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Natalie is the Indigenous Engagement Officer for the Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) project. You can call her on 4722 5718. Taegan is the Traditional Owner Engagement Coordinator at NQ Dry Tropics. She can be contacted on 4722 5708. [Read more](#) Meet Rosie, Mark and Lisa.

**What's coming up?** Volunteering opportunities, festivals and more. NQ Dry Tropics are hosting [World Ocean Day on Magnetic Island](#) on Saturday 4 June and [The Queensland Landcarer's Conference](#) on 20 to 23 September. Call us on 4724 3544 for details.

## **In Conversation with our CEO**

Welcome to the June issue of *Country to Coast*,

The scars of Cyclone Yasi are still highly visible. The wet season has left its mark on areas within our region in quite different ways. While the City Council, Ergon and others have done a remarkable job of restoring Townsville, the scars of Cyclone Yasi are still highly visible in other parts of the region.

In the northern part of the Burdekin, especially to the north and east of Greenvale, tree fall is extensive. I've seen images of some properties where less than 50% of the trees remain standing. Not surprisingly this has resulted in significant damage to fencing and buildings, with many farm tracks still impassable. Some landowners have many months of hard work in front of them repairing fences, clearing tracks and recovering lost stock.

The impact is not confined to grazing enterprises, and a number of Nature Refuges and other important conservation areas suffered extensive damage to boundary fences.

On the upside, high levels of grass cover throughout the rangelands appear to have significantly reduced

the erosion impact of this summer's 'wet'. A run of good seasons, coupled with increasing uptake of better pasture management practices seem to have paid positive dividends.

Along the coast, the extended wet has had a major impact on the cane crop in the lower Burdekin. An early start to wet meant resulted in around 30% of the crop being unable to be harvested. Yasi added insult to injury with wind damage on many farms. Hopefully, with the ground beginning to dry, farmers will be soon be able to get back to some semblance of normal farming operations.

NQ Dry Tropics are the custodians of \$400,000 Caring For Our Country disaster funding to assist with environmental recovery. The focus of our activities are:

- stream bank, gully and wetland restoration,
- replanting and restoration of impacted native vegetation;
- restoration of fencing where the purpose of the fencing is stock exclusion or reduction of grazing pressure to important environmental areas.
- restoration of off-stream stock watering points designed to protect stream banks and water quality.
- reconstruction of wildlife corridors

Read our article [Help for cyclone affected landholders on its way](#) for more details.

All the best,  
Scott Crawford

## Latest News

### **Should NQ Dry Tropics change its name?**

According to the National Climate Centre Queensland received above average to highest recorded rainfall from an early starting wet season in September 2010.

NQ Dry Tropics spoke with farmers in Kilcummin north of Clermont, who said there are new springs of water emerging in paddocks as the water table rises and even more water flowing out from the top of bore holes and windmills (I don't think water would flow out the top of a windmill so might need to rephrase this).

Brownsville (otherwise known as Townsville), has received double the rainfall as Cairns in the last two years.

It seems the wet tropics are slipping south.

Dr David Souter from the Reef and Rainforest Research Centre says the dry tropics are becoming increasingly wet and the trend is set to continue.

### **Better gardens for our schools**

NQ Dry Tropics is making school gardens better. Schools are a vital hub of the community and their grounds are under foot all the time. Native landscaping is not an area that schools may have expertise or resources, but the need is there. NQ Dry Tropics are launching the Healthy Habitat for Schools initiative across schools of the dry tropics in 2011.



Healthy Habitat for Schools will include workshops for staff and support for grounds assessment and planning. The program will start in Term 2. Aside from providing somewhere to sit while students unpack a squashed sandwich, the school environment must be safe, preferably aesthetic, include wildlife habitat and provide education outside the classroom.

Schools are increasingly required to show they are reducing their ecological footprint but some teachers do not know how to do that. Healthy Habitat for Schools will help schools create better landscapes.

School communities will have the information to confidently choose plants for their property that are resilient, climate appropriate and cyclone resistant.

Judy Warner from NQ Dry Tropics said, "A planned approach will help schools make the best decisions about what to plant to attract and protect native wildlife and how best to be weed free. With this knowledge they can lead community awareness on the importance of biodiversity and land management."

