



2016 Saving Our Threatened Species

GLENRAC Inc

GLENRAC hosted an information evening titled ‘Save Our Threatened Species’. Our guest speakers were UNE PhD students Trent Forge and Frances Zewe who are studying the biology and ecology of spotted tailed quolls and feral cats.

The issue

The aim of this project was to raise the community awareness of the impacts of feral cats on our native fauna species, including our local threatened species icon, the spotted tailed quoll. Additionally the project promoted the concept of a landscape scale approach to the management of key threatening process to protect our threatened species. This event also connected a broad cross section of the community with current research projects being undertaken in our region.

The solution

The information evening was held on 7th September 2016, National Threatened Species Day. The event was held at the Glen Innes & District Services Club, a central location for our community of interest. GLENRAC staff completed all project management tasks. Funding was secured through the 2015-2016 Northern Tablelands Local Land Services Community Small Grants. The project budget was \$1430 to cover all costs including promotion, venue hire and catering and project administration.

The impact

Participants were invited to complete event evaluations forms at the completion of the event. All participants indicated an increase in knowledge as a result of attending the event. Positive feedback was received on the event content and duration and the level of engagement and interest of our speakers. Many participants listed local research as the best part of the event. The format of the information event followed by a light supper worked well, with the opportunity for participants to speak directly with our presenters at the close of the formal proceedings. The event has created a link between community and research in our local area, with connections made between land managers, both private and public and research students from UNE.

Learnings

GLENRAC chose to host this event on National Threatened Species day and during the National Landcare Week. This was a great time to promote proactive natural resource management. The content and the format of the event were a different approach to our usual daytime events and attracted many new participants to Landcare. The limited budget was adequate for the number of participants but would have being inadequate of numbers were significantly higher.



Key facts

- Link land managers and community members with local research
- Increase awareness of key threats to local threatened fauna species
- Plans for an annual event on National Threatened Species Day

Project Partners



This activity is part of the Local Landcare Coordinators Initiative



Local Land Services

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