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Investing in Rural Communities Grant

To The Foundation for Regional Renewal and Recovery

The Coastwatchers Association Incorporated is the leading community environmental and conservation group serving the South Coast of NSW, principally in the Shire of Eurobodalla between Akolele next to Wallaga Lake and South Durras. We currently have around 100 members.

Coastwatchers supports the application for the FRRR's *Investing in Rural Communities* Grant by the Batemans Bay Heritage Museum.

The Grant is to conduct a one day in-person workshop on *Volunteer/Member Recruitment and Retention* and is intended to be held in September 2021. The focus of the workshop will be on finding creative and empathetic ways to recruit and retain volunteers for the various volunteer run and led not-for-profit organisations in the region. The Grant will help to build and sustain the community's capacity to tackle regional environmental issues.

Coastwatchers looks forward to working with and supporting the Batemans Bay Heritage Museum for the long term sustainable future of our region.

The Museum contributed to the recent Nature Conservation Council Regional Conference on 22 May attended by 100 people providing an all day screening loop of historic footage of early timber cutting in state forests. The Museum also provided a Welcome to Country sign in Yuin language.

Regards

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