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# **Richmond Riverkeeper News**

### SHARING NEWS & EVENTS FROM AROUND THE CATCHMENT



Brendan Cox demonstrating healthy rivers through water bugs at Big Scrub Rainforest Day

#### **'SUCH A FANTASTIC BIG SCRUB RAINFOREST DAY'**

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Day recently meeting lots of interested people, sharing information about the history of the catchment and exploring health of the catchment through water bugs. Thanks to the team at Big Scrub Conservancy for such a wonderful event.



# CARING FOR OUR CATCHMENT PROPOSAL Riparian revegetation and reforestation for flood resilience

A timely proposal has been developed and submitted to the Northern Rivers Resilience Initiative (NRRI) by The Carbon Store Pty Ltd and Wilsons River Landcare Group, with assistance and ongoing support from Dr John Corkhill OAM, Richmond Riverkeeper, EnviTE and the University of Queensland. Read more here in a story from our friends at Revive the Northern Rivers.

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photo - Alex Clarke

Do you have an event you would like to share with the Richmond Riverkeeper network? <u>Tell us more!</u>

#### Riverkeeper seed funding success!

Thanks to the generous support from the Northern Rivers Community Foundation the Richmond Riverkeeper has been granted \$10000 in seed funding.

Just over \$1 million dollars was given to 49 community organisations by the Northern Rivers Community Foundation. The NRCF is a philanthropic organisation connecting people and communities to tackle challenging social and environmental problems in the Northern Rivers. At the grant ceremony on the 8th of November, the Richmond Riverkeepers was awarded funds to develop our business strategy and website. Congratulations to all recipients and thank you NRCF!

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Feeling in good company Mandy, our Riverkeeper President celebrates with other grant winners Tom representing the Bundjalung Tribal Society and Paris and Mitch representing Arts Northern Rivers.

#### **GET INVOLVED!**

## Share your photos of the rivers and creeks of the Richmond catchment

- If you are out and about in the Richmond catchment, we invite you to take a photo of the rivers & creeks you connect with.
- Share on your socials and tag us @richmdondriverkeeper #richmondriverkeeper
- or <u>email us</u> attach your photo and we will post on our socials with an image credit.

**Volunteer with us!** We welcome all manner of skills. At the moment we are really keen to develop our website and are looking for anyone who has some quality skills to share so we can share our stories and give the river a voice.

Follow us on facebook or join our online slack community.

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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 <a href="mailto:email">email</a>, connect with us on <a href="mailto:facebook">facebook</a> or share our <a href="website">website</a> 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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