

## **SYNOPSIS**

The Eurobodalla Landcare Management Committee (ELMC) undertakes natural resource management rehabilitation works and provides training to the wider community through the active partnership between Council, its officers, and the volunteers. This Report documents the activities of the active Eurobodalla Landcare Management Committee groups for 2010/11

## **BACKGROUND**

Landcare activities occur across the whole landscape of the Eurobodalla irrespective of land tenure. Landcare programs include all natural resource projects such as Bushcare, Coastcare, Dunecare, Rivercare and other relevant 'care' projects throughout the Eurobodalla.

Landcare is proactive in the Eurobodalla in facilitating community and landholder contributions to environmental project works across the landscape. The ELMC is also instrumental in discussions with the Southern Rivers Catchment Management Authority and the Eurobodalla Local Management Team.

## **ISSUES**

This report is to provide the summary of Landcare activities for the financial year of 2010/11.

### **Legal**

Eurobodalla Landcare is auspiced through Council to undertake project works in accordance with the Management Plan, Estuary Management Plans and the Southern Rivers Catchment Management Authority Catchment Action Plan. The ELMC oversees the operation of its member groups to ensure that occupational health and safety matters are given due consideration and that an integrated and effective project delivery is undertaken across the Eurobodalla.

### **Policy**

Works are conducted in line with the Eurobodalla Landcare Management Committee Management Agreement endorsed 13 November 2007.

### **Environmental**

Eurobodalla Landcare groups engage in a variety of projects and employ numerous strategies for the implementation of environmental works. The groups have addressed a wide range of environmental issues.

Landcare works have included, but are not limited to:

- Coastal and gully erosion control
- Erosion control devices and works
- Exotic and noxious weed control
- Revegetation projects, re-establishing vegetation ecosystems
- Bush regeneration projects

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- Rehabilitation of riparian buffers
- Construction of access walkways and staircases
- Rubbish removal
- Training to improve the capacity of Landcare group members
- Environmental education of the wider community

Project Locations:

- Caring for our Country Community Action Grants have funded 4 projects to be implemented at Rosedale, Guerilla Bay and Burrawang; Mystery Bay, Handkerchief Beach and Akolele: Long Beach, Surfside, and South Durras; Lilli Pilli, Malua Bay, Surf Beach and Denhams Beach.
- Southern Rivers Catchment Management Authority has provided the Eurobodalla Landcare Management Committee funding for two projects – Strengthening Community NRM in Eurobodalla; and Ecosystem Conservation by Eurobodalla Coastal Communities.
- NSW Industry and Investment has funded a project to protect riparian areas from weed invasion on the Deua River.
- South East Landcare (SEL) have provided funding for the Tending to the Grassroots - Priority Landcare Works in Southern Rivers Project to assist with NRM works on private properties
- Two new applications have been lodged with the Australian Government Caring for our Country Open Call Round - Tending to the Grass Roots - Priority Landcare Works in the Southern Rivers 2011 and Eurobodalla HEVAE Rivers and Coastal Sites Rehabilitation Project 2011
- In addition, Landcare volunteer works continue on many unfunded projects throughout the shire. These locations include South Durras, Long Beach, Maloneys Beach, Surfside, Hanging Rock, Catalina, Denhams Beach, Mosquito Bay, Lilli Pilli, Malua Bay, Guerilla Bay, Burrawang, Broulee / Bengello, Deua Valley, Rosedale, Coila Lake Foreshore, Surf Beach, Tuross, Congo, Bingie, Potato Point, Kianga, Dalmeny, Moruya, Handkerchief Beach, Mystery Bay, and Akolele.

Training was provided to enhance the skills of existing Landcare groups and the wider community. Training initiatives included:

- Healthy Soils Field Day
- Bushcare Training Days conducted at Burrawang, Mossy Point, Congo, Botanic Gardens, Mosquito Bay, Surfside, and Deua Valley.

Additional training in weed control and fencing techniques was provided to the National Green Jobs Corps team.

### Asset

The improvement of environmental assets is by various mechanisms including planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of on-ground activities to conserve and rehabilitate environmental assets.

### Social Impact

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The Eurobodalla Landcare had 28 active groups during the 2010/11 period. Over 600 individuals participated in projects, activities, or initiatives supported by Eurobodalla Landcare

The main on-ground activity was weed control with Landcare volunteers contributing 4089 hours to reduce the effects of weeds on native vegetation on reserves, private property and farmland.

