

FROGSHEET

Spicocalyx serrata; Photo by Ryan Carleton



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Mixophyes coggeri; Photo by Ryan Carleton

President's Report



Hello once again to all of our QFS members.

It's hard to believe we're already edging towards the middle of the year. This year seems to be slipping by faster than ever. Also, the cooler days are starting to settle in bringing a gentle hint of Winter which has been a refreshing change.

The Queensland Frog Society is thrilled to be taking part in the Esk Garden Fair for the very first time. This year's event will be held on Saturday the 20th of June at Pipeliner Park in Esk, marking the fair's 10th anniversary. Visitors can look forward to a wide range of nurseries, garden art, information stalls like ours, guest speakers and demonstrations, live entertainment, and plenty of delicious food options. We're really looking forward to being part of the celebrations. If you're after a fun day out, come by and say hello.

Not long after the Esk Garden Fair comes the annual Queensland Garden Show, happening at the Nambour Showgrounds on July 10th, 11th, and 12th. It's a wonderful event for anyone who loves gardening whether you're an expert, just starting out, or simply enjoy wandering through a lively, inspiring space.

The QFS will once again be hosting a stall at the Garden Show. It's always one of our busiest events, with lots of visitors to our stall eager to learn how to attract frogs, identify different species, and create frog friendly spaces in their backyards like ponds and frog hotels. To keep everything running smoothly, we rely on volunteers to assist at our stall, and it's been fantastic to see so many new people offering their time in recent years. We'll be sending out expressions of interest soon, so if you'd like to help, please get in touch. Volunteers receive free entry to the show. Even a couple of hours of help makes a big difference!

As the end of the financial year draws near, it's a great moment to consider supporting the Public Trust Fund. Donations help university students and researchers access grants that contribute to vital frog research. This research is crucial for protecting many species into the future. Contributions over \$2 are tax-deductible and can be made through our website. This year, we were able to award a \$2,500 grant to Tommi Mason to support her research thanks to these generous donations. To continue offering this kind of support to researchers, the Trust Fund relies heavily on community donations.

A huge congratulations also goes to Tommi for being named the nation's Top Frogger in the FrogID Week competition. She has submitted more than 2,000 recordings to FrogID over the years she has been involved, including an incredible 848 recordings during this year's FrogID Week alone. An extraordinary effort and a wonderful contribution to citizen science. You certainly were busy that week. Well done, Tommi!

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We'd also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who donates their recyclable containers to the Queensland Frog Society. All funds raised go into the Trust Fund to support the Ric Natrass Research Grants. In just over two years, this initiative has brought in \$833.10. A great effort!! Feel free to share our team number with friends and family who might like to help our cause. Our team member number is C11218433.

Take care of yourselves, look out for each other and our environment.

Regards
Ashley Keune



842 NORTHERN CORROBOREE FROGS RELEASED INTO THE WILD

A record 842 critically endangered Northern Corroboree Frogs have been released into the wild in New South Wales as part of efforts to strengthen fragile wild populations, which are estimated to number fewer than 2,000 mature individuals.

Bred and raised at Taronga Zoo Sydney, the tiny frogs, weighing just 2–3 grams and no bigger than a paperclip, were released in partnership with the NSW Government's Saving Our Species program and NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service.

The Northern Corroboree Frog (*Pseudophryne pengilleyi*) is found only in the Brindabella and Fiery Ranges of NSW and the ACT and faces ongoing threats from chytrid fungus, habitat disturbance by introduced animals such as pigs and deer, and extreme climate events including the Black Summer bushfires.

Conservationists say larger releases of genetically diverse frogs improve survival rates and strengthen long-term breeding success in the wild. Since conservation breeding began at Taronga Zoo in 2010, thousands of eggs, tadpoles, and frogs have been released to support recovery efforts.

While still critically endangered, this year's record release marks an encouraging step toward securing a future for one of Australia's most iconic alpine frogs.

*Litoria watsoni; Photo by Stephen Mahoney*

A BOOST FOR WATSON'S TREE FROG RECOVERY

There is renewed hope for the endangered Watson's tree frog following the release of captive-bred froglets and tadpoles into the wild after devastating habitat loss during the Black Summer bushfires.

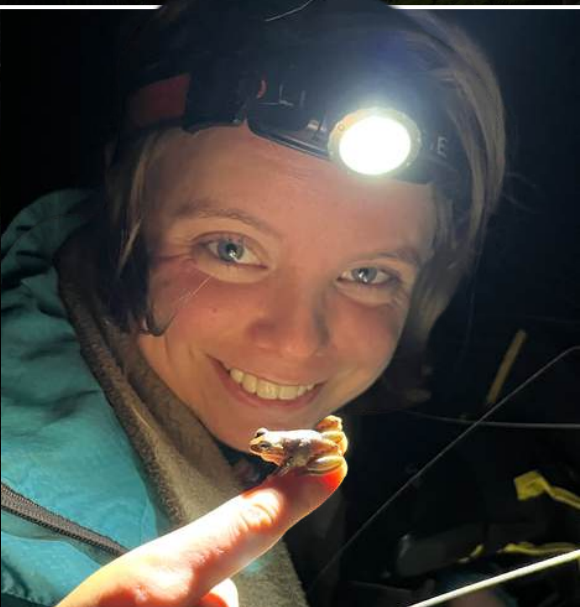
Native to eastern Victoria and south-eastern New South Wales, Watson's tree frog (*Litoria watsoni*) lost around 80 per cent of its habitat during the 2019–2020 fires. In Victoria's East Gippsland region, the species is now known from only ten small sites, with breeding occurring at just a handful of locations.

In a bid to support recovery, scientists from Zoos Victoria and conservation organisation Wild Research recently released around 200 froglets and 1,200 tadpoles into suitable habitat. The program aims to rebuild populations and reintroduce the species to areas where it has disappeared.

Watson's tree frog is a distinctive species, growing to about six centimetres long with brown colouring and bright orange thighs. Unlike many tree frogs, it has a slower, deeper call and is even said to have a scent similar to curry leaves.

The species faces ongoing threats from habitat loss, disease caused by chytrid fungus, and introduced animals such as pigs and deer disturbing breeding areas. Researchers hope monitoring the released frogs will improve understanding of the species and help guide future recovery efforts.

While challenges remain, the program offers a promising step toward securing a future for one of Australia's lesser-known endangered frogs.



TOP FROGGER WINNER

Congratulations to Tommi Mason, who was named the nation's Top Frogger during this year's FrogID Week competition.

Tommi submitted an incredible 848 frog recordings during FrogID Week alone, helping secure the top spot and adding to more than 2,000 FrogID recordings she has contributed over the years, an extraordinary contribution to citizen science and frog conservation. Tommi has also been awarded a Queensland Frog Society research grant to support frog-related research.

A fantastic achievement congratulations, Tommi, and thank you for all you do for frogs.

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Esk Garden Fair at Pipeliner
Park

10-12 July 2026
QLD Garden Show at Nambour
Showgrounds



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