

## Expression of interest form

Date:.....

Name:.....

Postal address:.....

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Telephone (office hours):.....

Email:.....

Organisation (if applicable):.....

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I/we wish to apply for Land for Wildlife registration for the

property at:.....

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Lot/DP:.....



Field trip participants inspecting a planting site.



Riparian planting on the Tweed River near Uki.

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## Land for Wildlife

### Voluntary wildlife conservation



Land for Wildlife is a voluntary property registration scheme that helps private landholders manage areas of wildlife habitat on their property.





Photo: Angela Yabsley



Photo: Bill Louis



Photo: Ian Montgomery



Photo: John Pumpurs



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## What is Land for Wildlife?

First established in Victoria in 1981 and now delivered in most states and territories, Land for Wildlife is a voluntary property registration scheme that helps private landholders manage wildlife habitat on their property. The scheme encourages and assists nature conservation on private land, irrespective of other land uses.

Under the scheme, thousands of landholders help conserve tens of thousands of hectares of wildlife habitat nationwide. Tweed Shire Council launched its Land for Wildlife Scheme on World Environment Day 2013. It is free to join, is not legally binding and does not alter a property's legal status.

## Why is Land for Wildlife important?

Tweed Shire is recognised as a biodiversity hotspot. It contains a great variety of plants and animals, many of which are found nowhere else. Private land accounts for 86 per cent of the Shire and harbours significant biodiversity, including many rare and threatened species. Therefore, private landholders play a key role in nature conservation. The Land for Wildlife Scheme supports this role.

## Who is eligible?

Land for Wildlife welcomes landholders who:

- Have a property with at least half a hectare of native vegetation.



Subtropical rainforest.

- Manage all or part of their property as habitat for native plants and animals.
- Are interested in integrating nature conservation with other land uses such as agriculture and tourism.

Landholders who do not initially qualify for registration may qualify for a "working towards" category whereby assistance will be provided to help them work towards full registration.

## How is eligibility determined?

A simple process is used to determine whether a landholder is eligible for the scheme.

When you submit an expression of interest, a qualified extension officer will arrange a time with you to visit your property to assess its biodiversity values. An assessment will

also be made of existing management issues, what you aim to achieve on your property and the extent to which you intend to integrate wildlife habitat conservation with other land management practices.

## What are the benefits of joining?

Once you are registered for the scheme you receive:

- A free Land for Wildlife sign in recognition of your commitment to wildlife conservation.
- A regular newsletter containing notes and news updates on relevant management issues.
- Free advice on the native plants, wildlife and ecosystems that occur on your property and guidance on land management issues.
- A comprehensive nature conservation resource kit.
- Invitations to workshops, field days and other activities where you will be able to share information and experiences with other landholders and partner organisations.

Registration in the scheme is free, voluntary, non-legally binding and does not alter the title of the property or convey the right of public access.

Registration does not confer official wildlife status on the property, nor does it permanently protect it, although advice can be given to landholders who do seek permanent protection for their land.