Since 2009 Healthy Habitat has had a great track record in helping residents of Townsville's semi-urban areas of Alligator Creek and Black River look after their land.

It is a program that draws together the best expert advice with practical workshops. During property visits staff has even discovered endangered native plants. For Healthy Habitat the next obvious step was to extend the free service to schools.

NQ Dry Tropics is working with Education Queensland, Townsville City Council, Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority and local community organisations to ensure schools have the best available information and resources to make decisions for the improvement of their land.

For more information contact Paul Wuth at NQ Dry Tropics on 4724 3544.

### **Coca-Cola supports local farmers**

A global soft drink manufacturer and an environment group are getting behind north Queensland sugar cane farmers. It's expanding into north Queensland with the support of NQ Dry Tropics. Project Catalyst supports farmers who are developing practices that improve the quality of water leaving farms. Project Catalyst was born in the Mackay Whitsundays area and is expanding to the Burdekin region in north Queensland.

The initiative is supported by the Coca-Cola Foundation, World Wildlife Fund for Nature (WWF) and Mackay Whitsunday natural resource management group Reef Catchments. It's expanding into north Queensland with the support of local natural resource management group NQ Dry Tropics.

NQ Dry Tropics CEO Scott Crawford said the initiative has already seen changes in the Mackay area.

He says, "In the first year of Project Catalyst it improved soil, nutrient, pesticide, irrigation and storm water management on almost 5,000 hectares of farms.

"It's greatly reduced pollutants running off farms and into nearby waterways."

Ten farmers in Ayr and Home Hill are participating in Project Catalyst's expansion into north Queensland. The Project supports growers by providing them with agronomic and economic support for practices like controlled traffic, irrigation efficiency and fertiliser management.

Farmer Rob Ahern has been reducing inorganic fertiliser inputs in favour of using mill mud and agricultural bacteria. "I'm involved in Project Catalyst because it gives me the chance to talk to other farmers here and in other districts.

"I like to try to get other farmers to see alternative ways of growing cane than what they're traditionally used to. I'm a big believer of showing people what I do and what a difference it can make and in helping farmers to reduce their production costs." Rob says.

Scott Crawford says, "Project Catalyst is about supporting innovative growers and disseminating what they're learnt to the sugar cane industry in Australia and overseas."

Dermot O'Gorman, WWF Australia CEO says, "The Great Barrier Reef is the world's largest living organism and is currently facing two key threats to its long term survival: climate change and land-based pollution.

"The initial phase of Project Catalyst has already shown it is possible to dramatically reduce the impact from land-based pollution while maintaining a viable agricultural sector.

"These practices have significant potential to increase the Reef's resilience in the future."

Will Higham from Reef Catchments says, "We have long recognised the innovative potential of our local growers.

"Project Catalyst gives them the support they need to mitigate risk and make sustainable practices a reality, by using techniques including precision application of inputs with satellite controlled machinery, which have a positive economic and productivity outcomes."

Coca-Cola is investing in Project Catalyst to reduce the environmental footprint of sugar, one the key ingredients in its range of beverages.

Coca-Cola South Pacific President Gareth Edgecombe said Project Catalyst is ground breaking in number of ways: "The Project has brought together the agricultural and corporate sectors; environmental and natural resource management groups – with a collective interest in promoting sustainable production for the protection of a Queensland national and international icon, while working to ensure the future viability of the sugar industry."

### **Money to help grain growers improve efficiencies**

Grain growers and spray contractors in the Kilcummin area are now receiving training and funds to improve farm efficiencies. Up to \$11,000 worth of consultancy fees and funding was given to growers as

part of NQ Dry Tropics and its Grains Best Management Practices initiative (Grains BMP). The initiative is helping grain farmers identify on farm practice changes that may improve long term profitability.

The first workshop in Kilcummin covered pesticide application, property design and layout, and how to make most use of above average rainfall. Cotton, sorghum and corn were planted in limited amounts in paddocks due to rainfall and will be followed by wheat and chickpeas for the winter crops in March and April for more demonstrations, weather permitting.

