

Lockyer Uplands Catchments Inc

... caring for native habitats

Yuggera-Ugarapul country

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President's Report 1st November 2020 - 31st October 2021
6th Annual General Meeting
Sunday 5th December, 2021

Overview of LUCI governance

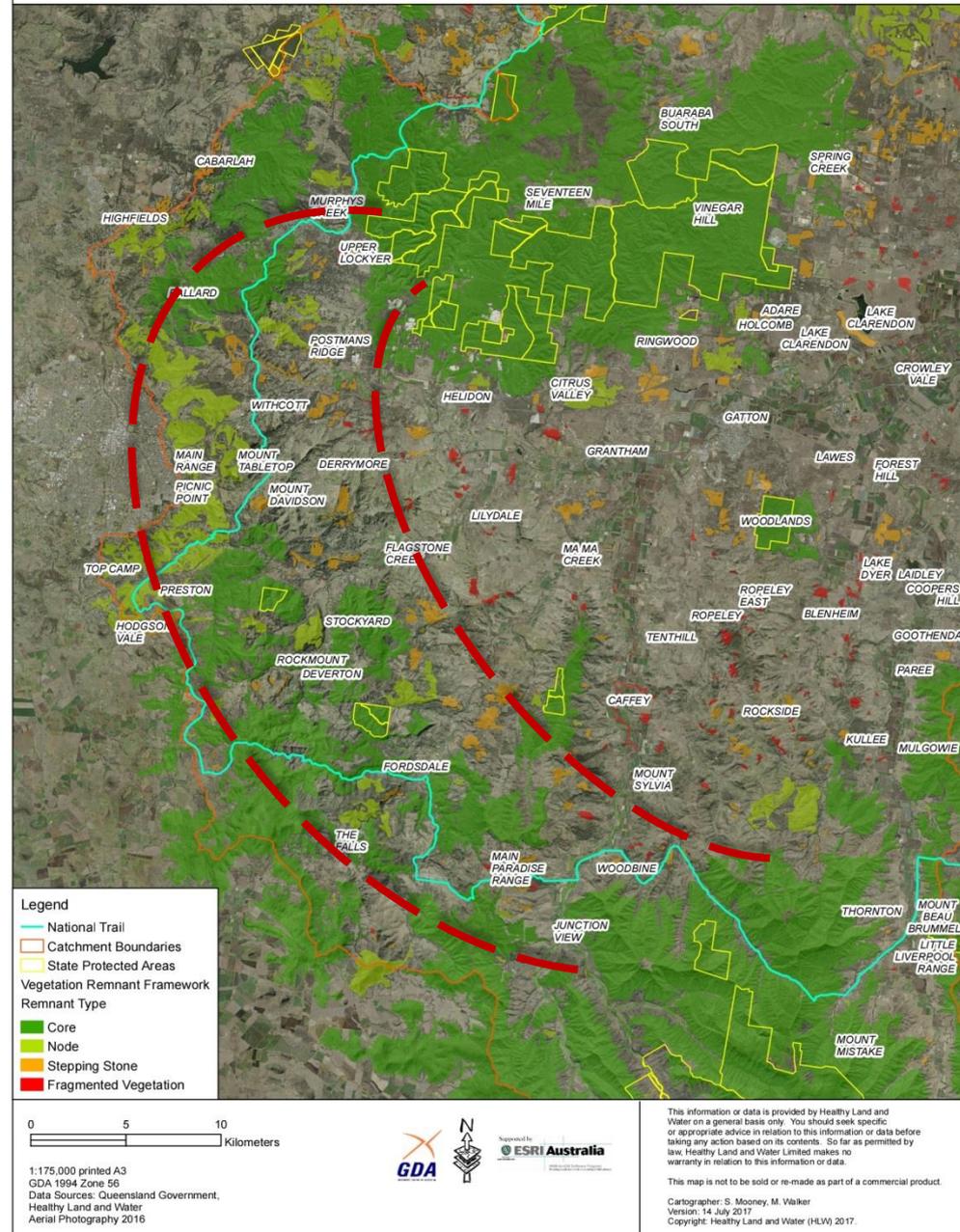
- Landholder association
 - Incorporated not-for-profit 2016
 - Membership is by fee (\$10) or honorary status
 - 69 members in Nov 2020 - Oct 2021 (53 in 2019 and 46 in 2020)
- Public liability cover of \$30,000,000 facilitated by QWALC
 - LUCI has a WH&S Policy and various Protocols in place (e.g. privacy, communication and data management protocols)
- Management committee of 3 elected office bearers and project coordinators who met five times in the last financial year
- Regional Alliance partner in the [Great Eastern Ranges](#) Initiative
- Associations and memberships include QWALC, SEQCMA, Landcare Australia, GBC Conservancy and PTBA
- LUCI acquitted three grants (two from Lockyer Valley Regional Council and one from the Commonwealth's Communities Environment Program) in this last financial year

LUCI's Vision...

Improve native habitat connectivity across private and public tenures in our local landscape as part of the Main Range-Helidon Hills Biodiversity Corridor and as part of the Great Eastern Ranges.

LUCI's Aims...

