

Capricorn Coast Landcare Group - Caring for environment & community

We acknowledge the traditional owners of the lands we work on – The Woppaburra & the Darumbal people.

Our volunteers have varied backgrounds and volunteer for various reasons; but one thing we all have in common is a love of our environment and of our community.



We operate a recycling programme, collecting such items as batteries, ink cartridges & oral health products. We also collect cans and bottles for the Cash for Containers scheme, the proceeds of which help fund our projects. We promote electric vehicles, conduct regular beach & park clean up events and participate in local community events and activities.



When I became president 5 years ago, we had 4 regular volunteers who would go home straight after the working bee. We began supplying morning tea as a thank you for their endeavours. This has grown into an hour long social gathering where we supply tea and coffee & volunteers supply sandwiches, cakes and fruit and sit chatting with newly made friends. We now have 28 volunteers on our books, and they are like family.

We currently have 8 work sites, 3 on Farnborough Beach dunes, and 1 on our Rail Trail, popular with walkers, cyclists and ramblers. This year we also received a grant to plant 90 trees on the rail trail site for the Queen's Jubilee.



The main thrust of our activities is regenerating native communities in parks, bushland areas adjacent to creek-lines and in beach dunes around the Yeppoon area of the Capricorn Coast. We create habitat corridors for our native wildlife through urban areas and pleasant natural areas for residents and visitors to enjoy.

We rely on grants to undertake weeding & planting projects in areas we identify as requiring help; but no project is abandoned once the money runs out. We recognise the importance of follow up and ongoing maintenance to keep our environment pristine.

We assist 2 local schools with Junior Landcare, a program that was initiated by our former president Alby Wooler; and are currently helping 3 schools with projects to restore or create environmental & cultural areas to educate students. We recognise the importance of getting the children involved in caring for their environment and learning to be good community members, because they will one day be responsible for it all.



Landcare is also involved in weeding & planting projects at the Konomie Environmental Education Centre (Nth Keppel Island) We are working with NPWS on Humpy Island (Byre Byre) to eradicate weeds in the camping grounds there, and have conducted clean ups on the beaches of Gt Keppel Island (Woppa).



Our Facebook site features regular updates on our site progress using before & after photos, along with photos of the wildlife inhabiting our environment. We also supply the local newspaper with regular articles to keep the public informed. We recognise that to be successful in caring for our precious environment we need to work closely with our shire council, and with the other not-for-profit organisations in our area. Achieving a healthy environment and a happy community is worth all the hard work.



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