Twenty farmers will participate in the initiative with Kilcummin, amounting to a minimum of 20,000ha of more efficient land. Growers in other grain regions like the Fitzroy Basin participated in similar workshops say they have saved money on chemicals through modifications to equipment and by refining practices to apply them more efficiently.

One farmer said he was applying three tanks of chemical mix to a paddock only to find that by using the correct spray nozzles he needed to apply just one for the same result.

Through Grains BMP growers get access to well regarded consultants like Graham Betts for free. Graham says, "Most farmers appreciate the hands on approach that these courses give them. "Also some farmers don't realise how much they don't know. This is a great chance to fill those gaps in knowledge. Some people book in without wanting to but are encouraged to. It's amazing how much they pick up."

Graham also feels strongly that everyone using bore water needs to have their water tested in a laboratory because of the potential impurities in it.

He says, "They could be using more chemicals than necessary to compensate for poor water quality which could compromise efficacy. This is what we can help farmers with.

The Grains BMP is also useful to demonstrate how farmers can document farm practices, something that is increasingly required of growers. The Grains BMP initiative is being facilitated by natural resource management group Central Highlands Regional Resources Use Planning Cooperative Ltd or CHRRUP.

NQ Dry Tropics' Chief Executive Officer Scott Crawford said CHRRUP has a great track record of working with growers in central Queensland. He said, "It's good to be working with them and growers on such a successful project like Grains BMP which can help growers greatly."

CHRRUP's Shontae Moran is working with grain farmers on the program. She says "I am excited to be working on this program as there has been lots of good feedback from farmers who have participated in the Grains BMP program in the Fitzroy Basin.

"It is great that the Kilcummin grain farmers will now have an opportunity to benefit from the workshops, extra training and gain financial assistance through a funding grant offered by NQ Dry Tropics' Grains BMP program."

To get involved call Shontae Moran on 0417 794 455 or email [shontae@chrrup.org](mailto:shontae@chrrup.org))

Grains BMP is part of the Australian Government's Caring for Our Country Reef Rescue initiative.

### **Review of Caring for our Country**

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management. In this forum you can air your views and experiences, contribute to existing discussions, catch up with community or industry partners, and find out what others are saying about Caring for our Country.

### **Help for cyclone affected landholders on its way**

Repairing cyclone damage to nature refuges in north Queensland is one of the key priorities for NQ Dry Tropics over the next 12 months. We have received \$400,000 from the Australian Government for environmental recovery projects. The funding will pay for restoration works like replanting native vegetation, restoring suitable fencing and reconstructing wildlife corridors.



A nature refuge is an area of land voluntarily protected by the landholder for conservation purposes.

NQ Dry Tropics CEO Scott Crawford said cyclonic winds have caused significant damage to stock exclusion fencing on four nature refuges in north Queensland.

He said, "Nature refuges are, amongst the highest value environmental assets we have in the rangelands."

"NQ Dry Tropics will work with other natural resource management groups and the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service to help landholders repair vital fencing that protects the biodiversity within nature refuges."

Some properties in north Queensland have lost in excess of 50% of their trees due to February's Cyclone Yasi. Fallen timber increases the risks of fires threatening sensitive habitats like rainforests, vine thickets and river bank vegetation. The environmental recovery funds will also help NQ Dry Tropics assess and manage fire risks.

Mr Crawford said, "A significant portion of the funding will also be used to help landholders plan for re-fencing that protects natural resources like rivers and creeks and helps landholders to control graze."

Community groups also play a role in repairing environmental damage caused by the Cyclone. NQ Dry Tropics will help groups to restore damaged areas in Townsville and the Northern Beaches regions. The Australian Government has also allocated \$150,000 to NQ Dry Tropics to employ voluntary labour through Conservation Volunteers Australia. Teams of volunteer workers will play a key role in restoring natural environments in our region.

### **Aquarium domination**

Exotic fish are dominating native fish in the Ross River. While it may seem kinder to free or flush 'Willy' into the river or toilet, one Willy can become thousands of pest fish.

