



Capability Statement 2009



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Noosa and District Landcare Group Inc. is a not for profit organisation based in the Noosa hinterland town of Pomona.

Objectives

Promote the value, protection and rehabilitation of the Noosa Biosphere Reserve and Sunshine Coast Region to help create productive and ecologically improved environments for future residents and visitors.

Encourage the adoption of sustainable land-use and best management practices.

Assist in the preservation of water quality and waterway health in the region's natural waterways.

Educate and raise awareness through educational programs, workshops and traineeships.

Provide environmental activities for wider community participation.

Background

Noosa and District Landcare Group was formed in 1991 in response to local landholder concerns about environmental weeds, agriculture and forestry issues. Initially overseen by committed volunteers, Noosa Landcare now employs 20 staff and undertakes work throughout the Burnett, Mary, Noosa and Sunshine Coast region.

We are a high performance delivery agent implementing works for Federal, State, Regional and local investment and environmental strategies.

Services

Noosa and District Landcare's diverse expertise covers all aspects of environmental restoration and sustainable land use including:

- management and implementation of catchment based projects
- native plant propagation
- consultancy
- property planning
- commercial environmental services

We provide a wide range of environmental education, training and awareness raising programs. We also work directly with landholders to enhance investment through partnership arrangements. The creation of wildlife habitat and vegetation corridors also provide sustainable farm management options by increasing biodiversity; addressing erosion and helping to reduce carbon emissions.

Noosa and District Landcare's integrated commercial arm operates on a fee for service basis.

We undertake services consistent with our Landcare ethic that achieve positive natural resource outcomes. A substantial proportion of the Group's revenue is generated from commercial activity. Surpluses are used to fund community activities and to support group operations outside current funding arrangements.

Further information: www.noosalandcare.org

Organisational objectives are achieved via ongoing management and staff communication. The following documents guide and support our direction and activities:

- Constitution
- Mission Statement
- Business Plan
- Organisational Policy and Procedures
- WH&S Regulations
- Organisational Structure (Committee and Staff)

Organisation Skills

- Governance [representation on governance boards – local, state and national]
- Administrative and Financial Management
- Environmental Management
- Education, Training and Extension Services
- Project Management
- Extensive on ground and field experience
- Regional Ecosystem Assessment
- Technical [ecological surveys, pest management, water quality testing etc]
- Project / Water Quality Monitoring and evaluation

Core work areas

- Aquatic and terrestrial weed identification and management
- Coastal rehabilitation works
- Bushland regeneration
- Revegetation
- Plantation establishment
- Environmental offsets
- Weed control
- Propagation of endemic plant species

Financial arrangements

- Fee for service contracts
- Local, state and federal government grants
- Project partnerships and alliances
- Traineeships

Investors, Partnerships and Contracts : 2008-09

- Alan Fletcher Research Station, Brisbane
- Australian Government Envirofund
- Burnett Mary Regional Group
- Cadet Group Australia
- CSIRO
- Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
- Department of Employment, Training and the Arts
- Department of Environment, Heritage and Arts
- Department of the Environment and Water Resources
- DPI Biosecurity Qld
- Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority (Vic)
- Mary River Catchment Coordination Association
- National Aquatic Weeds Management Group
- Noosa Integrated Catchment Association
- Noosa Parks Association
- NSW DPI Agriculture
- Private Landholders, developers and miscellaneous contracts
- Richmond Birdwing Recovery Network
- SEQ Catchments Ltd
- SEQ Healthy Waterways Partnership
- Silver Lining Foundation
- South East Qld Healthy Waterways
- Sunshine Coast Regional Council
- University of the Sunshine Coast
- Victoria DPI
- World Wildlife Fund (WWF)

Office : Resource Centre, Station St., Pomona 4568

- Administration, Management and Greenhouse Nursery

Office : Futures Centre, Pavilion St., Pomona 4568

- Operational managers
- Project managers
- Field staff depot
- Equipment base and storage
- 2 wash down facilities
- Conference and meeting facilities
- Forestry demonstration plot

Riparian Nursery, Yurol Forest Drive, Pomona

- Capacity: 80,000 tubestock annually

Futures Centre Nursery, Pavilion Street, Pomona

- Capacity: 100,000 tubestock annually

Plant and Equipment

Description of Item		No
FIELD	Toyota Landcruisers 4 x 4	3
	Toyota Hilux 4 x 4	4
	Nissan Navara 4 x 4	1
	Quick Spray Units	3
	Rapid Spray/Fire Fighter unit	1
	Quad Bike with Spray unit	1
	Aqua Spear	1
	Pumps	3
	Chainsaws	6
	Brushcutters	6
	Hydraulic Loppers	1
	Trailers	3
	Knapsacks	10
	Shipping Containers	2
	Storage/Tool Shed	1
	Water Quality Monitoring Equipment – Quanta, Hach, TPS	3
	Soil Test Kit	1
	Self propelled Mower	1
First Aid Kits	12	
Water tanks (600L)	2	
OFFICE	Computers	8
	Laptops	3
	Digital Cameras	4
	GPS	2
	Mapping Computer and Server	1
	Colour copier	1
	B&W copier	1
	Resource Library – over 1000 publications	1

Comments from some of our partners

"In the fields of restoration of biodiversity and sustainability and natural resource management Noosa Landcare is knowledgeable and professional. They also provide good value for money for Council." **Geoff Black, Conservation Management Supervisor, Sunshine Coast Regional Council (north)**

Residential Sub-division, Cooroy

"Their professional attitude, enthusiasm and knowledge about the local area was definitely an advantage for this important project. I can recommend Noosa Landcare for any revegetation works where a high standard is required, with their communication and flexibility during the construction phase being an important part of the successful outcome." **Jeff Sayers, Element Design, Landscape Architecture, Mooloolaba**

"Noosa and District Landcare are highly regarded region wide for their strong financial management skills as a community group, successful liaison with all levels of government and a high capacity to deliver a wide range of NRM outcomes. The organisation has also enhanced the region's ability to carry out projects by providing expertise and advice to a number of organisations on a wide range of topics." **David Brown, CEO, Burnett Mary Regional Group, Bundaberg**

Referees

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WEED CONTROL



COMMUNITY EDUCATION



REVEGETATION



ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING



NATIVE PLANT PROPAGATION & SALE

