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A change among Richmond Landcares

Confusion between the two Richmond 'Landcares' - Richmond Landcare Inc, the network of over 70 Landcare groups, and Richmond Landcare Services which provides on ground support for groups and projects, has now been resolved with a new name and a new working agreement.

Richmond Landcare Services has now become Northern Landcare Support Services P/L and a memorandum of understanding has been drawn up with Richmond Landcare Inc so the two work more closely together.

The Chairman of Richmond Landcare Inc, Mr David McInnes-King, said today that the two groups while continuing as separate organisations, will work cooperatively and jointly on projects and activities such as workshops, field days and grant projects.

"The goal is a more integrated and cost effective approach to Landcare and natural resource management across the Richmond Catchment," added David.

Director of the new Northern Landcare Support Services, Mr Bob Jarman, said he was delighted that the two organisations would come together to work on some activities.

"Along with our new name, we have just established a new main street shopfront base in Kyogle at which we will also promote the work of Richmond Landcare Inc and its role as the Landcare network for our region," said Bob.

Community Support services will continue to be offered by Northern Landcare Support Services for the Upper and Lower North Western areas of the Richmond catchment, while Richmond Landcare will provide support for the rest of the catchment. The renewed contracts have just been announced by the Northern Rivers Catchment Management Authority.

One of the first joint activities where the two groups will work together will be at the upcoming Big Scrub Rainforest Day, being held for the first time at the Bangalow Showgrounds on Sunday September 20.

This year Richmond Landcare is a major supporter of the day and in a large marquee it will feature stands from several member Landcare groups, as well as Northern Landcare Support Services.

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Richmond Landcare Inc Chairman, David McInnes-King (left) and Northern Landcare Support Services Director, Bob Jarman, sign their new working agreement.



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