Restoration of High Priority Habitats in the Townsville Thuringowa Region



Natural Heritage Trust Bushcare \$79 000 for one year Other Funding \$4000 City of Thuringowa Council



Corvath's Waterhole on Ross River

Key Contributors:

- Tropical Urban Production and Landcare Group (TUPALG)
- City of Thuringowa Council
- Magnetic Island Nature Care Association
- Conservation Volunteers Australia
- NQ Water
- Greening Australia
- Defence Force
- Community Groups established under NHT projects – Community Flora and Fauna and Strategic Rehabilitation of the Ross River
- Magnetic Island Volunteers
- Environmental Protection Agency
- 4 Registered TCC Land for Wildlife Participants
- 3 Land owners with current Voluntary Conservation Agreements over their properties
- Work for the Dole team coordinated by TUPALG

Aim: To rehabilitate and manage remnant areas at a regional level identified as having regional and local conservation significance identified through regional strategies and existing conservation projects.

Activities:

- Continuing planting along the Ross River
- Singapore Daisy Control along Ross River with the Work for the Dole Team and NQ Water
- Weed control in VCA sites
- Weed control and planting in LFW sites
- Green Corp Team in Thuringowa, Magnetic Island (now complete) and Townsville
- Weed control and planting in the Council sites
- Site mapping
- Site monitoring
- Seed collection and propagation

Sites:

- Ross River Corridor
- Corvath's Water Hole
- Rowes Bay Wetland
- Nelly Bay Habitat
- Horseshoe Bay Council and VCA site
- Bolger Bay VCA site
- Alligator Creek 2 LFW sites
- Cleveland Bay LFW site
- Woodstock LFW site
- Nome Reserve
- Pallarenda Reserves
- Hencamp (Thuringowa) VCA site

Outcomes:

- Removal of almost all lantana from 2 of the VCA sites
- Reduction in weeds throughout the Nelly Bay site
- 2000 seedlings planted through out the sites (April –June 2002)
- On ground assistance to the LFW properties
- Major reduction in Snake weed and Chinee apple at Corvath's waterhole
- Reduction in Paragrass and Guinea Grass at Rowes Bay Wetland.