Two new Coastcare groups formed – Mosquito Bay Bushcare and Akolele Coastcare

Environmental education initiatives are supported by Landcare groups and Council's Environment Team staff.

- Environmental education stalls were conducted at 'Art and Environment on the Path – Broulee' to provide information on weeds and weed control.
- The SAGE Community Garden Slow Food Celebration and Open Days attracted over two thousand participants
- 'Plant Swap' stalls at local markets and other locations throughout the year

### **Economic Development Employment Potential**

Eurobodalla Shire Council and Eurobodalla Landcare Management Committee were assisted by the 2011 Eurobodalla National Green Jobs Corps Team providing six months employment for local youth between the ages of 17 – 20 years.

### **Community Consultation**

There are numerous projects across the Eurobodalla that engage urban and rural dwellers, tourists, residents and non residents. The consultation requirements are dependent on the project at hand. Council is kept informed of Landcare activities by the Landcare Project Proposal Forms, Councillors Newsletters, and Reports To Council

### **Staff**

The Eurobodalla Landcare Community Support Officer position, funded by the Southern Rivers Catchment Management Committee, and hosted by Council, supports the activities of the Landcare groups. Additional support via Project Officers is provided where possible to instigate on ground works, awareness raising and training for Landcarers and groups. Landcare projects are also supported by the Environment Team of Council.

### **Strategic Links**

The ELMC provide a strategic approach to natural resource management by participation on the Southern East Landcare (SEL) Network group and the Eurobodalla Local Management Team that is facilitated by the Southern Rivers Catchment Management Authority (SRCMA).

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The projects undertaken complement the SRCMA Catchment Action Plan and, where applicable, implement "Plans of Management" developed by Eurobodalla Shire Council and align with the objectives of the Management Plan along with activities aligned with Estuary Management Plans of Council.

All of the activities ensure there is consistency and integration with the natural resource programs and works within the region of the Southern Rivers.

### Financial

Participants in Eurobodalla Landcare initiatives have contributed an estimated 14,317 volunteer hours which are valued at \$429,510 (based on \$30/hour, the Australian Government value for volunteer labour) and supported by \$257,181 of grant funding.

Project Title	Applicant	Funding Body	Funds Requested	Comments
Rehabilitation of Coastal Dune and Bushland Habitat at Rosedale, Guerilla Bay , and Burrawang	Rosedale Landcare	Aust Govt Caring for our Country 2010 Community Action Grants	\$20,000 ex GST	Funding to engage weed control contractors and Koori Work team. Bushcare training,
Rehabilitation of the Coastal Environment of Southern Eurobodalla	Mystery Bay Coastcare	Aust Govt Caring for our Country 2010 Community Action Grants	\$20,000 ex GST	Funding to engage weed control contractors, undertake track repair and engage Koori Work team. Bushcare training,
Coastal Bushland Rehabilitation at Lilli Pilli, Malua Bay, Surf Beach and Denhams Beach	Lilli Pilli Landcare	Aust Govt Caring for our Country 2010 Community Action Grants	\$20,000 ex GST	Funding to engage weed control contractors and Koori Work team, Plant Swap and Bushcare training,
Coastal Communities caring for the Coastal Environment – Batemans Bay to Durras	Long Beach Landcare	Aust Govt Caring for our Country 2010 Community Action Grants	\$20,000 ex GST	Funding to engage weed control contractors and Koori Work team. Bushcare training,
Strengthening Community NRM in Eurobodalla	ESC	SRCMA	\$104761	Support for training, workshops, field days, and promotional activities
Ecosystem Conservation by Eurobodalla Coastal	ELMC	SRCMA Caring for our Coasts2	\$50000 ex GST	\$5000 from ELMC, Project Finish 30 June 2012 -

