



# Caring for Catchments

**North Coast Regional Landcare Network is seeking project proposals from landowners and land stewards in the Brunswick, Clarence, Richmond, and Tweed catchments to participate in the Caring for Catchments project.**

The Caring for Catchments project aims to improve catchment health, build flood resilience, and enhance biodiversity through riparian revegetation and reforestation with the objective to restore and protect waterways by planting up to 240 hectares of native vegetation along 8 kilometres of cleared river and streambanks over the next three years.

The project is the first of its kind, attracting some of the largest grant funding for these

sorts of works in Australia. North Coast Regional Landcare Network is excited to be delivering this project with funding from the Australian Government through the Northern Rivers Recovery and Resilience Program 2022-23 administered by NSW Reconstruction Authority.

**Through expressions of interest, applications are being sought for projects and activities in the Brunswick, Clarence, Richmond, and Tweed catchment areas.**

## Who can apply?

- Private landholders
- Landcare Networks/Groups
- Councils
- Environmental organisations
- Not-for-profit organisations
- First Nations organisations
- Collaborations involving any of the above groups, including government agencies, schools, and educational institutions.

## How much can you apply for?

- Small Project Grants: \$20,000 to \$60,000
- Large Project Grants: \$60,000 to \$160,000

## What you can you apply for?

On-ground, nature-based measures that will assist flood mitigation, build resilience to flooding and improve catchment health. For example, but not limited to:

- Planting native trees and shrubs along waterways to improve water quality, stabilise riverbanks, and enhance habitat for wildlife;
- Fencing of riparian areas and providing off-stream watering points;
- Weed management
- Knowledge sharing, education and community engagement programs promoting awareness and education about riparian restoration, flood resilience and environmental markets within the targeted catchments.



# Project Goals

The project aims to build capacity in the Northern Rivers region to implement nature-based measures at scale to assist flood mitigation, build resilience to flooding, improve catchment health and contribute to economic and ecological sustainability through:

- Demonstration of best practice for riparian restoration, to restore catchment health and resilience.
- Compilation of data, reports, studies and other relevant information required for riparian and catchment projects to be planned and undertaken at scale, and make this information available to stakeholders.
- Building capacity to utilise and benefit from markets for environmental services, by providing education for land managers about markets for environmental services
- Identify opportunities for education and training in repair and regeneration of the regional environment and contribute to development of this important new industry
- Fostering cultural change around management of the environment and natural resources generally and streams and catchments in particular, in a way that contributes to social cohesion, resilience and optimism regarding our common future.



## How can you apply?

If you have any questions about the application process or require support to submit a proposal about the Caring for Catchments please **contact 0419593294 or [CfC@northcoastlandcare.org.au](mailto:CfC@northcoastlandcare.org.au)**

Further details and links to apply are available at **[northcoastlandcare.org.au/caring-for-catchments](http://northcoastlandcare.org.au/caring-for-catchments)**

**Submit your Project Proposal Expression of Interest by 5pm Monday July 1 2024**

