



PRESIDENT'S REPORT APRIL 2018 – NOVEMBER 2018

Annual General Meeting

Sunday 25th November, 11:00-1:00pm, 1290 East Egypt Road, Mount Whitestone.

LUCI was incorporated on 20th May 2016. The objects of LUCI members' association are as follows:

Objects of association	Activities	Outcomes
1. Raising awareness of natural systems	➤ Encouraging landholders to express their environmental commitments on their own land	➤ The care of native habitats in our local landscape
2. Encouraging better land management options	➤ Providing environmental education for members and supporters	➤ The enhancement of habitat connectivity across our local landscape.
3. Improving environmental outcomes	➤ Hosting landholder get togethers that combine socialising with knowledge exchange	

Governance

LUCI is a member organisation of Healthy Land and Water Members Association, Queensland Water and Land Carers, which provides for LUCI's insurance cover, the Glossy Black Conservancy and Protect the Bush Alliance. Currently, LUCI is having discussions with Board members of the Great Eastern Ranges Initiative for consideration as an alliance partner.

LUCI had 38 members in the year from 1st November 2017 – 31st October 2018. Application for membership is open to all and the membership fee remains at \$5 per annum for persons over 18 years of age.

LUCI's management committee (President, Secretary and Treasurer) has met four times since the AGM in March this current year. At the invitation of the Committee, two of the four meetings were attended by three members of the Friends of the Dwyers Scrub Project and one meeting was attended by two members involved in the Photography Competition. The minutes for all meetings are available on request. LUCI successfully applied for one grant from Lockyer Valley Regional Council in 2018. LUCI's Treasurer will be presenting a financial statement for the last financial year to this meeting.

LUCI'S ACTIVITIES FOR APRIL 2017- MARCH 2018

Projects	Progress and comments
Friends of Dwyers Scrub Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 50 hours volunteer weeding since April and a total of approximately 435 hours since project commenced in October 2015. ▪ Weed mapping using Avenza software is underway. ▪ New QPWS Senior Ranger liaison officer who has inducted FoDS team in use of new herbicide, provided upgraded equipment and is revising individual work agreements while investigating option of agreement between LUCI and QPWS; <p><i>Issues to be addressed:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>LUCI's preference for collaborative agreement between LUCI and QPWS not individual volunteers and QPWS.</i> 2. <i>Impacts of continuing roadworks through park.</i>
Lockyer Uplands Glossy Black Cockatoo (GBC) Project: Phase 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Five year citizen science project involving eight properties and Dwyers Scrub with 636 trees tagged for surveying, involving four <i>Casuarina/Allocasuarina</i> species. ▪ Third round data collection on trees has commenced with wildlife cameras installed at known GBC watering source on each of two properties. ▪ Dr Guy Castley has analysed data collected to date and has judged our citizen science to be of an academic standard. ▪ Contact made with Wingecarribee Shire Council re their Glossy Black Cockatoo Conservation program, which includes the Glossies in the Mist Project. The Manager (Environment and Sustainability) is open to opportunities for learning exchange. Letters about Glossies in the Mist Project sent to Cr Rick Vela and LVRC's Belinda Whelband for consideration as a project to promote the importance of a wildlife corridor. ▪ Discussed idea of a GBC and She-oak promotion event with Martin Bennett (LVRC). <p><i>Ongoing actions:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Maintain tree surveying schedule and locate other likely water sources and nesting sites for camera surveillance.</i> 2. <i>Follow up with Wingecarribee Shire Council.</i> 3. <i>Follow up with LVRC re possibility of State grant and a GBC and She-oak promotion event.</i>
Special Interest Walks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Three walks have been held thus far and attracted between 11-15 walkers. ▪ Walk leaders have been excellent and very generous in giving their time and sharing their knowledge. <p><i>Ongoing action:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>The project to continue with two walks (Autumn and Spring) a year.</i>
LUCI Breakfast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Breakfast organized by working party and held at Stockyard Creek Hall in June. ▪ Forty-five people attended and heard guest speaker Dr Des Hoban. ▪ Positive feedback received. <p><i>Ongoing action:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Confirm who will coordinate this project and who will be in the working party.</i> 2. <i>Decision on number of breakfasts per year</i>

