



2018 NATIONAL LANDCARE AWARDS

11 October
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Nominee: Noosa & District Landcare Group Inc., QLD
Category: Fairfax Landcare Community Group Award

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Over the next five to 10 years NDLG is focusing on the following issues: 1. addressing severe erosion occurring in the Kin Kin Catchment; 2. addressing Cats Claw Creeper Vine (a transformer weed) in the Noosa Shire; 3. Subtropical Lowland riparian rainforest restoration and Coxen's Fig Parrot habitat expansion in the Six Mile Creek Catchment of the Mary River; 4. The Noosa Koala Habitat Recovery Project; 5. riparian health and connectivity of Noosa waterways; and, 6. Threatened Plants Recovery Project.

Within each of the six key issues, NDLG has evaluated the available scientific information and undertaken prioritisation planning, leading the charge to rectify data gaps. Positive research outcomes have been reached due to the high level of involvement, and engagement, of partners and co-funders throughout the scientific and planning process, and of local experts and employees. This has enabled the Group to begin on-ground works that are already showing positive results.

For each of their six key issues, NDLG has sourced funding and begun on-ground projects for each issue area. So far their achievements include but are not limited to: over 30,000 trees planted to restore riparian Lowland Subtropical Rainforest; over 92 lineal km's surveyed and >100 sites treated for Cats Claw Creeper infestations; various erosion and gully remediation projects; and the completion of a large-scale revegetation project of 340,000 trees in the lower Kin Kin Catchment for wetland re-establishment.

To increase engagement with NDLG's activities, numerous field days and workshops have been held that focus on key capacity building. The Group also presents at many events, such as the Festival of Water, Noosa Wallum Festival, and hosts school excursions and talks.

A major challenge for the group has been the need to increase plant production in nurseries from 110,000 plants a year to 270,000, within a one-year time frame. This required a significant change to procedures and processes in the nursery and an upgrade to a live cloud-based inventory control program.

Seeing challenges as opportunities, NDLG have invested in a business development manager which has seen the Group increase their professionalism and allowed them to access areas of work that they never thought possible.

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Landcare is a grassroots movement that harnesses individuals and groups to protect, restore and sustainably manage Australia's natural environment and its productivity. Groups that fall under the Landcare umbrella work on a diverse range of environmental projects and include farmers embracing sustainable farm management and any community group that partakes in volunteer environmental activities. To find out how you can become a Landcare volunteer and for full details on all 2018 National Landcare finalists, visit www.landcareaustralia.org.au

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