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Welcome to 2025



Dear Members, Volunteers and Staff,

Firstly:

How much fun was that Christmas party?! Certainly my favourite of the season. Thank you to all our staff and volunteers who made it a really special night. From Lesley's sparkling earrings adorning the crowd to her eloquently touching poetry re-cap of our year at the nursery, just when I thought we were festive enough and having a great Christmas feast - the tutus appeared and the tap-dancing Cecily enlightened me to the true talents of our own Peter and Ethan. So much fun! It was wonderful to meet so many of you and I am looking forward to seeing you throughout the year and working with such a fun-loving and dedicated crew.

Secondly:

A very Happy New Year from me and a big welcome to 2025 - our 25th year here at MRL! This milestone is an opportunity to reflect on the impact our work has had on the landscape and community over the past two and a half decades. If any members have before and after photos of their plantings over the years, please consider sharing these memories with us to showcase and celebrate Landcare successes. You can email me directly with your photos, memories and stories of land care big or small (*please send to president@mrwl.org.au*).

With many thanks for all that you have contributed in the past and best wishes for an inspiring and productive 2025, I am looking forward to seeing you at the nursery, or at the amazing workshops that Nursery Manager Suzanne has coming up in The Seed Pod this year!

Sincerely yours,

Laura Adler

President
Mooloolah River Landcare



Right: Marc, Suzanne, Peter & Lesley
Above: the MRL team enjoying the party!

Celebrating 25 years!

As Laura mentioned, this year marks the 25th Anniversary of Mooloolah River Landcare!
What a milestone.

We'd love to gather as much community history from landholders as possible, including stories of works undertaken to improve and enhance the Mooloolah catchment and surrounds over the last 25 years.

Do you have photos of transformations at your place? Perhaps you or someone you know has been involved in previous projects? We'd love for you to send us in any relevant photos and documents. Better still - drop by in person and share your story with us! We'd love to hear all about it!

If you have attended a Mooloolah River Landcare event over the years, and it has inspired you in some way to help our environment, waterway or community, please let us know.



GATHAA
FIRST NATIONS MARKET
MOOLOOLAH RIVER LANDCARE NURSERY

- First Nations Artisans stalls
- Food Vans with bushfood infusions
- Jarjums (Kids) Nature activities
- Bushfood Cooking demo with Aunty Dale Chapman
- Live Entertainment
- Cultural Workshops
- Yarning Circle

SATURDAY
8 MARCH
9AM-1PM

@gathaa.markets





**Girls
in
the Wild!**



Our **Girls in the Wild!** School Holiday Field excursion program, 20-24th of January, was an absolute blast! 37 girls aged 10-13yrs from all over the Sunshine Coast took part in up to 7 different field science activities led by inspirational women working in science and the environment. Activities included dolphin spotting, wildlife rescue, bat monitoring, methods for recording nature, exploring rockpool creatures and planting trees for koalas. The girls were encouraged to record their experiences in field journals and also got to use some cool tech like immersive virtual reality and hydrophones to listen to life beneath the surface of the water!

This program was all about supporting and encouraging the next generation of environmental leaders and made possible by an Investing in Queensland Women grant from the Queensland Office of Women.



Customer Review

"Although I've known about the mrwl nursery for ages I have only recently joined and started purchasing plants! I love what you do, love the plants and the wonderful advice I always receive about what to plant where etc!

I also joined Gardens for Wildlife - what a fantastic program. The Gardens for Wildlife book is packed full of great advice and ideas of what to plant where and complimented by glorious photos.

From a small patch of grass 12 months ago our native garden is thriving and starting to attract lots of critters including a blue tongue!

Thank you."



Andrea D.



Membership just \$33 - sign up online or in person.

You need to be a current MRL member to be eligible.

mrl.org.au

Trees for Resilience



Our Trees for Resilience - Climate Action by Planting Trees-

This 3 year program has already smashed our goal of planting 30,000 in our community...one year early! During our last tree tally in November we counted **30,171 trees produced and planted** in the last 2 years! Those trees have the potential to remove a whopping 6,034,200 kilos (6,034.2 tonnes) of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere over the next 20 years! We are so proud of our community for planting all those trees! **We still have more funding to help subsidize the cost of community tree planting projects so let us know if you want to host a community tree plant this year.** For example: This January we were able to provide 50 trees for a Girls in the Wild Koala habitat tree plant in Maleny.



Walk on the Wildside Entrance



Volunteers at the last working bee Nov 2024



Walk on the Wildside

With thanks to some wonderful volunteers, a regular working bee is now happening the **third** Wednesday of the month.

19th of February 8:30am-12:30pm

Last year we launched our outdoor learning space, and planted lots of young native plants. We need your help to pull some weeds, and replant some plants, so that this area can continue to thrive.

The morning will conclude with a light lunch for all those hungry volunteers!

This is a free event, however we need you to register for planning purposes.



