Community Flora and Fauna for Local Natural

Areas



Natural Heritage Trust Bushcare

Funding - \$16 300 per year for 2 years
Other Funding

AES Mt Stuart - **\$16 000** for Stuart Creek BHP Billiton - **\$5000** per year for 2 years for school materials



Re-establishing native grasses with SKM on Castle Hill Summit

Participating Groups

- Conservation Volunteers Australia
- Magnetic Island Golf Club
- AES Mt Stuart
- NatureSearch
- Daybreak Rotary
- Sinclair Knight and Merz
- Magnetic Island Residents
- Soroptimist International Townsville
- Stanton Lodge
- Rowes Bay Villa Residents
- Nome District Sporting and Recreation Association Inc
- Belgian Gardens State School
- Townsville West State School
- Pimlico High School
- Annandale State School

Each of the groups meets on a regular basis and for special events to carry out Bushcare activities.

Between meeting times Townsville City Council staff assist with the maintenance of these areas **Aim:** To enhance, rehabilitate, and promote areas of remnant native vegetation and their wildlife that occurs within Townsville's urban environment.

Activities Undertaken:

- Transplanting of native grasses
- Seed propagation
- Planting of Local native seedlings
- Monitoring natural regeneration and weed changes at Rowes Bay Wetland
- Photo point monitoring
- Native grass identification workshops
- School talks and surveys on wildlife and native bushland
- Development of information brochure
- Weed Management and control
- Fire Management
- Displays at events

Sites

- Castle Hill Summit
- Rowes Bay Wetland
- Nelly Bay Habitat
- Stuart Creek Information Centre
- Kerry John Hannon Memorial Park (Nome)
- Pallarenda
- Picnic Bay Reserve
- Horseshoe Bay Reserve
- Magnetic Island Golf Club wildlife corridors
- Louisa Creek

Outcomes:

- Successful transplantation of local native grasses replacing weeds including Guinea Grass and Red Natal
- Planting of over 2500 local native seedlings through out the sites.
- Reduction in weeds throughout the sites
- Development and enhancement of Wildlife Corridors
- Improved awareness of local natural areas in Urban Townsville and their importance.
- Brochure available to the public on the project