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A Happy New Year?!

Christmas and New Year are traditionally times of fun and celebration. This year's "celebratory" season was anything but that. We've all been shocked by the damage that the unprecedented, destructive storms and flooding rains have caused to homes and cars, splintered trees and downed power lines. After residents of the mountain and the surrounding areas took in the scale of the destruction, they've rallied together in ways that have made us proud of our communities.

At Landcare we've also been concerned about the damage to our sites – and their communities of creatures. Fortunately, most of our sites got off lightly, with only minimal destruction.

Our Most Damaged Sites

Our president, Judith Roland, recently met with Scenic Rim Regional Council representatives to discuss how best to repair the damage done to our most affected sites.

Areca Gully and Kinabalu Prospect

Council will first undertake major track repairs at these Contour Rd sites or will make new ones, so that the extent of the damage can be assessed. It was agreed that these tracks are important for our contractors to keep on top of invasive weeds, and to allow members of the public to walk through the sites.

The team agreed that most of the debris lying on the ground, including huge trunks and branches of eucalyptus trees, will be left where they have fallen. Any large piles of leaves, smaller branches etc will be dispersed over a larger area so that they don't offer major fuel loads concentrated in one place.

Kinabalu Drive

This site, which is "unallocated" Queensland Government land, will be repaired in due course by the Department of Resources. The Team Leader, State Lands Management,

Department of Resources, has already carried out an assessment of the damage. Some very large trees have been brought down and many others are at risk of toppling. The scope of the repair work is beyond TML's resources. We will therefore work with the Department, taking on the smaller jobs. Our contractors have already spent a day on site removing debris, chain-sawing smaller trees and the like.



One of our contractors cutting up fallen trees



Our little seedlings have survived unscathed at Kinabalu Drive.

And the Good News ...

Our wonderful Shelf Rd site, with its Richmond birdwing butterfly trellises, was completely unscathed!

Members of the public are welcome to explore the site and enjoy a rest at the picnic tables.





Our 2024 To-Do List

It's a full agenda, which will further our established activities. We will

- continue regular maintenance of all our sites
- assist landholders with any queries regarding restoration of their properties, if this is within our resources
- hold regular working bees to engage our community members in practical on-ground work

- further our partnerships with local schools to assist in environmental education for students
- celebrate the wonderful work of all our volunteers who are directly involved in our activities, such as the Piccabeen Bookshop

Want to Know More about These Activities?

... and how you might get involved?

Please contact Judith Roland on 0429 808 206

Visit the Piccabeen Book Shop

Operated by Tamborine Mountain Landcare volunteers. All funds are directed to forest restoration projects across Tamborine Mountain.

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