



# *Lockyer Uplands Catchments Inc*

*... caring for native habitats*

*Yuggera-Ugarapul country*

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President's Report 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023- 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024  
9<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting  
Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2024





# AGM/GM Agendas

10:30am Annual General Meeting

- President's and Treasurer's Reports
- Election of Office Bearers

11:00am General Meeting

- Members' survey feedback
- Ongoing projects
- Other business

11:30am Guest speaker Paul Donatiu,  
Project Manager,  
Queensland Threatened  
Plants Network

12:00pm Christmas Party



# LUCI – a year in review

## LUCI's Vision...

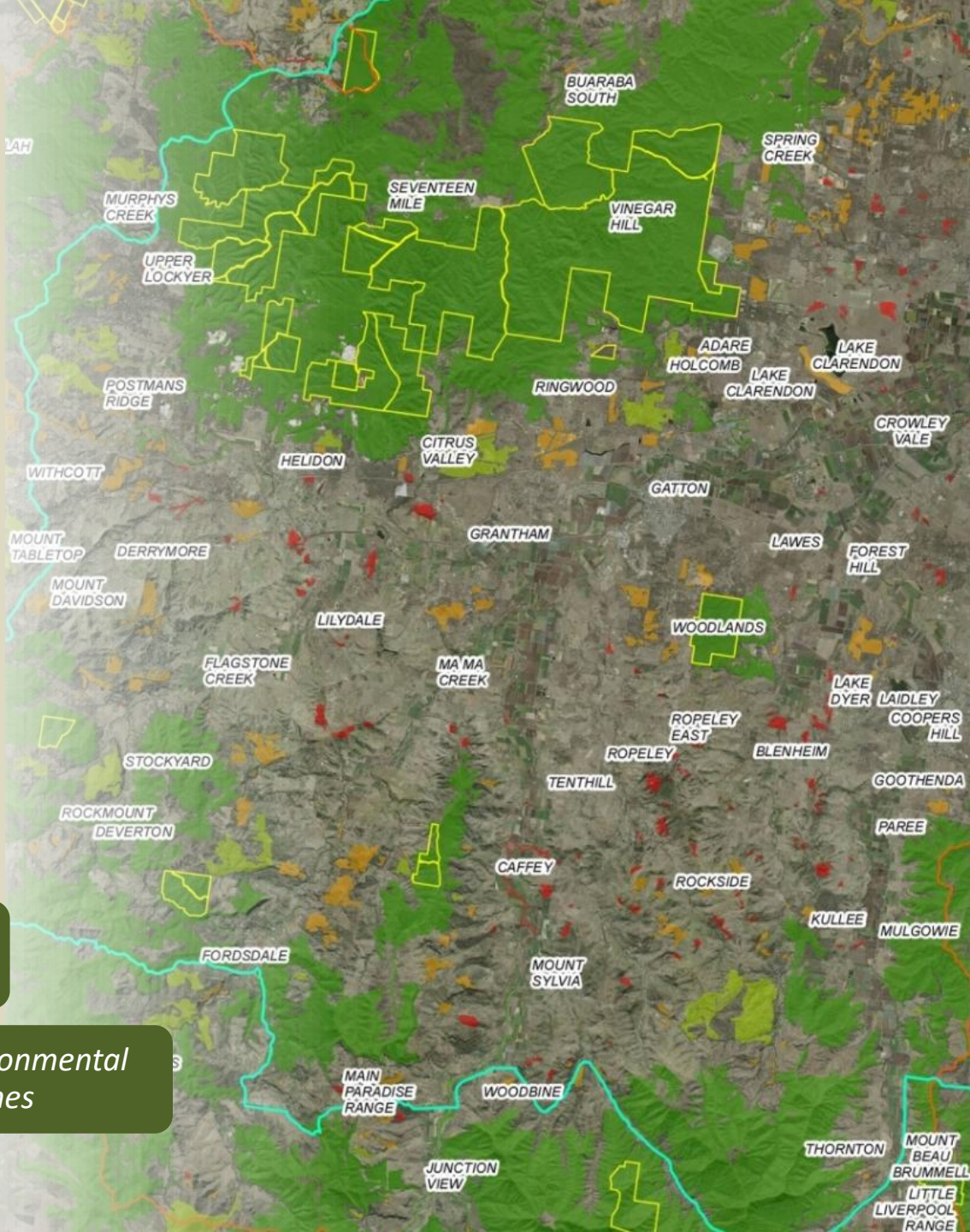
Improve **native habitat connectivity** across private and public tenures in our local landscape as part of the Main Range-Helidon Hills **Biodiversity Corridor** and as part of the Great Eastern Ranges.