It's suspected that Townsville's itinerant population is dumping aquarium fish. The Ross River has the highest number of exotic or introduced fish in Queensland. Willy may be a Swordtail, Guppy, Platy, or Sailfin Molly. They are aggressive to native fish, eating their food, chasing them out of their habitat and stealing breeding sites. Willy's partner Wilhelmina can produce a larger number of young than her native competitor.

They can live in poor quality water allowing them to survive where our native fish can't.

Diana O'Donnell from NQ Dry Tropics said for new residents it seems exotic to set up a tropical fish aquarium at home but releasing the introduced fish when moving on, leaves a terrible legacy for the environment.

"When moving arrange for friends to take your aquarium or return the fish to a commercial aquarium but please do not release them." Diana said.

Aquarium enthusiasts can keep fish indigenous to the tropics of north Queensland, instead of from foreign waters.

Diana said, "The native archer fish, purple spot gudgeon and empire gudgeon, while not as flashy as gold fish, do look very attractive in an aquarium. The archer fish is an interesting fish to watch in a residential pond. It 'shoots' at insects on overhanging leaves as if it has an inbuilt water pistol. They have expert aim! Jungle perch, Eastern Rainbow and Glass fish are exciting characters to have in your tank and some can even be trained."

Interesting native species should be purchased from licensed pet shops and small numbers may be caught in local waterways.

There are bag and size limits to catching native fish. This information is found in the book *Freshwater Fishes of the Burdekin Dry Tropics* -- a guide to fish which belong in north Queensland and to identifying pest fish.

*Freshwater Fishes of the Burdekin Dry Tropics* is available in selected bait and tackle shops or by calling NQ Dry Tropics 4724 3544.

### **Saving Eels with Wheels**

We've saved 3000 eels since the wet season began. An unlikely contraption made from vertically hanging netting, Astro turf and a wheely-bin is saving Townsville's eel population.

Baby eels started migrating as soon as water levels peaked at the Ross River Dam in December last year.

Paul Duncanson from NQ Dry Tropics said, "We quickly weighed the total number of elvers, or juvenile eels, to estimate their numbers. Then we release them safely upstream to complete their migration. They will find suitable habitat upstream to mature and eventually go back out to sea to breed."

The eel passage device, or the green mile as it would appear to fish, is intended to help the elvers return home from the ocean where they were born.

The period of migration has been much longer than expected due to the nature of this wet season. Paul expected the eels to start and finish migration within a window of days or weeks, but instead they migrated for three months.

### **Launch of JCU Sunshine Edible Garden**

NQ Dry Tropics, Permaculture Townsville and James Cook University are helping students to veg out. Sixty people turned out to help James Cook University students vege out, build a worm farm and compost heap.

The Sunshine Edible Garden follows permaculture principles to provide fresh, nutritious, and free food for students while recycling cafe scraps from the campus into compost for the garden. Permaculture experts gave demonstrations to students. It is directly opposite the Rotary International House and will be the first of more vegetable gardens constructed on campus.

### **Celebrate the Sea Festival Local launch of national Seaweeek**

One hundred and fifty Townsville residents collected pieces of plastic, plastic bags, tin cans, tyres and other flotsam from Pallarenda beach to launch national Seaweeek.

Fifty-two bags full of rubbish are now disposed of at the tip instead of in the stomachs of our marine life. Volunteers were rewarded at the NQ Dry Tropics Celebrate the Sea Festival with a BBQ, enthralling talks by marine scientists and a coastal bush tucker walk that launched Seaweeek in Townsville.

Guest speaker Dr Mark Hamann, Research Fellow and Senior Lecturer at James Cook University said "Everything made in plastic eventually breaks down to pre-manufactured pellets that to fish, turtles and dugongs looks like food. They don't know that it is toxic. With seventy-nine percent of our planet's surface covered by sea, it should be called Ocean not the Earth. The rubbish that leaves our land has a far reaching impact into the world's oceans."

The theme of National Seaweeek in 2011 was 'Spotlight on Marine Science'. Other scientists and speakers who contributed to discussions on the day were Dr David Souter from the Reef and Rainforest Research Centre, Lisa Baynes from NQ Dry Tropics, Blanche Danastas from Marine Wildlife Australia, Leon Van Wyk of Permaculture Townsville, and Russell Butler Senior a Traditional Elder of Warrgamay-Bandjin from the Hinchinbrook area.

