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Richmond Riverkeeper News

Grant success, National Resilience Agency seeking community input and Big Scrub Rainforest Day returns ...

Fantastic news! Southern Cross University [will fund seven research and community engagement projects](#) to aid ongoing flood recovery in the NSW Northern Rivers.

The Richmond Riverkeeper is excited to be partnering with researchers on a number of these projects, connecting the university and community across the Richmond catchment. Congratulations to the applicants on the following successful projects:

- Associate Professor Adele Wessell: create an online data repository to understand how to manage the Richmond River catchment and restore its health.
- Professor Amanda Reichelt-Brushett: Talking about the Richmond River - community values for river health in a post-flood environment.
- Professor Amy Cutter-Mackenzie-Knowles: identify the flood experience of children and youth, and the impact on education.
- Professor Andrew Rose: map the network of community resources contributing to flood recovery and produce a graphic directory of service providers to support recovery and rebuilding efforts.
- Mr Brendan Cox: create and coordinate an ongoing citizen science program to assess riverine ecosystem health across the catchment.

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- Associate Professor Matthew Leach: explore the association between flood exposure and mental health and wellbeing among marginalised groups to guide ongoing disaster support and mental health services.



Read interviews with [Brendan](#) and [Mandy](#) by our friends at [Revive the Northern Rivers](#).



Connect and participate in the Northern Rivers Resilience Initiative

Help inform the investment of the \$150 million through the Australian Government's National Emergency Management Agency in the Northern Rivers region.

You are invited to join a Northern River Resilience Initiative community engagement session or share your ideas online.



Northern Rivers Resilience Initiative - Community and stakeholder engagement

The National Emergency Management Agency (previously National Recovery and Resilience Agency) has commissioned CSIRO to undertake the Northern Rivers Resilience Initiative to understand the climate, catchment, and hydrological drivers within the Northern Rivers region of New South Wales.

CSIRO with its partner Alluvium Consulting is identifying and prioritising resilience options for mitigating flood risks in the future as part of the first six months rapid review and assessment.

From July to October 2022 – Engagement with stakeholders will take place by the CSIRO team in the flood affected area. To view the time-line of activity read the factsheet [Northern Rivers Resilience](#)

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How do I participate? You are invited to drop in and meet with a project team member to review the preliminary results of the flood mitigation and resilience project prioritisation and discuss your views about what measures or criteria are important to you and your community and should be used to assess the identified flood mitigation project ideas and proposals.

For those that are unable to attend in person, an online questionnaire that can be found [here](#). To take part in the community workshops register on the links below:

Sessions are open

All sessions are open for you to drop in any time between 11.00 am to 6.00 pm

| COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS | | |
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| Workshop | Date | Registration |
| Goonellabah Community Centre, Goonellabah | Monday 17 October | Register here |
| Lismore Workers Sports Club, Lismore | Tuesday 18 October | Register here |
| Wardell Catholic Church Hall, Wardell | Wednesday 19 October | Register here |
| Ballina Jockey Club, Ballina | Thursday 20 October | Register here |
| Casino Community & Cultural Centre, Casino | Monday 24 October | Register here |
| Coraki Golf Club | Tuesday 25 October | Register here |
| Maclean Bowls Club, Maclean | Wednesday 26 October | Register here |
| Grafton Regional Gallery, Grafton | Thursday 27 October | Register here |
| Kyogle Showgrounds, Kyogle | Monday 31 October | Register here |
| Murwillumbah Civic Centre, Murwillumbah | Tuesday 1 November | Register here |
| South Tweed Sports Centre, South Tweed | Wednesday 2 November | Register here |
| Ocean Shores Country Club, Ocean Shores | Wednesday 2 November | Register here |
| Mullumbimby Ex-Services Club, Mullumbimby | Thursday 3 November | Register here |

To contact workshop organisers email nrri@csiro.au



Big Scrub Rainforest Day returns to Rocky Creek Dam

This year's theme is 'Reconnecting community, healing ecosystems' and includes a series of

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activities and a community planting of 1,000 rainforest trees.

Event details – Sunday 30th October

Big Scrub Rainforest Day Date: Sunday 30th October, 2022

Time: 8:30am to 3:00pm

Venue: Rocky Creek Dam

What to bring: Appropriate outdoor clothing, hat, water, snacks & picnic lunch. Camp chair or picnic rug.

Food and drink: Please note that there will be coffee plus limited food options available on the day (Lions Club BBQ and coffee vans only).

Event program

- Download the full event program [– click here](#)

Book your place for one of our guided walks by following the links:

- Bird Watching along the Platypus Walk [– book your place here](#)
- Mobile phone photography in the rainforest walk [– book your place here](#)
- Coming to our senses walk [– book your place here](#)
- A walk and talk to the Woodford Scrub [– book your place here](#)
- Soothe your nervous system with nature. Nature connection walk and sit spot experience [– book your place here](#)

This event is presented by Big Scrub Landcare in association with Rous County Council and Envite Environment with valued support from the NSW Government's Local Land Services, Saving our Species Program and its Environmental Trust.

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



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.

[Visit our website](#)

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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