## Aims...

Raise awareness of natural systems

Encourage better land management options

Improve environmental outcomes



# LUCI – good governance a priority

- Incorporated and carry insurance covers facilitated by QWALC
- Constitution on LUCI's website – OFT's Model Rules
- Managed by committee
  - 3 Elected, 3 member representatives and an ex-officio member
  - 5 meetings in 2024

## Membership 2024

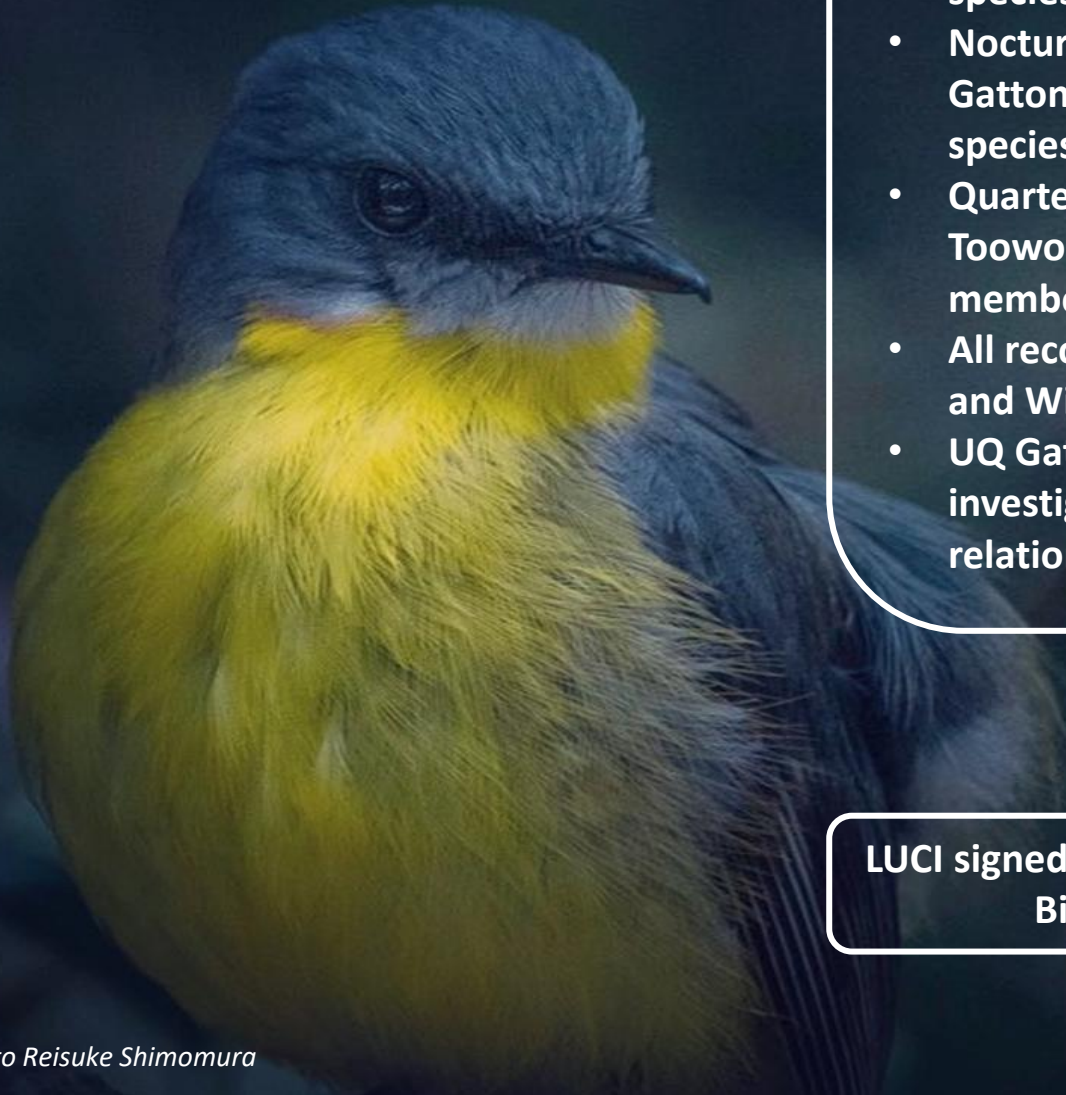
- 92 financial members
- Association membership (e.g. Great Eastern Ranges, QWALC, SEQCMA, Landcare Australia, GBC Conservancy, PTBA and Friends of Parks Association Queensland)

## Future planning

- Review of LUCI's Strategic Plan (facilitated by LUCI member Kristal Yee)
- Transitioned to an accounting software platform
- Developing a marketing plan



