



Pioneer Catchment & Landcare Group Inc. Membership Application

HISTORY

Pioneer Catchment & Landcare Group is a non profit community based organisation, incorporated under the Associations Incorporation Act 1981. It was formed in the early 1990's as one of the first catchment groups in Queensland, and was then called Pioneer Integrated Catchment Management Assoc. Funding is from the Natural Heritage Trust, through Mackay Whitsunday Natural Resource Management Group Inc., and is supplemented from a range of sources including the National Landcare Program, Gambling Community Benefit Fund, and Community Natural Resource Awareness Activity Grants. The Group also receives strong support from key stakeholders such as Mackay City Council and Mirani Shire Council.

OBJECTIVES

To promote the planned and sustainable management of the catchments of the Pioneer River and the creeks from Alligator Creek in the north to Sandy Creek in the south in a constructive and balanced way by actions such as:

- (a) Developing Catchment Management Strategies;
- (b) Fostering co-ordination between landholders, community action groups and government agencies in their land, water and vegetation management activities;
- (c) Promotion of community and government understanding of the interactions between land, water and related biological resources of the catchment;
- (d) Promotion of the value of a co-ordinated catchment-wide approach for managing these resources;
- (e) Identification and prioritisation of interrelated land and water resource issues in the catchment;
- (f) Promotion of solutions and actions through public and government participation as part of catchment management strategies; and
- (g) Provision of a forum for community and government decisions on catchment management issues for resolving conflicting demands on natural resources.

PROGRAMS

Coastcare, Community Nursery, Healthy Waterways Program, Integrated Monitoring Program, Land for Wildlife, Landcare, Sustainable Landscape Program, Green Reserve, Green Corps

PEOPLE

Management Committee people

John Ross (Chairman), *Rita Neilsen* (Deputy Chairman), *Margaret Lane* Secretary, *Joan Fitzsimmons* (Treasurer), *Robyn Bell* and *Irene Champion* (Committee Members)

Paid people

Fiona Loft - Project Officer-Healthy Waterways Program. Project Officer-Sustainable Landscape Program, *Administration Officer*
Catchment Coordinator

Volunteer people

Many people representing a wide range of stakeholder groups and personal interests make significant voluntary contributions towards achieving the Group's goals. Volunteers do water quality monitoring, shore bird monitoring, seagrass monitoring, tree planting, weed control, seed collecting, plant propagation, implement best management practice on their properties, have input through committees and working groups, and provide valuable advice and information.

Everybody lives in a catchment