

Land for Wildlife

About Land for Wildlife

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Land for Wildlife (LFW) is a voluntary nature conservation program that aims to support private landholders to protect and enhance native flora and fauna on their property. LFW also encourages landholders to integrate nature conservation with other land management activities. For more information about LFW, contact the SEQ Regional Coordinator, Deborah Metters on (07) 3211 4404.

LFW started in Victoria in 1981 and has since then been adopted by most Australian states and territories.

In Southeast Queensland, LFW officially commenced in July 1998 with the appointment of a full time Project Coordinator based at Ipswich City Council and four Extension Officers.

After a successful trial period, the Queensland Government, through the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service coordinated the LFW program on a statewide basis from 2000 - 2003. In 2004, Greening Australia Queensland commenced the statewide coordination of the program.

As an integral component to the Regional Investment Strategy, NRMSEQ commenced coordinating the Southeast Queensland LFW program in 2004 with the appointment of a Regional Coordinator.

In Southeast Queensland, LFW is delivered through participating local governments. These local governments employ LFW Extension Officers who undertake property assessments and liase directly with the landholders. Participating councils include Brisbane City Council, Beaudesert Shire Council, Caboolture Shire Council, Caloundra City Council, Gatton Shire Council, Gold Coast City Council, Ipswich City Council, Logan City Council, , Maroochy Shire Council, Noosa Shire Council, Pine Rivers Shire Council, Redland Shire Council, Toowoomba City Council and Boonah Shire Council.

In the past, other Southeast Queensland Councils such as Esk Shire Council and Laidley Shire Council have participated in LFW, but are currently not involved in the scheme.

More than National Parks

The importance of LFW in Queensland is clear when one considers that National Parks and reserves protect only 63% of recognised natural systems and cover less than 4% of Queensland (figures from 2001).

Furthermore, with over 54% of bushland in Southeast Queensland in private ownership LFW can play a significant role in protecting regional ecosystems and wildlife, which are poorly represented on public lands.

Recognising landholder knowledge and skills

A crucial component of LFW is to acknowledge and value the skills and commitment of landholders to nature conservation. LFW brings together landholders to share skills and knowledge during workshops, field days and through the quarterly newsletter. LFW Extension Officers and landholders work together to achieve better outcomes for wildlife and their habitat.

Downloads

Tech Notes:

- [Regional Ecosystems](#) (PDF, 1.8MB)
- [General Reference List](#) (PDF, 172KB)
- [Making your Dam "Wildlife Friendly"](#) (PDF, 328KB)
- [Creating an Environmental Weed Strategy](#) (PDF, 139KB)
- [Edges - Their Effect on Vegetation and Wildlife](#) (PDF, 83KB)
- [The Value of Dead Wood to Wildlife and Agriculture](#) (PDF, 129KB)
- [Old Trees for Wildlife](#) (PDF, 74KB)
- [The Value of Understorey Vegetation](#) (PDF, 122KB)
- [Natural Regeneration: Principles and Practice](#) (PDF, 99KB)
- [How you can help Koalas on Private Land](#) (PDF, 148KB)
- [An Introduction to the Soil and Litter Layers](#) (PDF, 251KB)
- [Environmental Weeds - Control Methods](#) (PDF, 148KB)
- [Native Plant Propagation for Bushland Rehabilitation](#) (PDF, 124KB)
- [Platypus - Protecting their Habitat on Private Land](#) (PDF, 66KB)
- [Fire as a Wildlife Habitat Management Tool](#) (PDF, 285KB)
- [22 Principles to Integrate Wildlife with Farm Management](#) (PDF, 337KB)
- [Enjoying both your Cat and your Wildlife](#) (PDF, 354KB)
- [Managing and Rehabilitating Riparian Vegetation](#) (PDF, 375KB)
- [Watching Wildlife - A Beginners Guide](#) (PDF, 601KB)
- [Nest Boxes for Native Wildlife](#) (PDF, 486KB)
- [Encountering Wildlife Without Feeding](#) (PDF, 692KB)