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Communities				Includes Sea Spurge and Coastal Wattle LB (Once approved)
Downstream Deua Australian Bass Habitat Rehabilitation Project 2011	ESC	NSW I&I Fish Habitat Action Grants	\$13 340	In kind support to match grant
Tending to the Grassroots - Priority Landcare Works in Southern Rivers	SEL with ELMC / SRCMA / other District Landcare Associations (DLA's)	Aust Govt Caring for our Country 2010	\$35 000 for Eurobodalla	Regional \$270,000 Project conducted over 7 DLA areas. \$35,000 for Eurobodalla - Landcare Priority works plus other training initiatives will be organised by SEL region wide. Total Project value \$441,000
Northern Eurobodalla Communities Caring for Coastal Ecosystems	ELMC	Aust Govt Caring for our Country 2010	\$54,000	\$2,500 from ELMC Funding to engage weed control contractors and Koori Work team. Plant swaps, Bushcare training, and Backyard weed control advice
<b>New Applications</b>				
Eurobodalla HEVAE Rivers and Coastal Sites Rehabilitation Project	ELMC	Australian Government Caring for our Country Open Call Round	\$75,000 ex GST	\$5000 cash from Landcare Budget; \$36,000 of in kind volunteer contribution
Tending to the Grass Roots - Priority Landcare Works in the Southern Rivers	SEL	Australian Government Caring for our Country Open Call Round	\$100,000 ex GST for Eurobodalla	Eurobodalla DLA / Landholders to contribute \$14,440 in kind, Note;- Overall application includes 7 DLA's requesting \$804,500 / Total Project value \$1,204,500

## **CONCLUSION**

Landcare programs and activities are an attempt to reverse the decline of the environment and increase the level of understanding of the significance of Landcare objectives. The projects are community driven which are fulfilling community aspirations in regard to the planning, implementation and management of their works. There is a diverse range of activities across the Eurobodalla with the common goals of improving the environment.

Eurobodalla Landcare Management Committee extends their appreciation to Council and Council staff for their on-going support and looks forward to working together with Council on future natural resource projects and initiatives.

## **RECOMMENDED**

THAT:

1. The report "Eurobodalla Landcare Groups' Annual Report 2010/11" be received and noted.
2. Council forward formal acknowledgment in appreciation of efforts to Eurobodalla Landcare Management Committee and the volunteers for their efforts.

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**Attachment: Eurobodalla Landcare Projects and Activities Poster**



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## Landcare Hours 2010 / 2011

Group	Admin	Planning	Education	Planting	Fencing	Erosion	Weeding	Spraying	Maintenance	OH&S	Training	Signage	Rubbish	Other	Total
Akolele	3.5	25	16.5				145.5				15		2	6	213.5
Bingi							16								16
Broulee	3.5	4	443		31.5		154	28			109		8.5		781.5
Budd Island							30								30
Burrawang LC	9	12.5				36	126		23.5		221.5	3	3.5		435
Carrol College Stu Lc				99											99
Catalina							20								20
Congo											14				14
Carroll College	24.5	13.5	46.5	76			214	23	13		8.5		2	29	450
Denhams Beach			16	2.5			173				1		6		198.5
Deua River	29.5	25	33.5	40	4		693	22	3	9	154.5		7	260	1280.5
ELMC			70				42				503.5			28	643.5
Feral Animal Control														4552	4552
Guerilla Bay		4		53.5			264.5		15		10	4	2		353
Hanky		13		4			90				30			2.5	139.5
Lilli Pilli Malua Bay	2	26	6				233.5	12.5	125.5	7			74		486.5
Long Beach	47.5						733	7	22.5		1		60.5	91	962.5
Mosquito Bay							41.5				36				77.5
Mystery Bay		2		18			45		19		2				86
Newstead Pond							45								45
Potato Point			8				80								88
Rosedale	17	2					45.5		1				3.5		69
Runnyford							65								65
SAGE - Moruya Dist.														1540	1540
South Durras	2.5	11	2				217	24	22		0.5	1	1.5	12.5	294
Surf Beach				4			136.5	13					19		172.5
Surfside							137				25.5			1	163.5
Tuross Lakes	37.5	136.5	119	90	22		281.5		86		33	1	23	33.5	863
Tuross Valley	5						61		99				14		179



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<b>Totals</b>	<b>181.5</b>	<b>274.5</b>	<b>760.5</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>57.5</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>4089.5</b>	<b>129.5</b>	<b>429.5</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1165</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>226.5</b>	<b>6555.5</b>		<b>14317.5</b>
	Admin	Plannin g	Educati on	Planting	Fencing	Erosion	Weedin g	Sprayin g	Maint'nc e	OH&S	Training	Signage	Rubbish	Other		<b>Total</b>