# Birds of the Lockyer Uplands Conservation Action Plan (BLUCAP)



## Bird Survey Project (2019 ongoing)

- 21 LUCI members' properties 152 species
- 7 LLR members' properties – 78 species
- Nocturnal bird surveys by 4 UQ Gatton students on 8 properties – 6 species
- Quarterly surveys by 2 x Toowoomba bird groups on LUCI members' properties
- All records registered with Birddata and WildNet
- UQ Gatton PhD researcher investigating bird-insect relationships



LUCI signed MOU with BirdLife Australia's  
Birds on Farms project



## Community education: Special Interest Walks


3 guided walks – 53 attendees learned about understorey management, natural regeneration, different vegetation communities and flora identification.



Our gratitude to Martin Bennett for his unstinting generosity in sharing his time and knowledge and to landholders who open their properties for these walks.



# Volunteer weed management



Friends of Dwyers  
Scrub weed program  
commenced in 2015.  
Materials purchased  
with a Queensland  
Government CSA  
2022-25 grant

LUCI received a grant  
from Qld Friends of  
Parks to purchase  
weeding materials  
to assist the Kidds'  
with weeding in  
Flagstone Creek CP





## **Community education: Workshops**

- **Protecting environmental values on private property**
- **Managing foxes in the landscape**
- **As part of the B2B project, Greater Glider and Brush-tailed Rock Wallaby and Bird and Bat Day**
- **In conjunction with HL&W's delivery of the NRRP project, Threatening Toads and Friendly Frogs Workshop**



# LUCI expanded portfolio - project management

## Natural Resource Recovery Program

- Funded by Qld Government
- Delivered by HL&W
- Field support by LUCI contractor



## Bunyas to Border (B2B) - Koala Climate Corridors Project

- Funded through a partnership between Great Eastern Ranges and IFAW
- LUCI delivery partner



Photo Jens Sohnrey 2021

## Improving the Trajectory of the Collared Delma in South East Queensland Project

- Australian Government "Saving Native Species" program
- Partnership with Kholo Creek Catchment Group and Pullen Pullen Catchment Groups
- LUCI delivery partner



Photo Stephen Peck



## Collaborations, presentations and submissions

- Collaboration with UQ researchers investigating “Diagnosis of stress levels in koalas across different habitats”
- Presentations
  - DDEC Eco-hut launch Toowoomba
  - National Glossy Black Forum
- LUCI submissions
  - Referral for Jubilee and Prince Henry Drive Park Mountain Bike Trails

## Member benefits

- Walks and workshops
- Access to grants
- Wildlife surveys
- Loan of fauna monitoring equipment (cameras, bioacoustic recorders)
- Loan of weed control equipment (Splatter gun, tree spear)
- Quarterly newsletter
- Library
- Christmas get together

## Opportunities for 2024

- BirdLife Australia’s Birds on Farms project
- Potential collaboration with Resilient Rivers program
- Invitation to showcase B2B project at LLR’s Connectivity Conference May 2025



*2025 marks 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of where it all started...*

*Friends of Dwyers Scrub 2015*





# LUCI wholeheartedly thanks...

- Members, friends and supporters
- Roger Jaensch (Jaensch Ornithology & Conservation), LVRC's Martin Bennett and Chris Hoffmann, UQ students Joe Joseph, Tabitha Wieden, Mel Appleby and Isabella Wong,
- Partners, funders and supporters
  - Great Eastern Ranges
  - International Fund for Animal Welfare
  - Department Environment and Science
  - Lockyer Valley Regional Council
  - Healthy Land and Water
  - BirdLife Australia and BirdLife SQ Darling Downs Branch
  - Toowoomba Bird Observers
- Private donors

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









# General Meeting

- Members' survey feedback
- Ongoing projects
- Other business






# Reasons people join LUCI

- To learn
- To connect with like-minded others
- To participate in conservation action
- To support the LUCI cause

## Activities deliver:

- Allowed me to support a worthwhile cause
- Increased my knowledge and skills in fauna and flora identification
- Increased my knowledge of native ecosystems and native habitats





# How do people want to learn

- **Field outings** led by expert guides or presenters
- **Half day workshops** on specific topics presented by experts in the field
- **Learning from other landholders** about their conservation practices

The activity attended by the majority of respondents - “LUCI Special Interest **Walks with Martin**”





# 2025 Commitments

- Continue implementing **Birds of the Lockyer Uplands Conservation Action Plan**
- Friends of **Dwyers Scrub Weed Program**
- Project manage **B2B and Collared delma** projects
- 4 x flora and bird **walks**
- 4 x **workshops**





# Suggestions for 2025 workshops and activities

Other business...