

LAND FOR WILDLIFE NEWS



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Land for Wildlife Update

Hello all,

Apologies for the lack of contact for a few months. You may be aware that our last two coordinators, Danae and Kim, have defected to join CLC to work in the Land Management Section. I think you can feel proud of them as gaining the experience of working with the Land for Wildlife program provided a good background for their applications. They are enjoying the challenges of their new positions.

With Danae and Kim's departure, and in the absence of a replacement, I have done a limited job of servicing our members. I can only use the normal excuse of enjoying field work and having too many projects that are getting behind. If any of you are aware of a people-friendly person who is looking for 2 to 3 days work per week, please have them get in touch with me immediately. Skills required include being interested in helping people to learn, being reasonably well organised and having some computer skills. A love of nature and some knowledge of plants and animals would be an advantage. We will provide experience and on the job training.

Good news on the funding front. We were lucky enough to get an Alice Springs Community Development grant to add to the small Envirofund grant and these grants would have kept us going on a one day week basis till the end of the year. Fortunately, the NT Government, through new Land for Wildlife member Peter Toyne, has seen their way clear to fund us for an additional year at our previous level. This will allow us to provide the fuller services we have offered over the last year and a half to provide guidance and encouragement to members to re-establish or encourage local native plants and animals.

For early members who had the benefit of getting advice from LfW Coordinator Audrey Hill, you will be happy to know that she is now the proud mother of a baby boy and both are doing well in Darwin where Audrey is pursuing a degree at CDU.

I expect contact will be back to normal in a few weeks. Until then, enjoy the significant growing rain and be thankful it happened in the winter when Buffel Grass is slower to grow.

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Advisory Committee Vacancies **1**

Advisory Committee vacancies exist and we are looking to fill these. Lynn Day has recently resigned from her Parks and Wildlife position and we would like to obtain another member from that organisation. Lynn has been a great contributor to LfW planning. Basil Zadow is off touring Australia and we need a LfW member to fill his position on the Advisory Committee. If you are interested, get in touch with Bill Low on 89 555 222.

This very brief Newsletter is just to keep you all in the loop. Feel free to contact me with any problems or prospects you may have. We're mostly in reactive mode until I can find a primary coordinator.

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Watch the winter growing herbaceous plants sprout after this rain and look forward to some late winter/early spring flowers. Send me any news for the next LFW Newsletter.