



Big Scrub Rainforest Day Program – Rocky Creek Dam – Sunday 30th October, 2022

Timeslot	Presentations	Workshops	Walks and other activities		Community Planting	Rolling activities throughout the day
8am-9am			<p>8:30am – 10am Bird watching along the Platypus Walk <i>Byron Bird Buddies</i></p>			<p>Ongoing throughout day across various stalls:-</p> <p>Children’s activities:</p> <p><i>Lismore City Council:</i> Sensory nature-based activities for kids.</p> <p><i>Lismore Rainforest Botanic Garden:</i> Children’s nature-based activities.</p> <p>Interactive displays and other hands-on activities:</p> <p><i>Conservation Volunteers Australia:</i> Learn how to make a native seed bomb to take home (or donate back for distribution on post-flood properties). Just like making a mud pie! Lots of fun and a chance to get your hands dirty!</p> <p><i>(Continued next page...)</i></p>
9am-10am	<p>9:15am-9:45am Welcome to Country</p>		<p>Come on a morning walk with BBB members - use your senses; listen, look and learn about the birds of the ancient rainforest and surrounding bush. Don’t forget your binoculars!</p> <p>(Note: activity is free, however, ticket is required - see our website for details)</p>	<p>9:30am-11am Mobile phone photography in the rainforest walk <i>Iain Stych (Envite Environment)</i></p> <p>Explore the rainforest and gain useful tips and tricks to capture stunning rainforest and nature photos using modern mobile phone technology. Bring your mobile phone, sturdy shoes for an easy grade walk, hat, and water; Optional: tripod and earphones (corded) to learn a cool new trick.</p> <p>(Note: activity is free, however, ticket is required - see our website for details)</p>	<p>9am-11am Community planting</p> <p>Join our experienced bush regenerators in planting 1,000 rainforest trees to help restore the Big Scrub Rainforest. BYO gloves, hat and water bottle.</p>	
10am-11am	<p>10am-10:30am Koala health <i>Friends of the Koala</i></p> <p>Learn about koala health issues and how we can keep these cute Aussie icons safe.</p>	<p>10am – 11am Seed Propagation workshop <i>Firewheel Rainforest Nursery – Mark Dunphy and Jake Lennon (Rous spider tent)</i></p> <p>Come and learn how to propagate rainforest and non-rainforest seeds at home. Our highly experienced team will demonstrate the techniques to get those easy and tricky seeds to germinate and grow into strong healthy plants ready for planting.</p>	<p>10am – 11:30am Coming to our senses <i>Lismore City Council presents in partnership with Venerable Pannyavaro of Bodhi Tree Monastery and Well-Aware-Ness psychologist, John Barter</i></p> <p>Mindfulness in nature activity featuring a walk and meditation. For ages 17 and over (minors to be accompanied by an adult). BYO yoga mat/towel and water bottle; Optional: small pillow.</p> <p>(Note: activity is free, however, ticket is required - see our website for details)</p>			



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11am-12pm	<p>11am-11:30am The Richmond Riverkeeper – giving the rivers and creeks of the catchment a community voice <i>Prof Amanda Reichelt-Brushett</i></p> <p>Hear how the Richmond River catchment is one of the most ecologically stressed catchments in NSW and learn how you can be part of community-led activities that will facilitate improved river health.</p>	<p>11:45am – 12:45pm Nestbox monitoring workshop <i>Richmond Landcare Inc</i> (Rous spider tent)</p> <p>Learn about how nest boxes work and the benefits they bring to the amazing creatures that decide to move in! This workshop also takes a look at how to monitor nest box activity with the use of a pole camera.</p>				<p>OzFish: A range of interactive displays to disseminate the importance of healthy fish habitat. Attendees can ‘make it rain’ over a vegetated and unvegetated ‘riverbank’ to understand the importance of plants in reducing erosion and nutrients entering our rivers. Also includes setup of an oyster filtration demonstration, where you can see oysters improving water quality before your eyes.</p>
12pm–1pm	<p>12pm – 12:30pm Facts about bats <i>Byron Shire Council Biodiversity Team</i></p> <p>Hey kids! Come and learn some fun facts about the awesome flying-fox and why this amazing animal is so important to the rainforest.</p>		<p>12:45pm - 2:45pm A walk and talk to the Woodford Scrub <i>Jesse Vandenbosch and Damien O’Dwyer</i></p>			<p>Richmond Riverkeeper Association: Waterbug display. Check out our live waterbug display to familiarise yourself with these awesome natural indicators of aquatic ecosystem health.</p>
1pm-2pm (continued next page...)			<p>This walk will focus on rainforest flora species and management from an experienced bush regeneration perspective. Looking at the history and approach of bush regeneration at Rocky Creek Dam, this guided <i>(continued next page...)</i></p>			



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1pm–2pm	<p>1pm – 1:30pm Wild about birds <i>Byron Bird Buddies</i></p> <p>Calling all children! Wear your favourite coloured shirt and get ready to get Wild About Birds with me. <i>Birds of the Big Scrub</i> <i>Birds of the Beach</i> <i>Birds of the Forests and</i> <i>Birds of the Sea</i> <i>Not all Birds are the same that much you'll see</i> <i>when you get to know our amazing Australian birds with me</i></p>	<p>1:30pm – 2:30pm How to plant a rainforest <i>Firewheel Rainforest Nursery – Mark Dunphy and Jake Lennon</i> (Rous spider tent)</p> <p>Learn the latest techniques to grow a rainforest. Methods are always developing and improving. Come and learn the latest in species mixes plus planting and nurturing your trees into a rainforest.</p>	<p>walk takes you through the magnificent Big Scrub Rainforest where farmland once dominated and on to the edge of the Big Scrub Flora Reserve. Bring a snack, water, wear sturdy walking shoes, long pants and a hat.</p> <p>(Note: activity is free, however, ticket is required - see our website for details)</p>	<p>1:30pm – 2:30pm Soothe your nervous system with nature. Nature Connection Walk and Sit Spot Experience <i>Caitlin Weatherstone – Life Wild</i></p> <p>Join Caitlin Weatherstone from Life Wild as she takes you on a healing inner and outer journey with nature. Experience deep nature connection and the soothing benefits of the wild. Bring a hat and water bottle.</p> <p>(Note: activity is free, however, ticket is required - see our website for details).</p>		
2pm–3pm	<p>2pm - 2:30pm Getting to know our region's worst weeds Rous County Council</p> <p>Join Rous County Council for a chat about some of the biggest weed threats facing our region, and what you can do to stop the spread.</p>					
<p>----- Close of day -----</p>						