North Coast Regional Landcare Network

Prospectus

North Coast Regional Landcare Network is proud to acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the traditional custodians and original landcarers of the land on which we live and work. We pay our respect to elders past, present and emerging.

Purpose

This prospectus outlines philanthropic opportunities for organisations, businesses, and individuals to support North Coast Regional Landcare Network (NCRLN). It presents an overview of our mission, achievements, leadership, financial history, risk profile, and the meaningful impact donations can have on our community and environment. NCRLN has Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status and eligible donations are tax-deductible.

The challenges we are addressing include increasing demand for regionally based coordination and training, growing public expectations, engagement and funding needs, reduced opportunities for grant funding for large-scale projects, and heightened risks to biodiversity, climate resilience and communities - while actively building greater self-sufficiency across the network and reducing reliance on government funding cycles.

Organisation Overview and History

Landcare is a nationwide movement of community-led groups caring for land, water and biodiversity, there is a structure of national, state, regional and local organisations.

NCRLN is the peak regional body representing and supporting the 11 Local Landcare Networks who in turn represent over 200 Landcare groups across the North Coast of New South Wales. Our network was formally established in 2009 to support community-driven environmental action.

For over 15 years, NCRLN has provided leadership, governance, communication, financial management and a regional voice, undertaking regional scale projects, developing network and community skills, creating partnerships, and delivering activities to support and resource our member networks. Our strength lies in local knowledge, community involvement, and a shared passion for stewardship of our natural landscapes.
Learn about NCRLN here northcoastlandcare.org.au

Key accomplishments:

- NCRLN amplifies Landcare's impact on the North Coast– representing and advocating for networks and groups, coordinating regional scale funding, unlocking grants, and building capacity through shared expertise.
- Support 11 Local Landcare Networks to manage combined; over 200 volunteer Landcare Groups, 3500 individual volunteer members and 138 partner organisations.

- NCRLN alone has delivered over $9 million in regional scale Project Funding to the NSW North Coast in the last 5 years.
- Partnered with government agencies, Aboriginal organisations, and local governments.
- Secured funding from state and federal governments to support long-term environmental programs.

Services and Programs

NCRLN supports and delivers a wide range of environmental initiatives, including:

- Landcare Coordination: Supporting Local Landcare Networks with shared priorities on critical regional issues including funding, resources, planning and training.
- Restoration Projects: Flood mitigation, Native revegetation, weed control, and erosion management.
- Education and Outreach: Community workshops, school programs, and field days.
- Aboriginal Partnerships: Collaborating with Aboriginal organisations and communities on Aboriginal led projects and initiatives.
- Sustainable Agriculture: Supporting farmers to adopt regenerative practices.

Key Achievements

- Delivered over 20 regional scale environmental and community projects and programs in last 5 years.
- Facilitated the North Coast Local Landcare Coordinators Program, supporting over 200 local groups.
- Delivered targeted programs for climate resilience, fire recovery, and biodiversity connectivity.
- Through our Networks, engaged thousands of volunteers and school students through education and stewardship opportunities.

Project Highlights

These projects not only reflect NCRLN's strategic priorities but also demonstrate our ability to scale impact through partnerships, education, and innovation.

North Coast Native Seedbank

In partnership with the Friends of the Coffs Harbour Botanic Gardens and North Coast Local Land Services, this project is developing a regional seedbank to support biodiversity, habitat restoration, and carbon sequestration.

Caring for Catchments

The project will 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. This project is funded by the Australian Government through the Northern Rivers Recovery and Resilience Program 2022-23 administered by the NSW Reconstruction Authority.

Far North Coast Aboriginal Partnership

This project is delivering on-ground actions to protect koalas and habitat on the NSW Far

North Coast, guided by Aboriginal community expertise. It complements the NSW Koala Strategy, supporting Aboriginal-led conservation in the Northern Rivers and leveraging existing partnerships and resources to maximise impact and efficiency.

Rising Strong: Biodiversity in a Changing Climate

A climate adaptation initiative helping communities and landholders in the Northern Rivers protect biodiversity through locally grounded, science-based education.

Private Land Conservation

In collaboration with Landcare NSW and the NSW Biodiversity Conservation Trust, this project empowers private landholders to protect and restore habitat through education, monitoring, and stewardship.

Regenerative Agriculture Network

This initiative promotes sustainable farming across the region through knowledge exchange, digital learning (in partnership with Charles Sturt University), and peer-to-peer support among local networks.

Financial Information

NCRLN operates with transparency and fiscal responsibility. Our annual financial reports are audited and made publicly available upon request.

Key financial highlights:

- Over $9 million in funding secured and effectively allocated over the past 5 years.
- A consistent record of grant compliance and project delivery on time and within budget.
- Over 65% of funds are directed to on-ground projects and community engagement.

Management Profile

NCRLN is governed by an Executive Committee of experienced professionals and community leaders and managed by a skilled executive team with experience in natural resource management, environmental science, and community development.

