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Media Release

New Dates Confirmed for Save Wallum vs Clarence Property

The Brunswick Heads community are celebrating tonight after the Federal Court of Australia today amended the dates of the highly anticipated legal proceedings for SAVE WALLUM INCORPORATED v CLARENCE PROPERTY CORPORATION LIMITED ANON, to **21 February 2025 – 28 February 2025**.

The hearing, which was due to begin Monday 14 Oct 2024, represents a pivotal moment in the fight to protect 30 hectares of rare coastal heathland and culturally significant Wallum ecology in Brunswick Heads, NSW.

Save Wallum Inc. successfully secured an urgent interlocutory injunction on 5 July 2024, just 24 hours after being notified that works were imminent. Now, a permanent injunction is sought that could halt the development permanently, leading to the potential buy-back of the land for community and conservation purposes.

This adjustment is welcomed by the Save Wallum community, extending the existing Interlocutory injunction giving crucial time to strengthen the case and bolster efforts to protect the rare Wallum ecosystem. *“We are very pleased with this outcome,”* said Luciana Bowen, Save Wallum Inc. President. *“The rescheduled dates provide us with the additional time we need to prepare thoroughly and ensure that the full ecological and cultural significance of the Wallum area is recognized in court.”*

The court case centers around the proposed development at 15 Torakina Road, Brunswick Heads, which threatens a High Ecological Value (HEV) site and vital wildlife corridor. The area is home to critically endangered species such as the Mitchell’s Rainforest Snail, Koala, Wallum Sedge Frog, Long-nosed Potoroo, and the South-Eastern Glossy Black Cockatoo. The development, which proposes 124 residential lots and supporting infrastructure, has raised concerns due to the potential loss of critical habitat and the destruction of 76 old-growth Scribbly Gum trees.

Save Wallum remains resolute in its mission to protect this vital ecosystem. The case is historic and represents a key opportunity to hold developers accountable to modern environmental standards and prevent irreversible damage to one of Australia’s precious Wallum landscapes.

“As we approach the new court dates, we encourage the community to continue standing with us. Contributions to our legal fund will directly support this critical legal challenge, and your involvement remains vital to ensuring a positive outcome for the environment and future generations.”

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