If you have any questions, please email coordinator@mrwl.org.au

'Walk on the Wildside' is Mooloolah River Landcare's exciting 'outdoor classroom' project supported by the State of Queensland Department of Environment and Science's Community Sustainability Action Grants Program Round 7.



Support First Nations

We're excited to announce that the **GATHAA First Nations Markets** will be held at Mooloolah River Landcare on **Saturday 8 March, from 9 AM to 1 PM.**

Join us for an inspiring day of connection, culture, and community, right here on Country, as we celebrate First Nations entrepreneurship and culture.

This grass roots family-friendly event will feature a variety of market stalls featuring First Nations-owned businesses, handmade goods, bushfoods, and more.

This is a unique opportunity to meet the local First Nations community, support First Nations businesses, and experience the depth of culture and knowledge that surrounds us.

Bring your friends and family, and spend the day enjoying live music, workshops, and the warm and welcoming atmosphere of the GATHAA First Nations markets community.



* MACRO-INVERTEBRATES & NATIVE FISH *

FAMILY FRESHWATER FUN *PART 1*

SAT 22ND FEB
MACRO-INVERTEBRATE MONITORING 2:00PM - 3:15PM
NATIVE FISH TALK : STEVE BAINES 3:30-4:30PM
FOLLOWED BY A BBQ @ 4:30PM



Walk on the Wildside: Macro-invertebrate Monitoring

- Come along and find which creatures live in our waterways!
- Interactive session, exploring different invertebrates with our "Bug Club" lady Jessica Raintree

Native Fish with Steve Baines (author of the children's book series featuring Rodney Rainbow fish)

- An entertaining talk for adults and kids alike focusing on the importance of Australian freshwater native fish &
- Educating people on the importance of caring for our freshwater habitats

2671 Steve Irwin Way, Glenview 4553

FREE!
(BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL)



FROG INFO SESSION & EVENING FIELD SURVEY

FAMILY FRESHWATER FUN DAY *PART 2*

SAT 22ND FEB
BBQ & DRINKS 4:30PM-5PM
FROG TALK : JONO HOOPER 5PM-6PM
(FOLLOWED BY A BRIEF BREAK - NURSERY WILL BE OPEN)
FROG FIELD SURVEY 6:30PM-8PM

*FROG TALK & SURVEY: JONO HOOPER
(Events Coordinator Qld Frog Society Inc.)*

- The importance of frogs
- Frog species of the local area & threats they face
- How to attract frogs to your backyard
- An Evening Frog Survey - conducted out the back of MRL

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TICKETS VIA HUMANITIX



Register Now



Celebrating Butterflies

Join us for a butterfly count in March!
(We'll let you know the date soon)

Butterflies are an important part of a healthy environment. Both adult butterflies and their caterpillars are food for many creatures like birds. Butterflies also help to pollinate our plants. Many caterpillars can only feed on specific native host plants. Because of this close relationship with plants, butterflies can be an indicator of the environmental health of an area.



During our Celebration of Butterflies community count in November we found 12 species of butterflies in and around our Walk on the Wildside rehabilitation space!



Join us in counting the Sunshine Coast's butterflies. Count from your backyard, school, local park or join a public survey event. You don't need to be a butterfly expert, anyone can join!



images courtesy of Jessica Raintree



Spencer's 2025 Calendar



Glossy Black orts



Young surveyors at work



Glossy Black Cockatoos (via Canva)

Photo courtesy of Phil Bender



Birds of Mooloolah Valley & Surrounds

Join us for an educational and inspiring morning focusing on the birds that call our region home! As part of our "Action for Glossies in the Mooloolah Valley" thanks to the support of BirdLife Australia - we are proud to host both Phil Bender & Spencer Hitchen. Let's talk birds, including the special Glossy Black Cockatoo!

Saturday 8th March

Start time: 8:30am

The Seed Pod, MRL Nursery, Glenview



Let's lock in some dates!



UPCOMING EVENTS

FEB

19

Walk on the Wildside Working Bee
8:30am - 12:30pm



FEB

22

Freshwater Family Fun Day - Part 1
Macroinvertebrate & Native Fish
2pm - 4:30pm



FEB

22

Freshwater Family Fun Day - Part 2
Frog Info Session & Field Survey
4:30pm - 8pm



MAR

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Birds of the Mooloolah Valley
8:30am - 11:30am



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GATHAA First Nations Markets
9am - 1pm

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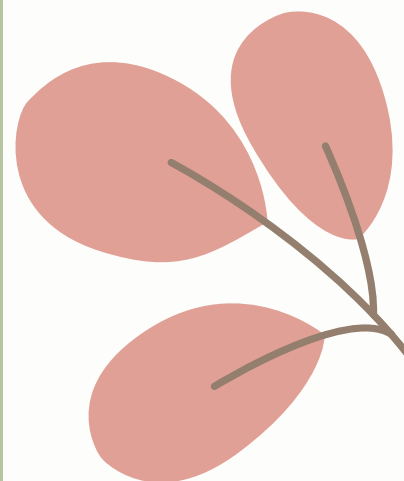
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Celebrating 25 years!
(includes Seed Pod First Birthday)
9am - 1pm

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Eucalypt ID with Marc Russell
9am - 12pm





Celebrations!