Executive Leadership:

- **Rob Drury** – Chair
- **Roslyn Woodward** – Treasurer
- **Bridget Kent** – Regional Projects Operations Manager

The NCRLN team combines strategic oversight with operational expertise to ensure that every donation contributes to meaningful outcomes.

Risk Appetite

At NCRLN, we believe that smart, innovative risks lead to real impact. Does your organisation have a high-risk appetite for bold environmental action and innovative approaches? So do we! And we have the track record to prove that it pays off.

While all philanthropic investments carry some level of inherent risk, NCRLN is well-equipped to manage these effectively. Potential risks may include:

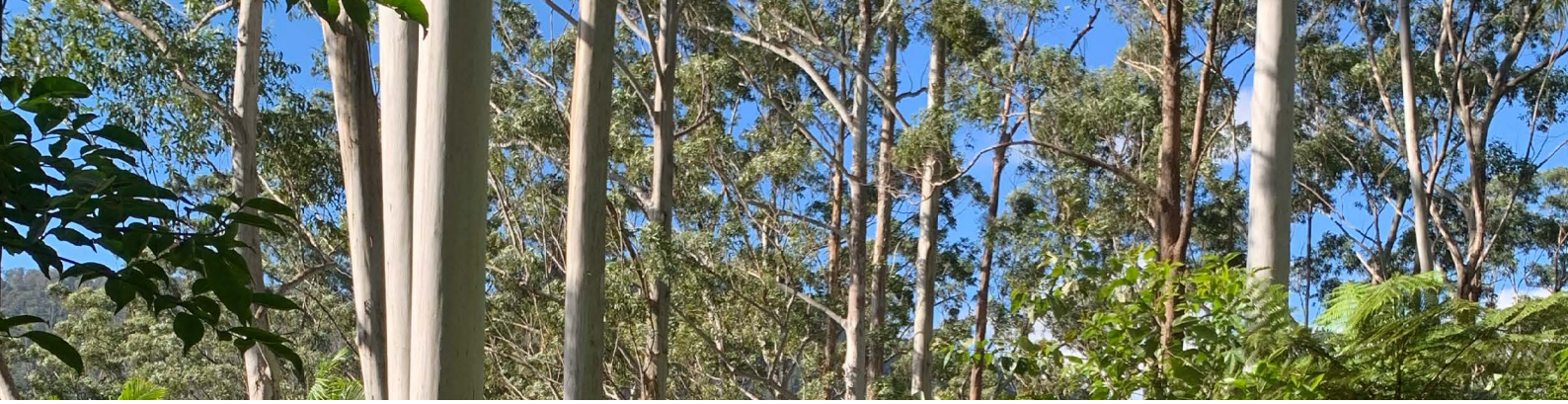
- Shifts in government policy or funding priorities
- Environmental factors such as bushfires or floods that affect project timelines
- Fluctuations in the availability of our volunteer workforce

We actively mitigate these risks through strong governance, diversified funding, and adaptive project planning. Our approach ensures that your investment is in capable hands, and directed toward meaningful, lasting change.

How Donations Are Used

Donations to NCRLN directly support and expand our reach and impact. Contributions help:

- Scale up landscape restoration and conservation efforts.
- Train and support Landcare volunteers and coordinators.
- Deliver environmental education and youth engagement programs.
- Invest in long-term biodiversity and climate resilience.
- Sustain NCRLN's core capacity to serve and support its networks.
- Your support will enable flagship initiatives such as:
    - **North Coast Regional Seedbank** - Exchange and supply native seed boosting native plant stock to meet growing biodiversity, revegetation, and climate resilience
    - **Caring for Catchments** – provide expanded funding opportunities for riparian restoration and nature-based solutions initiatives contributing to flood resilience across the NSW North Coast
    - **Aboriginal Partnerships** – provide continued funding for Aboriginal led local initiatives
    - **Education and Training** – support targeted training and educational resources to Local Landcare Coordinators and volunteers



Why Support NCRLN?

Your donation will focus on the most urgent regional priorities, making a real and lasting difference at the local level - where change is most meaningful. Our work aligns with regional, state, and national priorities around climate adaptation, biodiversity protection, sustainable land management, Aboriginal land stewardship, and disaster resilience.

By donating to NCRLN, you:

- Empower grassroots environmental leadership.
- Help protect vulnerable species and landscapes.
- Support resilient, connected communities.
- Contribute to solutions for climate change and natural disasters.
- Create a legacy of care and sustainability for future generations.

Additional benefits for donors include:

- Public acknowledgment and recognition (with your permission).
- Invitations to NCRLN events and networking gatherings.
- Regular updates via our website, newsletter, and social media.
- Tax-deductible giving opportunities (NCRLN has Deductible Gift Recipient status).

Join Us

Your partnership can help grow a greener, more resilient North Coast. Let's work together to protect our landscapes, support communities, and create a thriving future for generations to come.

To discuss partnership or donation opportunities, please contact:

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