



## GER Connections: July 2024

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We and our partners have been keeping pace with the brisk weather of late, planting and reconnecting thousands more hectares of habitat as we wrap-up a number of large projects. From restoring glideways, flyways and stepping stones to assist wildlife still recovering from the Black Summer bushfires in three NSW landscapes to creating a koala climate corridor from Bunyas to Border in south-east Queensland. Read about these activities and more, and meet some of the many people and partners contributing towards the Great Eastern Ranges in our latest enewsletter.



## **Project wraps up - Communities restore Glideways, Flyways and Stepping Stones to assist local wildlife**

Over 32,000 stems have been planted, habitat connectivity improved across more than 10,000 hectares and hundreds of new homes created for wildlife over the past two years through a partnership between GER and WIRES. As part of Glideways, Flyways and Stepping Stones, GER's regional partners have been working with landholders in three landscapes in NSW to assist dozens of wildlife species still recovering from the Black Summer bushfires.

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## **Koala Climate Corridors: connecting from Bunyas to Border**

Our new climate corridor for koalas, greater gliders and other wildlife is springing to life along the western 'horn' of the Greater Border Ranges. Over the last twelve months, Lockyer Uplands Catchments Inc. has been working with local landholders and groups to help plant over 3,500 trees and install dozens of nest boxes and wildlife water drinkers across 53 properties to establish 'Bunyas to Border'. The corridor is the first in a series that GER and the International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW) hope to support as part of Koala Climate Corridors to help wildlife adapt and communities build resilience to the impacts of climate change.

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## **Wollondilly community dip in to help regenerate their catchment**

Since the launch of our new water replenishment project in February, local communities and groups in NSW's Wollondilly Shire have been helping to improve water quality and output, curb riverbank erosion and regenerate their catchment lands. Supported through our partnership with Amazon Web Services, Greater Sydney Landcare has been working with the Wollondilly Shire Council, landholders and community members to plant new habitats, regenerate bushland and build local knowledge and capacity.

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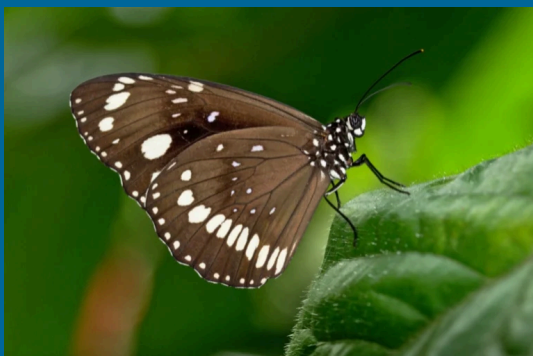


## Bringing back Nymboida's glossy black cockatoos

Meet Pamela Denise, one of the incredible landholders who has been working with GER-WIRES project partner, Clarence Landcare, to help bring glossy-black cockatoos back to the bushfire-impacted region. During the project, she and other landholders helped collect she-oak seeds, plant food and habitat trees, manage weeds and install new nesting hollows to support the return of their glossies.

Says Pamela: "It is not the time to be acting in fear. It's the time to really be thinking about things and working it out. It is a matter of collecting information and being brave enough to try."

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## CREATURE CONNECT

### Common crow butterfly

It may be called a common crow, but every winter this dapper butterfly forms an incredible display that is anything but. Around June or July, adult butterflies congregate in their thousands in sheltered coastal valleys and offshore islands to overwinter together, creating a visual spectacle. Safer in these vast numbers, the butterflies go into a dormant state called a diapause, during

which they shut down most of their basic life functions and live off their fat reserves and nearby nectar sources. Read our blog to learn more about Australia's native monarch.

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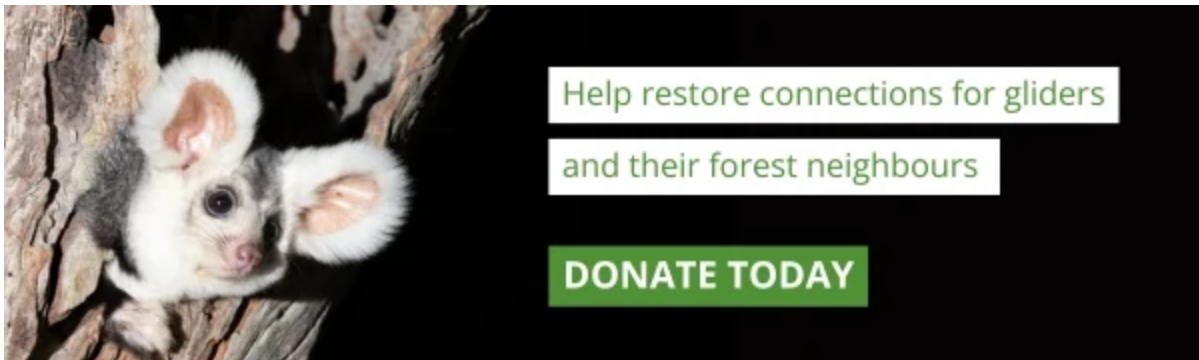
This is just a snapshot of the activities that GER and our partners deliver with the support of our funders and in-kind contributions. Together we are making a real difference and I thank each of you for everything you do for the Great Eastern Ranges.

On a personal note, I am about to embark on a three-month sabbatical from 5 August to rest and reforge my own even closer connections to our beautiful but fragile ranges. In my absence, the rest of the GER team and network will continue their vital work of connecting, protecting and regenerating nature across eastern Australia.

I look forward to reconnecting with you all later in the year.




**Gary Howling, CEO of Great Eastern Ranges**




We know what needs to be done and where it will have the biggest impact on the ground. Together we can reverse the damage at the vast scale needed and create a thriving, resilient Australia for people and nature. [Will you help us?](#)

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