MRL has an ongoing relationship hosting trainees from both ECOllaboration and TAFE throughout the year, We assist students in furthering their practical skills and plant knowledge. From seed collecting & sowing, to irrigation repairs and weed control, our MRL team helps prepare students for future employment within the conservation & revegetation industries.



Congratulations to the 2024 Graduated students (pictured here)! We look forward to crossing paths again with you in the near future, and hearing about your adventures.



ECOllaboration graduation Dec 2024

The MRL Seed Pod is a great venue for holding events such as this. We hire the space out to various groups or individuals. If you are interested in using this space for a workshop/ regular group meeting (eg. yoga sessions) please get in touch. We'd love to help you bring together community for your next event. Contact Peter - coordinator@mrwl.org.au



Join the Fun!

We have various volunteer opportunities - some ongoing, and some just as a one off. If you have ever considered trying your hand at volunteering, then please reach out & we can let you know more! Our vologies have lots of fun!



Peter (coordinator) with Bill and Dingo



Volunteers are the heart of MRL!



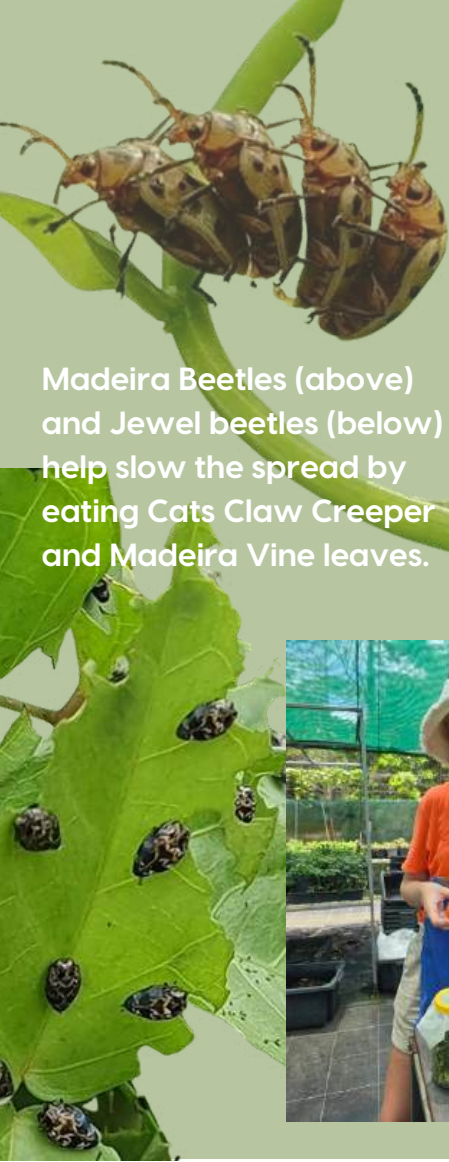
As a general guideline, these are our volunteer days/ times:

- Nursery** (with Suzanne & Ethan) - Mon & Tues 9am - 12pm
- Biocontrol** (with Jessica) - Tuesday mornings
- WOTW Working Bee** - first wed of the Month
- Events & Activities** - register your interest with Jess (projects@mrwl.org.au) or Peter (coordinator@mrwl.org.au).
- Management Committee** enquiries can be directed to coordinator@mrwl.org.au
- Fundraising** - speak to Rod (treasurer@mrwl.org.au)

It's Beetle Hunting Season!

Summer is when we catch and release our bioagent beetles to help control the spread of Cats Claw Creeper and Madeira Vine. A big shout out to our two newest beetle catchers Majenta and Jenny! Although the season got off to a slow start we are hoping that the mild conditions extend our beetle season through to autumn. If you'd like to get involved and help us with our beetle harvest contact Jessica: projects@mrwl.org.au.

Madeira Beetles (above) and Jewel beetles (below) help slow the spread by eating Cats Claw Creeper and Madeira Vine leaves.



Jars of Jewel Beetles ready for release in a local Cats Claw Creeper Infestation.



MRL works with Seqwater to improve the habitat of creek lines in the catchment for Ewen Maddock Dam, to improve the quality of water flowing into the dam.

A big issue for water quality is failed septic tanks or septic tanks that are not working properly, usually due to age. A poorly working septic tank can put pathogens into the soil and water courses and then into the drinking water reservoir.

If your septic tank has a strong sewage smell, has pooling water over the soakage pit, or water is slow to drain from the shower or kitchen sink, you may have a septic issue.

Seqwater has funds available to help you install a new septic tank if your septic is poor or failing, if you live within the catchment for Ewen Maddock Dam. This is roughly the northern part of Landsborough and rural living areas near Dularcha National Park.

Please make contact with Peter Shuttleworth on 0447 223 558 to find out more.