<p>Lockyer Valley Biodiversity Priorities Initiative</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ LUCI brought together Lockyer Valley biodiversity stakeholders on two occasions with the aim of discussing the state of biodiversity in the Lockyer Valley and identifying biodiversity priorities for planning and management. ▪ Stakeholders agreed on next steps in the process and a third meeting of stakeholders is to be convened by LVRC. ▪ LUCI would like to see the stakeholder network operate as a forum for LVRC to engage with relevant groups and agencies when reviewing the Lockyer Valley’s environment plan. <p>Action needed:</p> <p>1. Continue to liaise with LVRC on date for next stakeholder network meeting and community engagement plans around the review of Council’s environment planning.</p>
<p>Biodiversity Property Planning Group</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ LUCI held an introductory workshop for landholders (10 properties represented). Martin Bennett (LVRC) provided participants with property profiles and folders and Deb Metters (SEQ Land for Wildlife Regional Coordinator) attended. ▪ Landholders from eight properties have formed an ongoing peer learning and support group for their property planning and conservation work and have held one meeting to date, with the next meeting scheduled for January 2019. <p>Ongoing action:</p> <p>Participants to self-manage group by rotating planning and facilitation.</p>
<p>Lockyer in the Wild Nature Photography Competition 2018</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Competition launched in August and culminated in exhibition and awards and prizes presentation in November. ▪ Major sponsor LVRC and prize donors Lockyer Printing, jAK & MO Taste Co., Rosier Futures, Dawn Properties and Dr Guy Castley. ▪ 32 entrants submitted 129 photographs, which were judged by Dr Guy Castley and Mr Chris Cameron. ▪ Around forty people attended the exhibition at Stockyard Creek Community Hall. ▪ A debrief of the success of the project is being prepared by members Penny Kidd and Diane Guthrie. <p>Action:</p> <p>1. Determine the future of the project.</p>
<p>Junior Citizen Science Project</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Two meetings held with Principal of Mount Sylvia State School to discuss soil and composting project for 2018. ▪ While Principal was enthusiastic and expressed commitment, there was no follow up from the school. <p>Action:</p> <p>1. Management Committee has decided to not pursue the JCS Project at the present time.</p>
<p>Lockyer Uplands Koala Project</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Currently, only opportunistic sightings and scat findings recorded. <p>Actions needed:</p> <p>1. More promotion of the importance of registering sightings and scat findings.</p>
<p>Quarterly Update Newsletter</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fourteen issues to date and directly circulated to over 80 recipients. ▪ 2018 has seen more contributions to the newsletter from members and supporters.
<p>Social media</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ LUCI’s webpage receives a modest amount of views (1,624 views and 507 visitors since April 2017). ▪ LUCI’s FBook page (set up in August 2018) has 45 followers with over 120 views in the last month.

LUCI's Connectivity Strategy to achieve landscape-scale conservation

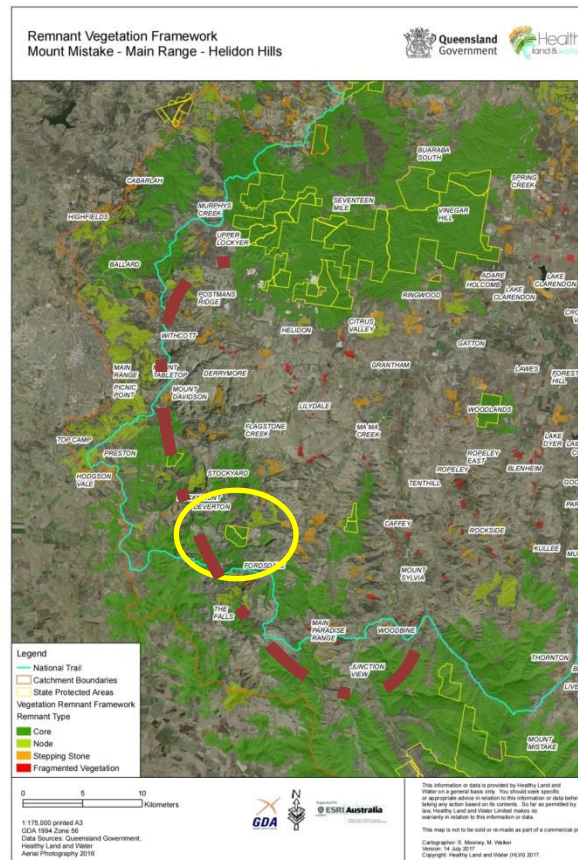
Local scale

- Protect and improve existing native habitat
- Improve the connectivity between “patches” of native habitat including Dwyers Scrub and surrounding properties.



Regional scale

- Provide a “conservation hotspot” in the Main Range-Helidon Hills corridor identified in *ShapingSEQ*



National scale

- Inclusion in the GER Initiative

