Roadside Environmental Management

Winner in Division A

Glen Innes Severn Council

*Restoration of Medium and High Conservation Value Road Corridors*

The Glen Innes Severn Councils project involved restoring road corridors of medium and high Conservation Value through the chemical control of environmental weeds such as Hawthorne and feral fruit trees. The project also planted local endemic tree and shrub species, creating a corridor to link two large areas of high conservation value native bushland.

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Kempsey Shire Council

*Rehabilitation and weeding specific priority Kempsey roads*

The Lower Macleay Floodplain Roadside Vegetation Management Plan identified weed infestations and lack of native vegetation as issues along Belmore River Road and Summer Island Road. This project improved the roadside environment through eradication and control of high risk weed species and enhancing and restoring the native vegetation.

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Highly Commended in Division C

Sutherland Shire Council

*Green Streets – Realising the biodiversity value of roadsides across Sutherland Shire*

Sutherland Shire Council has embarked on an ambitious, multi-faceted approach to bring back biodiversity and a sense of place to its neighbourhoods. The Green Streets program is a new initiative that has been developed to offset the loss of canopy trees caused by development, illegal removals and old age. Propagation material is locally sourced by Bushcare volunteers and grown in Council’s community nursery.

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Central West Region
Central West Councils Salinity & Water Quality Alliance Roadside Vegetation Management Implementation Project

10 Councils from across Central NSW came together to undertake critical conservation on known high conservation value roadside vegetation. Councils have managed 600 kilometres of weeds, extended habitat through planting 15,000 trees, used innovation to prevent weed spread, rehabilitated old stockpiles and installed 1000 green marker posts to assist in ongoing roadside environmental management. This work, combined with training of over 160 council staff has ensured councils have the skill and capacity to take on high conservation value roadside vegetation and achieve quality management and rehabilitation outcomes.

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Winner in Division C and Overall Winner

Riverina and Murray Regional Organisation of Councils (RAMROC)
Linking, Thinking and Acting: Roadside Vegetation in the Murray Catchment

This project is a regional partnership across the Murray Catchment involving RAMROC, Murray LLS, and 12 councils. Over 50 council staff from across the region engaged in the project, delivering revegetation and restoration of over 142km of roadside. 81kg of locally indigenous native seed was used in direct seeding of 415km of roadside, weed control undertaken across 440 hectares, and 120 Significant Roadside Environment Signs installed. Such regional collaboration, extensive on-ground works and a renewed capacity of council staff have improved roadside environmental outcomes across the region.

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