

EnviroForum 2018

From little things big things grow



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Program

8.45 am	Registration
9.10 am	Welcome
9.30 am	Backyards Contribute to Greater Good Presented by Costa Georgiadis
10.15 am	Little Liverpool Range Initiative Presented by Ben O'Hara and Felicity Shapland
10.55 am	Morning Tea
11.25 am	The Great Eastern Ranges Initiative: A Natural Way to Restore the Big Picture Presented by Gary Howling
12.00 pm	Panel Session Collaborating to make big things grow
12.45 pm	Lunch
1.45 pm	Big Plans for Small Creek Presented by Ben Walker
2.10 pm	Land for Wildlife - Behind the Sign Presented by Deborah Metters
2.30 pm	Waste or Create
2.45 pm	Closing Address
3.00 pm	Networking drinks
4.00 pm	Close

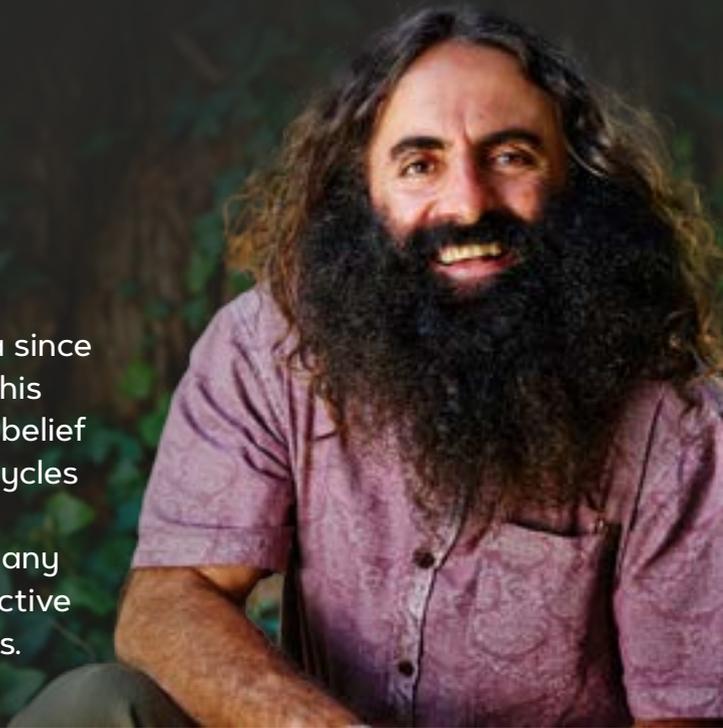
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Speakers

Costa Georgiadis

Costa has been the host of Gardening Australia since 2012 sharing his passion for plants, people and his eco-vision. A landscape architect with a strong belief in embracing and celebrating Mother Nature's cycles and seasons and nurturing her balance, beauty and bounty organically, Costa can deconstruct any landscape to create holistic, sustainable, productive and pleasurable garden and landscape solutions.



Ben O'Hara

After more than 20 years in the banking and property sectors, in 2012 Ben began working in the environmental sector as General Manager for the QTFN where he oversaw the extraction of QTFN from the Qld state government, engaging with practical work in establishing wildlife corridors, ecological restoration and biodiversity offsets within the QTFN revolving fund. Ben joined Flight Centre founders, Jude and Skroo Turner, private family operations in March 2016 to assist develop the Turner Family Foundation, their enduring ecological vehicle. The Turner Family Foundation recently developed the Hidden Vale Wildlife Facility and is a founding partner in the Little Liverpool Range Initiative. The Turner Family Foundation is focused on ecological restoration of the Hidden Vale property and rewilding of the region through community partnerships and native breeding activities at the Centre.



Felicity Shapland

Felicity has over five years experience working in the conservation and land management industry, having delivered projects at a variety of state and local agencies both in Queensland and overseas. She has been with QTFN since February 2015, working as an Ecologist and Conservation Project Manager. She works alongside government, community and industry groups to deliver conservation outcomes for protected areas, threatened species and ecosystems. Felicity is proud to be working with QTFN and loves the diversity of her work, which can have her tagging turtles one day and negotiating covenants the next.



Gary Howling

Gary is a director of the Great Eastern Ranges Initiative (GER), and ecologist working in the field of connectivity conservation and Australasian migration ecology. He has worked as part of the team implementing the GER since early 2008. Over the last decade Gary has been responsible for providing regional partnerships with specialist connectivity conservation and threatened species recovery advice.



Ben Walker

As Waterway Improvement Officer with Ipswich City Council, Ben has worked on a number of projects to enhance our waterways including policy development and subsequent application to program design and implementation. The redevelopment of Small Creek has been a major creek naturalization project for Ben and the team.



Deborah Metters

Deborah Metters works for Healthy Land & Water and has managed the Land for Wildlife program in south-east Queensland for 14 years. She is an avid advocate for nature conservation and is inspired by the passion and innovation of landholders who are bringing back Nature onto their lands. Deborah lives in Ipswich on a small bushland block on which she is restoring the native understorey primarily for invertebrates and small reptiles – unfortunately the Noisy Miners keep most of the interesting birds away.

Thank you

After coming together at EnviroForum 2018 and hearing from those who have achieved conservation connections, shared stories with others and created some new networks – let's think about what action we can take to continue to make big things grow.

As a gift, you have received a plant to create habitat in your own backyard. Remember the Chinese proverb 'The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago, the second best time is now'.

Take a look at the 'Waste or Create' station to gather some ideas on what you can create. Share your ideas with others at the networking session.

Consider creating a corridor either in your backyard, with a volunteer group at a common site or on an even larger scale to have a positive impact on your local environment.

Share your planting and 'create' idea using **#EnviroForum2018**. We would love to see what you have done.