosted by the Clarence Catchment Alliance (CCA) in conjunction with local community groups & the Environmental Defenders Office (EDO)

44 Mineral Mining Explorations Licences (ELs) Threaten the Clarence Catchment
Antimony, copper, cobalt, silver, gold & bauxite threaten our rivers and water security

FREE PUBLIC EVENTS
CLARENCE CATCHMENT ALLIANCE
A SUB GROUP OF THE CLARENCE ENVIRONMENT CENTRE

Why Attend

Connect with community, have a yarn, learn about your legal rights. Find out what you can do to protect our regions environmental, cultural, and economic wellbeing. Hear from legal, scientific, cultural, and environmental presenters as they unpack the growing threat of mineral mining in our region and historical evidence that mineral mining poisons water. Participate in Q&A's and regional workshops.

PROTECT OUR WATER, SAVE OUR RIVERS. CARE FOR COUNTRY AND OUR CATCHMENT

Dates and Venues

Copmanhurst

July 26 Sat 12-4PM | Copmanhurst Memorial Hall
BBQ + Music by Antwone Quinlin-Randall. | Speakers + ELs in & around Cangai, Carnham, The Gorge.

Grafton

July 27 Sun 1-4PM | Grafton District Services Club
Live streamed | Full Lineup of Speakers + ELs, ELA's and ML's across the whole Catchment & Q&A.

Drake

July 28 Mon 1-4PM | Drake Community Hall
Workshop + refreshments | Speakers + Exploration in & Drake, Ewingar, Tabulam & Q&A.

Dorrigo

July 29 Tue 1-4PM | Dorrigo Showground Pavilion
Workshop + refreshments | Speakers + Exploration in & Dorrigo, Wild Cattle Creek & Q&A / workshop.

Speakers

Belinda Rayment - 26th-29th
Environmental Defenders Office

Shae Fleming - 26th-29th
Clarence Catchment Alliance

Dr. Stuart Rowland - 26th & 27th
Eastern Freshwater Cod Specialist

Geoff Jones - 26th & 27th
NSW Farmers Association Grafton

Prof Scott Johnston - 27th & 29th
Env. Hydrogeochemist, SCU

Janet Cavanagh - 27th & 28th
Clarence Environment Centre

Stephen Ross - 27th & 28th
Landowner, Eco Tourism Operator

David Copperthwaite 26th
River Tourism Wild River Tours

Uncle Allan Phillips - 29th
Gumbaynggirr

More speakers to be announced

BBQ proudly supported by Holiday Coast Meats @ Copmanhurst.
Light refreshments available @ Drake & Dorrigo BYO Mug.

For more information - www.clarencecatchmentalliance.com.au

Environmental Defenders Office, Bellingen Environment Centre, Clarence Catchment Alliance, Loving Life

For further information - <https://www.clarencecatchmentalliance.com.au/events/ccaedoroadshow>

Wet Weather Delays Conservation Connections

The Conservation Connections event was delayed from April to June due to constant wet days, making travel dangerous due to flooding. It was great to see those that eventually managed to come along to the workshop. Despite the continuing wet weather we had around 15 participants.

The workshop covered the various conservation groups around the Clarence Valley and led to some productive discussions.

Many thanks to our hosts at Banyula for providing the venue for the workshop.

BCT Grants

Biodiversity Conservation Trust (BCT) grants are available to eligible Land for Wildlife properties for bush regeneration or weed control. These grants are for \$2,000 for a year and may continue for up to three years.

To apply for a grant, check out the eligibility guidelines at:

<https://cen.org.au/bct-grants/>

If you need any assistance with your grant application, please contact us.

Your Land for Wildlife Membership

It is important to keep up to date with the Land for Wildlife program.

Update your contact details

If you have changed contact details, please let us know. Write to us at lwf@cec.org.au or give Terry or Ian a call on 02 6647 3287.

We have a number of people with invalid email addresses. We will try to make contact over the course of 2025. If you know someone who is part of the Land for Wildlife program but has not received this newsletter, please pass on our contact details to them so they can reestablish contact with us and we can update our records and get them back on the mailing list.

Selling your Land for Wildlife Property

Don't forget, if you are selling your Land for Wildlife registered property, please let us know so we can connect with the new owner to see if they want to continue in the program; otherwise, the sign needs to be returned to us.

Joining Land for Wildlife

If you know of anyone interested in joining the Land for Wildlife program, please let us know, and we can contact them, or else you can ask them to fill out the expression of interest at <https://cen.org.au/projects/land-for-wildlife/eoi/>

The criteria for eligibility is to have a 'retained vegetation' area of at least 0.5 hectares that is being preserved for conservation.

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