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## Welcome to the Riverkeeper network!

*It is wonderful to see the interest in this new community-led initiative.*

*We wanted to take this opportunity to welcome you to the Richmond Riverkeeper Network and share with you some news and events from across the Richmond River catchment.*

### WHAT'S ON AROUND THE CATCHMENT

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#### 'RIVERYARN'

**Richmond Riverkeeper and Kyogle Landcare invite you to [RIVERYARN](#).** Meet in the carpark by the Landcare nursery, walk and yarn along the creek (about an hour) seeing the results of Landcare work and return to Alcorn Park for morning tea - please bring something to share - and continue the yarn. You might channel your river visions while you take a walk around the labyrinth. This is an easy and mostly shady walk along a formed track, though it may be quite slippery in parts. *Fawcetts Creek, Kyogle, Sunday 21 August 10-12pm.*

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#### 'Stories of the Big Scrub'

[Community Gallery](#) in *Ballina 24 August - 16 October 2022.*



Revive the Northern Rivers, in partnership with Richmond Riverkeeper, is proud to present screenings of the documentary masterpiece RIVER.

[RIVER](#) is the sequel to the 2017 hit documentary MOUNTAIN, reuniting the creative team of director Jennifer Peedom, the Australian Chamber Orchestra, narrator Willem Dafoe and writer Robert Macfarlane.

SCREENING DATES, TIMES & VENUES:

**6pm Wednesday 14 September**

Pearces Creek Hall  
Widjabul Wia-bal Country  
Richmond River catchment

**6pm Thursday 15 September**

Byron School of Art  
Arakwal Country  
Brunswick River catchment



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**Do you have an event you would like to share with the Richmond Riverkeeper network? [Tell us more!](#)**

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## **NSW FLOOD INQUIRY REPORT RELEASED**

The long awaited [NSW Flood Inquiry Report](#) has been released and we welcome the findings.

Importantly the Report recommends the recognition of the floodplain as an asset (Recommendation 20) and for Indigenous-led community-based approaches to maximise protection for the environment (Recommendation 27).

*"That, to maximise protection for the environment in and around floodplains, Government, working with local communities especially Indigenous communities, the NSWRA, other agencies and local councils ensure Indigenous voices are well heard in land use planning and natural resource management " Recommendation 27.*

All 28 recommendations in the report have been supported either in full or in principle by the NSW Government.

ABOUT US - The Richmond Riverkeeper Association respects and celebrates the unique relationship of Indigenous peoples to the land and waterways of the Richmond River catchment and joining with Riverkeepers across the globe we have a vision for the rivers of the Richmond River catchment to be healthy once more. Our mission is to fulfil community aspirations to improve the waters of the Richmond River catchment so they are drinkable, swimmable and fishable again. For us this means committed partnerships that focus on habitat restoration, enhancing riverbank stability, reduce the loss of our precious soils and reduce pollutant loads. Improvements like these create the conditions to bring back species like the iconic Eastern Freshwater Cod.



## GROWING THE RICHMOND RIVERKEEPER NETWORK

Are you a riverkeeper or know someone who is? Do you have project ideas funding leads, or some time to give? Reach out via [email](#), connect with us on [facebook](#) or share our [website](#) with likeminded riverfolk.

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The Richmond Riverkeeper Association acknowledges that the lands and waterways of the Richmond Catchment and beyond, are the unceded territories of the peoples of the Bundjalung and Githabul Nations. We pay our respect to their Ancestors, who cared for Country since time began, and to all communities of the Bundjalung and Githabul Nations, to all Traditional Custodians, who continue to speak and care for their Country and Water.

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