- Raise awareness of natural systems
- Encourage better land management options
- Improve environmental outcomes



Raise awareness of natural systems: Nov '20-Oct'21



Glossy Black Cockatoo Project: Phase 2 (Habitat)

- Annual **workshop**
- Shift survey focus to seedling recruitment – first round completed
- 5 properties + Dwyers Scrub
- **24 GBC sightings, 4 ort sites registered with WildNet**



Monitoring Threatened Species Project: Phase 1 (Presence)

- Surveys on 14 properties + random reports
- **Landholder reports**
- **34 koala sightings, 50 scat sites registered with WildNet**
- **BBBQ 'family' sighting**



Lockyer Uplands Bird Survey Project: Phase 1 (Presence)

- Baseline surveys 14 properties
- Second round surveys underway
- **Landholder reports**
- **112 species, registered with WildNet**

Raise awareness of natural systems: Nov '20-Oct'21



Native Grasses of the Lockyer Uplands Project

- Two **workshops**
- 61 species identified
- **Field booklet and Poster produced**



Special Interest Walks

- 34 people joined one/both walks guided by Martin Bennett to **increase flora ID skills**



Guest Speaker Breakfast

- 45 people **learned** about Butterflies of the Lockyer and Pollinator (Flying fox) behaviour and habitat requirements

Encourage better land management options: Nov '20-Oct'21



Biodiversity Management Group

- 24 landholders attended one/both meetings
- Three expert speakers
- **Increased knowledge** on gully erosion management, pest animal control and weed management techniques.



Landholder and community education

- Newsletter
- 2021 - no land management workshops for broader membership or community
- **Members' survey responses** will guide 2022 workshop program

Improve environmental outcomes – connectivity projects: Nov '20-Oct'21



Friends of Dwyers Scrub Project

- Collaborative Agreement with QPWS
- 80 volunteer hours
- Control of Cats Claw in SEVT
- Boosting volunteer numbers is a priority



Great Eastern Ranges/IFAW Project

- Bushfire recovery/resilience
- Lockyer one of three partner regions chosen
- Three LUCI properties identified with high value habitat (GBC and/or BBQ)
- Investment in habitat improvement

Improve environmental outcomes – collaborations Nov '20-Oct'21

Dr Guy Castley (Glossy Black Conservancy) – GBC Feed tree Project: Phases 1 and 2



Little Liverpool Range

- Provided training for staff and landholders for GBC project
- Receive Koala scat ID assistance



UQ Student engagement

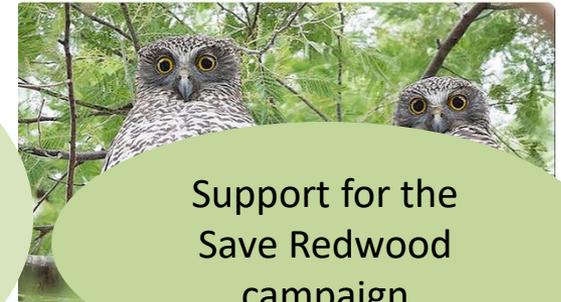
- 35 students provided with field survey experience
- LUCI input into UQ Gatton teaching program

Connectivity through collaborations and consultations Nov '20-Oct'21

Friends of Gormans Gap Project – auspice arrangement



GER Partnership meetings (6 x 1 hour practitioner meetings and one 2-day meeting)



Support for the Save Redwood campaign

Save Redwood



Submissions:

- SEQ Draft Koala Conservation Strategy
- Listing of the GBC as a threatened species
- Proposed MBT Plan for the Toowoomba Escarpment

Participated in HL&W's NRM Plan review process

Regional Conservation Action Planning exercise

Presentation on LUCI's GER partnership at the Friends of Escarpment Park's AGM

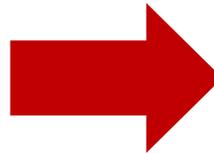
Additional member benefits

- Fauna monitoring equipment loan program
 - Cameras
 - Bio-acoustic recorders
- Weed control loan program
 - Splatter gun
 - Tree spear
- Quarterly newsletter
- Library loan program

LUCI's aims – how well are we doing?

Aims

1. Raise awareness of natural systems
2. Encourage better land management options
3. Improve environmental outcomes



Long-term outcomes

- O1 Landholders are **more knowledgeable** about the native species and habitats in their local landscape ✓ ✓
- O2 **Improved health of native habitats** on landholders' properties and in the landscape ✓
- O3 **Threatened species** continue to **use habitats** in the local landscape ✓
- O4 Improved **native habitat connectivity** across our local landscape ● ● ●
- O5 Landholders are a best practice **example of collaboration** on conservation of native habitats ✓ ✓

✓ Modest progress

✓ ✓ Good progress

● ● ● Work in progress

Challenges ahead – capacity issues



On behalf of LUCI's management committee, I would like to thank wholeheartedly...

- Our members, supporters and friends
- Roger Jaensch (Jaensch Ornithology & Conservation), Martin Bennett and Chris Hoffmann (LVRC)
- Lockyer Valley Regional Council CEGrant Program
- Collaborators (Guy Castley, Darren Fielder, UQ researchers, LLRI)
- Great Eastern Ranges partners
- Private donors

Together we improve and enhance native habitats so that other species can survive and thrive