

2017 CONVENOR'S REPORT

Conservation Priorities Plan

Grasswrens since 2006 – successful crowdfunding campaign raised over \$14,000 had support of Southern Gulf NRM, TOs, Steve Murphy, and volunteers. Sound recorders installed and influencing fire management regime. Success is due to the vision and leadership of GH.

Beach-stone Curlew Surveys

Under leadership of Amanda Freeman survey of over 250 kms of coastline surveyed in 2000. A follow up survey will be repeated in March 2018 coordinated by CP and assisted by TC. Basis of bi-annual survey coordinated with BLA. TO rangers and local councils will need to be involved to ensure success.

Altitudinal Species

Golden Bowerbirds and Tooth-billed Bowerbirds. 30 people volunteered for transect surveys in 2017, conducted between 750m ASL to 1120m ASL. Surveys designed and coordinated by GH. Dominic Chapman undertook surveys further a-field in historical ranges. 520 TBB and 150 GBB recorded in the baseline surveys.

Communications and Marketing

Keeping members informed, general public, and local council. Who? What? How? Working group meeting to deliver project objectives (RC, TC, SW, MW, CP). BLNQ website under development in 2018. Contact Call is highly successful and very well received by members (here here Gary Wilson). Facebook page has over 800 members which can help us get our message out to a much wider audience.

Crane Counts

David Merryll will coordinate the 2018 Crane Counts. 21 years of data. Eleanor Scrambler, GH, Tim Nevard, Ceinwen Edwards, Virginia Simmonds.

PIP Counts

Volunteers counted at 25 beach sites. Needs more participants at more sites to get a better idea of the

Yourka Reserve Surveys

Thanks to Mike Anthony.

Flat Creek Station

Obtained important funding from Southern Gulf NRM to protect unique and important habitat.

BirdLife Events

Successful talks, monthly Sticky Beaks birding outings, Warrina Lakes, East Trinity, Paluma, Shipton's Flat and Cooktown, and the 2017 National Twitchathon.

Acknowledgements

A special thanks to our committee and members for being involved, and for your passion and dedication to contributing to the conservation of our birds.