

1. Coffs Harbour and District Local Aboriginal Land Council – Improving Our Coast - Part 3

This project aims to build upon the rehabilitation undertaken by the Darrunda Wajaarr Rangers from the previous grant round of 15 ha of coastal vegetation within Moonee Beach Nature Reserve and Coffs Coast Regional Park. The project will continue to enhance Endangered Ecological Communities' (EEC's) Littoral Rainforest and Themeda headland grasslands and threatened species Zieria prostrata, Pultenaea maritima, Thesium austral and Sophora tomentosa, with restoration continuing at 5 high priority work sites: Back Sandy Midden Site, Look-at-Me-Now Headland, Norman Hill, Sapphire SEPP and Charlesworth Bay.

Requested amount: \$25,000
Panel recommended amount: \$25,000

2. Coffs Harbour Regional Landcare – Growing Our Future 2022/23

This project will enable CHRL to continue to employ a Nursery Coordinator to support the Community Nursery during its opening times. The Community Nursery is an integral part of Landcare and is celebrating 25 years of operation. Employing a Nursery Coordinator has enabled Landcare to continue supplying good quality local plant species for Landcare sites and local restoration projects ensuring that the diversity of our natural environment is enhanced and protected. Landcare volunteers are provided with direction, training and advice by the Nursery Coordinator enabling them to produce plants efficiently and effectively. The Nursery Coordinator ensures that the nursery facility is well maintained, functional and safe. The Community Nursery also plays a role in providing plants, advice and education to the greater community including schools, TAFE, local residents and landholders.

Requested amount: \$25,000
Panel recommended amount: \$25,000

3. Envite Environment (Workways Australia) – Koala Corridor Improvement in Boambee East/ Toormina

Envite has continued conservation efforts in Council parkland adjacent to Dunlop Drive, Armstrong Drive, Platts Close, Linden Lagoon and Lindsays Road totalling an area of approximately forty-one hectares. The Toormina-Boambee area has been identified as primary Koala Habitat in our LGA and a major link to existing Koala populations in Bongil-Bongil National Park. However, weed species remain a major threat to biodiversity recovery within Council managed lands and in some cases act as a barrier to Koala passage. The community engagement aspect of this project will see local residents invited to participate in workshop/field day activities identifying potential threats to Koala habitat.

Requested amount: \$25,000
Panel recommended amount: \$25,000

4. Envite Environment (Workways Australia) – Coffs Harbour Native Seedbank Network

The continuation and expansion of this project will allow for a dedicated service to collect, store and distribute seed to the community. This local seed will be collected in the wild (in situ) and then stored and made available to propagators to germinate for community revegetation projects, including Eucalyptus seed and other orthodox native seeds species. Orthodox seeds can be dried to low moisture content without loss of viability and kept at low temperatures without damage for five to twenty-five years. Native trees

targeted for seed collection predominantly for community revegetation projects including core koala food and habitat trees, coastal rehabilitation, flying fox habitat rehabilitation project, Orara River Rehabilitation project and other pertinent projects. All collections will be endemic to the Coffs Harbour LGA.

Requested amount: \$16,492

Panel recommended amount: \$16,492

5. *Glenreagh Mountain Railway – Mixophyes iteratus Giant Barred Frog Habitat Restoration*

Mixophyes iteratus Conservation Status in NSW is Endangered and Commonwealth status is Endangered. The Ulong and Lowanna Region is one of the last strongholds of this species. This species is found in the creeks and rivers of the area as well as found in some of the villages. The first aim of this project is to undertake weed control in a method that doesn't impact the species. This will be via mechanical means with limited use of chemicals. The second objective is to undertake habitat restoration caused by erosion from flooding and tree planting. The final objective is a community education program with preschool, schools and community groups. The outcomes of this will be measured by increased frog habitat, reduced woody weeds impact and community awareness of the endangered frog.

Requested amount: \$24,990

Panel recommended amount: \$23,990

The budget included in the application included a capital purchase, which is ineligible under the guidelines of this funding. The organisation submitted an updated budget along with a quote from a contractor to replace the capital purchase which resulted in a reduction in the overall budget from \$24,990 to \$23,990.

6. *Jaliigirr Biodiversity Alliance – Glossy Black Cockatoo Conservation project*

The Glossy Black Cockatoo is one of the more threatened species of cockatoo in Australia and is listed as a vulnerable species in NSW. They feed exclusively on seeds found in the cones of she-oak trees, these trees must be protected to maintain a food source for Glossy Black Cockatoo populations. This project aims to identify key feeding trees and map nesting hollows to secure foraging and breeding habitat for the Glossy Black Cockatoo within the Coffs Harbour Local Government Area. Interested community members will be recruited as citizen scientists through project promotion and training sessions. Training sessions will assist landholders with Glossy Black Cockatoo identification and behaviour, field assessment and reporting of favoured feeding and hollow bearing trees. Community members will also be trained on how to use relevant apps and web portals to record cockatoo or feed tree observations.

Requested amount: \$25,000

Panel recommended amount: \$25,000

7. *Nana Glen Landcare Group – Rehabilitating the Coldwater Creek Travelling Stock Reserve (TSR39744) – maintenance phase*

With previous and existing phases funded by the Environmental Levy Grants Program, work continues on the Coldwater Creek Travelling Stock Reserve which is 5.4 hectares of wet sclerophyll forest at Nana Glen in the iconic Orara Valley. Previous phases have seen regeneration efforts, establishment of a car park and walking tracks, installation of

seating, installation of habitat boxes and water feeders, fencing installed, and several community workshops and working bees held at the site. This phase recognises that the key elements are in place, so this program will fund the use of local bush regenerators to assist with weed control and bush regeneration.

Requested amount: \$12,000

Panel recommended amount: \$12,000

8. National Parks and Wildlife Services – Koala Education Kit – Primary Schools

This project will create and design a Primary Schools Koala Education Kit, syllabus aligned, teacher ready for classroom delivery. This complete set of curriculum aligned lesson plans would be accompanied by NPWS site specific digital resources and information on the threats to koalas and their habitats and ways students can help protect them in our local area.

Requested amount: \$5,000

Panel recommended amount: \$5,000

9. Sandy Beach Action Group – Revegetation and maintenance of Sandy Beach Reserve

This project aims to continue the revegetation, beautification and maintenance of an 800 m2 section of the Sandy Beach Reserve from the east side of the shared path to the fence and the area around the waterway. The Sandy Beach community has undertaken revegetation and beautification work in this area for the past four years through funding provided by Environmental Levy Grants. This application seeks to continue this work and also provide for ongoing maintenance (such as weeding and spraying) of the area. Whilst community members are able to undertake planting, mulching and other beautification work, they do not have the resources to provide ongoing maintenance of the area. In 2021/22 the Coffs Coast Regional Parks Board provided a one off grant to Bush Dynamics for maintenance. As this funding is no longer available, National Parks supports SANDBAG's application to include funding to employ a bush regeneration contractor to undertake maintenance and drainage tasks.

Requested amount: \$10,350

Panel recommended amount: \$10,350