



Maclean Landcare Group

Location	Maclean Lookout Reserve & Community Nursery Townsend
Duration	Working continuously since our formation in 2008
Description	<p>The Lookout Reserve is recognised as a significant section of the forest corridors linking native vegetation throughout the lower Clarence. It is an important goal for us to identify and manage invasive weeds not only in the reserve itself but also in surrounding properties. We have used funding from an Incentive Program Grant 2012-2013 to produce a vegetation management plan for one of the immediate neighbours. We hope to be able to use this plan as a basis to gain further funding and community support in expanding weed management in the Maclean area.</p>
Projects List	<p>Maclean Landcare volunteers work at restoring native bushland and improving habitat for native animals in the Maclean area. We do this in consultation and cooperation with the Yaegl people, protecting areas of cultural significance for them. Volunteers also work in the Council Nursery, collecting, propagating and selling local native species. We also work in cooperation with other landcare/dunecare groups, other environmental organisations and local property owners. We get great support from Clarence Valley Council and Clarence Landcare Inc.</p>
NRM outcomes	<p>Our current ongoing project is in the Maclean Lookout Reserve including the Pinnacle Rocks. The reserve consists of sclerophyll forest with rainforest in the gullies. A federal government grant over three years to 2012 enabled professional bush regeneration work to be carried out in the Reserve. Maclean Landcare volunteers contributed to this work and we now have the role of maintaining and extending the gains made in the restoration process. Volunteers have work sessions in the forest each Thursday morning and on the second Sunday of each month from 8am. They encourage native growth and work on the control of exotic plants and erosion. Volunteers also work on Thursdays 9:30 – 11:30am and Fridays from 7:30am – 12 noon at the Townsend Council Community Nursery. We encourage local people including school pupils to become involved in the preservation of the native environment. We also aim to provide a pleasant social experience for our volunteers</p>
Funding sources or Sponsors	<p>2009-2012 Environmental Trust Grant with EnviTE 2012-2013 Community Action Grant for expansion of worked area and education of immediate neighbours sponsored by Clarence Valley Council. 2012-2013 CMA Incentive Program grant for Planning for 97a Wharf St. Ongoing support from Clarence Valley Council</p>
For further information	<p>Maclean Landcare Facebook page at http://www.facebook.com/pages/Maclean-Landcare-Group/491399274231949 Email: macleanlandcare@gmail.com Phone: Wendy Plater on 0400517525</p>



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