



Mundy the Mudskipper

Mundy Creekwatch



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Enhancing Mundy Creek begins...

Residents of Belgian Gardens and Rows Bay have recently formed the Mundy Creekwatch Group. Their first tree planting along the creek was on World Wetlands Day in February 2005 and now they have planted another 60 plants as part of World Environment Day in June. Thanks to Townsville City Council, photos from the first tree planting day are on the newly developed website. Combining a litter collection with the tree planting ensures this creek will continue to be rehabilitated. Along with the tree planting efforts, the group has also been talking with Council about the potential future upgrades of the existing bikeway between Garbutt and Rows Bay. This upgrade will ensure the many users of the bikeway will benefit from the new track for many years.



The team mulching

Special points of interest:

- Mundy Creek to get bikeway upgrade
- Major project for Rows Bay
- Seagrass Watch
- Rows Bay Junior Rangers
- The Mundy Creek Team
- Bird List for the Creek
- Coming Events



Marjory keeping an eye out

The group's next event is National Tree Day on Saturday 30th July. Everyone is welcome for another great morning. Meet along Mundy Creek next to the Rows Bay Caravan Park between 8:30am - 11:00am.



Ethan helping out

Major project to enhance Rows Bay...

Creek to Coral is coordinating the Rows Bay "Learnscape" Project (funded by Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries (DPI&F) as part of a fish habitat mitigation project) to develop a Learnscape Facility between Rows Bay beachfront and Kissing Point. The project components agreed to, in conjunction with DPI&F and Queensland Parks & Wildlife Service (QPWS), include: \$5,000 for Seagrass Watch monitoring in Cleveland Bay; \$5,000 for Reef Check monitoring and reporting on health of Cleveland Bay fringing coral reefs. This will include developing interpretation and school talks (Townsville/Thuringowa); and \$20,000 for a "Learnscape" viewing platform at Rows Bay to highlight marine values of Cleveland Bay, to promote appreciation and make available to school functions. Design iterations for the "Learnscape" boardwalk are currently being undertaken and will be finalised in July 2005. Gillianne Brodie of James Cook University (JCU) is to contribute ecological and biological information on the uniqueness of the area.

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Seagrass monitoring...

Are you interested in seagrass monitoring? There is an opportunity for Mundy Creekwatch and Seagrass watch to work cooperatively. Jane Mellors, Karen Bird and Vivien McConnell have the capacity to overlap the two programs. There is an area of seagrass out from Mundy Creek mouth which needs a team to start monitoring. Interested, but need training? There is an opportunity for training in seagrass monitoring coming up in October on Magnetic Island for Mundy Creekwatchers interested. Please contact Vivien McConnell as soon as possible if you are interested. Vivien can be contacted on (07) 47739647 or mobile 0414 699264 or vivien.danis@jcu.edu.au.



Rowes Bay Rangers...

Rowes Bay Junior Rangers from Belgian Gardens State School recently monitored seagrass opposite the Rowes Bay Caravan Park. With training from Seagrass Watch coordinator Vivian McConnell and helpers Karen Bird & Jane Mellors, students gained a full appreciation of the values of the intertidal zone.

Well done Rangers!



The Team Behind the Scenes...

Donald Mackenzie: is the coordinator for Creek to Coral. This program aims to maintain clean wetlands and healthy waterways from within the Townsville/Thuringowa Coastal Dry Tropics catchments. This will be achieved by emphasising a combined approach on a scientific, community, business and local, state and commonwealth government scale, resulting in good water quality, appropriately managed within the coastal catchments and local marine environments.



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Greg Willcox: assists in various tree planting efforts with the Mundy Creekwatch group and Belgian Gardens State School as well as conducting monthly water quality monitoring around the city. Contact Greg for details on National Tree Day on Sunday 31st July.



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Coming Events

- 30 July** Mundy Creek tree planting
 - 13-21 August** Science Week. Check out Museum of Tropical Queensland at www.mtq.qld.gov.au
 - 19-20 August** Spring Tides. Check out Maritime Safety Queensland at www.msq.qld.gov.au
 - ~ September is Biodiversity Month ~**
 - 7 September** Threatened Species Day
 - 11 October** Arbor Day
 - 17 October** Comalco Green & Healthy Schools 2005 State Awards.
- Check out www.keeptaustraliabeautiful.org.au
- 2 December** EPA Clean Beach Challenge 2005

Mundy Creek Bird List



Double-barred Finch
Barry Jahnke
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Thanks to Jo Wieneke, Mundy Creek has its own bird list. There are currently 103 species recorded. So if you see a new bird along the creek, please let Jo know and we can add it to the list.

Email Jo at bowerbird14@bigpond.com.

There is plenty of other information available from the website www.soe-townsville.org/mundycreek including a mangrove species list, environmental history of Rowes Bay and bush tucker plants. Additions to the website are welcome.



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