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Celebrating Another Year of Great Work

At our recent AGM, our President, Judith Roland, reminded us of TM Landcare's core objective:

to protect Tamborine Mountain's natural heritage by maintaining and enhancing the environment and its biodiversity

Our work this year shows the scope of our activities in fulfilling this objective.

Regenerating and Maintaining our Sites

This year, we have worked on twenty-two varied sites across the mountain, some of them older, some newer, to develop and enhance their ecological health and biodiversity habitats.

The success of this work is due to our President's active leadership, our willing community volunteers and contractors. They include:

- The Secretary and Treasurer, the Management Committee, our Membership Secretary and our Website Manager
- The Tuesday Team of volunteers, who do great work of weeding and planting at our sites
- The volunteers at the Piccabeen Bookshop, whose energetic team members staff the desk, sort books, maintain the staffing roster and stage our famous Mega Booksales – and thus contribute thousands of dollars to help fund our projects
- Our three contractors, who do the heavy lifting of regenerating and maintaining many of our sites

In addition, Scenic Rim Regional Council provide crucial funding and free trees through their annual Environmental Grants program, the Rural Fire Brigade fill our tanks for watering new plantings, and Thunderbird Park make very generous donations every month.

Trainees in Conservation and Ecosystem Management

Three groups of trainees, who are undertaking a 20-week traineeship towards certification in Conservation and Ecosystem Management under the state government Skilling Queenslanders for Work program, have also helped in our regeneration work by carrying out weed control at the Landcare Centre and planting and mulching at the Sports Grounds.



Assisting Private Property Owners

We have given advice to many private property owners with their own regeneration projects, helping them identify invasive weeds and local species and enabling them to secure thousands of trees via the SRRC Million Trees initiative. Such regeneration and plantings increase habitats for our wildlife.

Engaging and Educating Locals and Visitors

Local students have been carrying out environmental activities at our sites under the enthusiastic guidance of their teachers.

Our Landcare Centre has been enhanced by attractive informative and educational signage. The Centre is also featured on our website with 'before' and 'after' photos and an extensive plant list generously catalogued by a retired graphic artist.

Flora and Fauna Surveys

Such surveys are crucial, in informing us about the richness of our local biodiversity. Several have been undertaken this year by visiting experts:

- At the Macdonald section of TM National Park, a survey identified over 150 species
- At a private property in Eagle Heights which backs on to the Palm Grove section, over 200 native trees, shrubs and vines were identified, a few of them threatened species
- At the Landcare Centre, an entomologist is examining the tiny moths that may be pollinating a local threatened shrub, *Zieria collina* (Tamborine Mountain Zieria)
- Also at the Landcare Centre, a full fauna survey is being undertaken, to enable us to identify the range of fauna making their homes here after years of regeneration

On the Program for Next Year

In addition to maintaining the sites that we have regenerated over the past 20 years, the following are on the to-do list:

- rehabilitating the weedy area at the back of Geissmann Oval bordering private property which has significant rainforest
- extending the National Tree Day planting around the perimeter of the Scouts area with shrubs to attract wildlife
- Extending the regeneration work at the Parkrun track at the back of the Sports Grounds

Welcome Christmas Gifts for Friends and Rellies



These are some of the great new books at the Piccabeen Bookshop which are sure to please varied tastes. Do drop in to check out the range.

The Piccabeen Book Shop

Operated by Tamborine Mountain Landcare volunteers. All funds are directed to forest restoration projects across Tamborine Mountain.

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