The Celebrate the Sea Festival was a fun, free day for residents to make a difference and find out how to turn the tide to give marine life a better future. Duey the dugong, Tiny the Tern and Lucky T Turtle, the favourite mascots of NQ Dry Tropics and Reef HQ were very grateful to those who helped to clean up their home.

Organiser Laura Dunstan from NQ Dry Tropics said, "The clean up in the morning was a great practical

and educational activity that families enjoyed doing together. There were different environmental community groups that provided activities such as Conservation Volunteers Australia and the Sea Turtle Foundation. It was fantastic to have different types of volunteers including students from Ignatius Park College, scout groups, families and passionate individuals who all helped to clean up the beach. This community event is especially important for younger generations to learn that they can really make a difference for their local environment."

### **Toad Day Out**

Toad Day Out heated up to be a big one this year in Charters Towers especially with a higher than normal wet season. This year kids of all ages collected a whopping 3776 live toads for prizes.

The largest number bought in by a family was 303 toads. The heaviest toad was 321 grams. It is all in the name of fun but the Toad Day Out is making a difference in controlling toad numbers in this region. If all of Queensland participated in this event, a little difference would become a huge one.

On the eve of Toad Day Out in Charters, residents were told to keep each Todd and Toddina the Toad stored safely and brought to Blackheath and Thornburgh College for his or her big weigh-in on the following day. Trained officials identified toads from native frogs.

The toads were humanely disposed of using carbon dioxide gas, before they were used for research, by taxidermists or for fertiliser.

The NQ Dry Tropics website [www.canetoadsnotfrogs.com.au](http://www.canetoadsnotfrogs.com.au) has a few handy tips in making sure people know the difference between a native frog or cane toad.

Cane toads grow to 17cm or more and they are not strong jumpers and instead do many short hops to travel. Cane toads have very large poison glands on the shoulders, dry leathery skin and a thick ridge on the eyelids while a native frog has small round knobs or sucker discs on its fingers and toes for climbing. Australia has no native toads and there are 27 species of frogs that live in the dry tropics. A number of them resemble cane toads. Native frogs are usually only seen out and about during the wet season or when breeding. They are the ones you need to look out for when in a car on a rainy night.

**Welcome new NQ Dry Tropics Traditional Owner officers Natalie Friday and Taegan Calnan. We wish Leah Saltner all the best while she is on her maternity leave.**



Natalie is the Indigenous Engagement Officer for the Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) project. You can call her on 4722 5718. Natalie is an Eastern Kuku Yalanji/Kuku Nyungkal Traditional Owner from Cape York Peninsula. She was born in Townsville and spent her childhood on the main land and Palm Island. She was previously employed as a Cultural Mapping Ranger for Balkanu Cape York Development Corporation Pty Ltd and Activity Coordinator with the Kuku Nyungkal Ranger Program. Undoubtedly her experience in Traditional Knowledge Recording Pathway projects and maintaining cultural databases will add hugely to her new role.



Taegan is the Traditional Owner Engagement Coordinator at NQ Dry Tropics. She can be contacted on 4722 5708. Taegan grew up in the Pilbara region of Western Australia. She studied biology at James Cook University before moving to Darwin in 2003 and her Masters by Research in Darwin using native grasses for erosion control. Taegan worked with the Mangarrayi, Warray, Ngaliwurru and Ngariyman people recording plant and animal knowledge.



Rosie Sheather is Rangeland Ecology Officer for Delbessie Ready. If Rosie can help you with your lease renewal, call her (07) 4722 5724. Rosie Sheather has a Masters Degree in Natural Resource Management (Restoration Ecology) and Undergraduate Degree in Environmental Horticulture. She has worked as a ranger, Landcare facilitator, farm manager and horticulturist.



Mark Tartellin is the Grants Administrator. He can be contacted on 4722 5747. He was previously employed as Manager of Strategy and Governance with the Commercial Business Division of Townsville City Council. Mark's knowledge and interest in grant program governance and management will be of immense benefit in his new role.



