

Media Release

\$100,000 awarded to help save our Aussie species

24 July 2017: Four volunteer projects in Queensland are tackling the issue of endangered species by protecting the habitats of Aussie fauna, including the Kuranda tree frog, the southern cassowary, white-throated snapping turtle, and Richmond birdwing butterfly.

Ten projects were awarded funding in 2017 to undertake \$100,000 in habitat restoration projects across Australia. The funding was made possible via Landcare Australia's Workplace Giving Program, which works in partnership with 23 businesses across the country, including Telstra, Qantas, and Konica Minolta.

There are many similar habitat restoration projects around Australia which are always in need of funding to carry out their valuable work. Destruction and encroachment of native habitats by humans, feral animals, and introduced plant species has contributed to 161 species now classified as endangered. Thanks to the volunteer efforts of thousands of Australians, there is hope for saving our treasured animals from extinction.

Brettacorp Inc. in Murrigal was awarded \$10,000 to enhance, create and bolster biodiversity and develop habitat and nature reserves for wildlife, including the southern cassowary and mahogany glider.

Kuranda Envirocare was awarded \$9,240 to protect biodiversity. Their project focuses on monitoring habitat of rainforest-specific birds and local endangered frogs, and raising community awareness.

Isis Landcare Group in Wallaville was awarded \$9,650 to address creek bank system health, gully erosion control, natural habitat restoration, and revegetation of the wildlife corridor continuation for both land and aquatic species, including the white-throated snapping turtle.

Finally, Brisbane Valley Kilcoy Landcare Group was awarded \$2,435 to establish the birdwing butterfly vine at strategic locations within the Stanley River catchment.

Landcare Australia's Workplace Giving Program is an easy way for employees to contribute to charity from pre-tax income. It also helps businesses enhance their reputation, actively engage their employees, and make a positive impact on the community. Visit <https://landcareaustralia.org.au/workplace-giving/> for more information.

For a full list of the grant recipients visit:

<https://landcareaustralia.org.au/news/habitat-restoration-grants/>

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Landcare Australia is a not-for-profit organisation with a vision of all Australians actively caring for the land and water that sustain us. For over 25 years, Landcare Australia has worked collaboratively with federal, state and local governments, corporate partners and sponsors, and individuals, to build capacity for the Landcare community to better manage Australia's crucial land and water assets.

Landcare Australia delivers hundreds of projects annually through the volunteer efforts of local community groups, Indigenous groups, and the more than 5,400 Landcare and Coastcare groups that make up the Landcare movement.

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