

# Wollombi Catchment – advisory services and grant opportunities for your property

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## Advisory services, resources and funding

Hunter Local Land Services (LLS) is working with landholders and community groups across the Wollombi Valley to improve catchment and riparian condition.

These partnership projects aim to reduce creek bank erosion, improve riparian vegetation, improve native vegetation for wildlife habitat and increase farm productivity. In addition to advisory services from our Catchment Team (see contact details on page 2) various resources and grants are currently available.

## Riparian Incentives

Hunter Catchment Contributions provide funds for riparian rehabilitation projects and supports landholders for activities such as creek bank revegetation, weed control, fencing and off stream watering for stock.



Expressions of Interest (EOI) are now open for landholder and community group riparian projects in the Wollombi catchment area.

Projects of consideration would include **protection and revegetation of river and creek banks.**



To determine if your project is eligible for incentive funding, we invite individuals or groups to apply online via this link <https://arcg.is/SXrKn> or scan the QR code above.

Once you have submitted an EOI, you will be contacted by a staff member to discuss your project ideas and provide you with an application form and guidelines. Alternatively, you're welcome to contact one of the LLS Catchment Team members listed on the next page for assistance with lodging an EOI.

## Bringing Back the Regent Honeyeater

This National Landcare Program aims to increase habitat for the critically endangered Regent Honeyeater, Swift Parrot and other vulnerable woodland birds including plantings to establish or protect key canopy species including Spotted Gum, Stringybark, Swamp Mahogany, Broad-leaved Ironbark and Native Mistletoe.



Priority areas include Ellalong, Congewai, Mulbring, Quorrobolong, Mount Vincent, Wollombi, Laguna, Milbrodale and the Putty, Garland and Howes Valleys.

Eligible activities include:

- Native vegetation restoration and enhancement for priority vegetation and areas
- Threatened species recovery for priority species

For more information and how to apply, scan the Incentives QR code above.

## Storm and flood assistance – closing soon

Rural Assistance Authority (RAA) have grant opportunities available to **30th September 2022**. The Rural Landholders Grant is available to eligible landholders affected by the NSW severe weather and floods that occurred from 22nd February 2022 onwards, and who are not eligible for existing flood support programs (Primary Producer Special Disaster Grants).

Applicants with a holding of at least 10 hectares within the declared Local Government Areas and with a minimum primary production income of \$20,000 per annum can apply for a grant of up to \$25,000 to support their recovery.

For more information and link to RAA application - <https://www.raa.nsw.gov.au/disaster-assistance/storm-and-flood-programs/RLG-feb-2022>

## The Hunter Regional Weeds Committee

The Hunter Regional Weeds Committee provides funding to community groups and organisations to undertake weed management works and landholder capacity building in line with the Hunter Regional Strategic Weed Management Plan and the Hunter Weeds Action Program.

Interested community groups, should contact the Biosecurity Officer at your Local Council Authority or Council and discuss your project.

Then the Regional Weeds Coordinator will be in contact to further develop the plan and assist you with the application for funding.



These projects are nil tenure and involve more than one landholder, through an incorporated entity such as Landcare or producer groups.

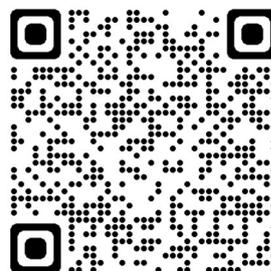
For more information please visit Hunter Regional Weeds website - <http://www.hunterregionalweeds.net.au/>

## Every Bit Counts – supporting small farms & lifestyle blocks

Do you have a property up to 20 hectares in size and want to connect to like-minded people to improve your land, production capacity and environment?

If so, join **Every Bit Counts – Small Landholder Network** for the latest in sustainable land management, animal health, emergency management & preparedness and Aboriginal cultural heritage. You will be notified of events, workshops, resources and funding opportunities.

And why not subscribe to **Blockies Bootcamp** - a free newsletter series that will provide you with the land management fundamentals. To sign up, scan the QR code here



**For resources and grant information please visit Hunter LLS website -**

[www.lls.nsw.gov.au/regions/hunter/grants-funding-scholarships](http://www.lls.nsw.gov.au/regions/hunter/grants-funding-scholarships)

**For advice, please contact a project officer -**

**Catchment management and riparian advice -**

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<https://www.wollombilandcare.org.au/>