Lisa Baynes is Wetlands and Pest Training Officer with a focus on our work to protect the Wetlands of Ramsar Bowling Green Bay. If you are interested in our Bowling Green Bay work call Lisa on 4722 5733. Her specialty is in community engagement, having worked within the cane industry as an Environmental Manager to promote sustainable farming practices from 2006 to 2009. Prior to her role with NQ Dry Tropics she was the monitoring officer at Sun Metals.

## Events

Saturday 4 June **NQ Dry Tropics is proud sponsor of World Ocean Day on Magnetic Island.** Alma Bay 10am to 2pm and at Barefoot Art Food & Wine in Horseshoe Bay from 2pm to evening. Join people around the planet to celebrate the life supporting body of water that links us all. 2011 theme is Youth: the Next Wave for Change. For more details call 4724 3544.

20-23 September **The Queensland Landcare Conference.** NQ Dry Tropics is the premier sponsor of the Queensland Landcare Conference in Ayr this year.

This year's event, the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Queensland Landcare Conference, focuses on the generations of

guardians. As well as including Traditional Owners and their stories in the program, conference organisers have brought together a variety of speakers from different age groups and backgrounds to share their expertise. Call Peter Arthofer for information on 4724 3544.

### **Volunteer opportunities**

Conservation Volunteers Australia and Coastal Dry Tropics Landcare Inc host events throughout every week and everyone is welcome to join in. Read more

#### **Every Monday in Fairfield Waters, Stuart Creek, Bluewater Creek and Sachs Creek.**

Learn more about our waterways and how to keep them healthy. Come along for a day or two to collect data, fish and identify macro invertebrates (water bugs). Get off the beaten track around Townsville, [www.conservationvolunteers.com.au](http://www.conservationvolunteers.com.au) or Mick Bradley 0428 533 078

#### **Every Tuesday in Town Common and Louisa Creek**

Become involved with water quality testing, fish population monitoring, aquatic plant and animal monitoring and macroinvertebrate monitoring. [www.conservationvolunteers.com.au](http://www.conservationvolunteers.com.au) or 4721 4077.

#### **Every Friday in CVA bush garden nursery in Aitkenvale**

Potting plants and enhancing the biodiversity and habitat around our tropical paradise.

#### **On 1st Saturday of every month at Turtle Bridge in Annandale**

Help the local landcare group plant trees. Coastal Dry Tropics Landcare [www.cdtli.org.au](http://www.cdtli.org.au) or 4721 4322

#### **On 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of every month in Upper Ross, Kelso**

Revegetation activities in a beautiful environment. Activities include tree planting, mulching and weed control. [www.cdtli.org.au](http://www.cdtli.org.au) or 4721 4322

#### **On 3rd Saturday of every month Coastal Dry Tropics Landcare Inc Bush garden in Mundingburra**

Activities focus on weed removal and control, plant watering and fire break maintenance. [www.cdtli.org.au](http://www.cdtli.org.au) or 4721 4322.

#### **Every 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of every month at the Palliative Care Centre, Douglas**

Volunteer to beautify the Palliative Care grounds alongside patients and carers [www.cdtli.org.au](http://www.cdtli.org.au) or 4721 4322

#### **Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month at Lou Lister Park**

Revegetation activities including hand weeding, brush cutting, mowing, tree planting, staking/flagging trees and mulching.

Coastal Dry Tropics Landcare Inc [www.cdtli.org.au](http://www.cdtli.org.au) or 4721 4322

#### **Every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of every month at Middle Ross, Cranbrook**

Weeding, tree planting, watering trees, staking and flagging plants, chemical weed control. [www.cdtli.org.au](http://www.cdtli.org.au) or 4721 4322

**And the opportunities keep getting better...**

#### **Nature Saturday**

Conservation Volunteers Australia gives guided all day bush walks at amazing locations surrounding

Townsville. These days are free for Conservation Volunteers members or become a member for \$70.

**National Green Jobs Corps**

Looking for a green job? Conservation Volunteers Australia is looking for people aged 17 to 24 to join National Green Jobs Corps teams. Call 4721 4077 or [www.conservationvolunteers.com.au](http://www.conservationvolunteers.com.au)

Until next time,  
The NQ Dry Tropics team.



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