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Pioneer Catchment & Landcare News: Special Edition

30 Years of Landcare

This year, landcare and Landcare Australia are celebrating its 30-year anniversary. In 1989 the non-for-profit organisation Landcare Australia was formed. This same year, the Hawke Government announced that 1990 was going to be the year of landcare, and that the 90s were the decade of landcare, committing \$320 million dollars to fund the National Landcare Programme (NLP). The NLP is still continuing to this day.

Though the term 'landcare' was first coined in a small town in central Victoria in 1986, Australian communities had been practicing landcare for decades; some accounts from enduring landcare groups show grass roots environmental issues being tackled as early as the 1950s. Since its humble beginnings, landcare has now become the biggest environmental management movement in the country. There are now over 5,400 Landcare and Coastcare groups across the country.

The Pioneer Catchment & Landcare (PCL) Group was formed in 1992 and was one of the first catchment groups in Queensland, and was known then as Pioneer Integrated Catchment Management Association (PICMA). It was in 1995 that PICMA became incorporated. It was not until 2006 that PICMA became PCL. For 24 years our group has worked hard to address environmental issues in our region, educate the community, and push for positive change. We look forward to continuing our work into the future!



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For more information on 30 years of Landcare visit the Landcare Australia website at: <https://landcareaustralia.org.au/>

Great Northern Clean Up

Each year the community rallies to help clean up our beautiful region during the Great Northern Clean Up (GNCU). PCL is proud to continue hosting our site on Riverside Drive, which is notorious for illegal dumping. The GNCU is a showcase of community spirit and PCL would like to extend a thank you to the volunteers and students from St Patrick's College, who make an effort to come out and lend a hand each year, as well as a thanks to the MRC for its support.



Intrepid Way Workshop

Intrepid Landcare was created to address the common issue in Landcare of a lack of engagement from younger people. Intrepid Landcare works in making Landcare volunteering more accessible to young people and creating a platform from which young people can take leadership over Landcare issues. This workshop helped PCL, as well as other environmental community organisations, understand the Intrepid Landcare way and inspire attendees to get creative with project designs. Watch this space! As we are all very excited at starting an Intrepid Landcare Mackay Tribe. If this is something that interests you, please let us know or tell us your ideas. For more information on Intrepid Landcare visit their website at: <https://intrepidlandcare.org/>



Slade Point Guided Walk

A part of our Landcare Week celebrations PCL hosted a guided walk in one of our favourite reserves in Mackay - the Slade Point Reserve. This spectacular reserve showcases the beauty of our endangered coastal bushland and is one of the last pockets of it in our region. Thank you to MNEC Nursery staff who came along to guide our guests, and teach us about seed collection and plant identification.



Illawong Beach Community Planting

In the spirit of Landcare Week PCL hosted a celebratory community planting day at Illawong Beach, which expanding upon the planting at the National Tree Day site. Tree plantings are at the heart of Landcare, and our volunteers get to be a part of the full story of these plants, from propagating the plants from seed to planting them in the reserve, and hopefully watching them grow into new beach scrub. If you want to be a part of our volunteer plant propagation team, or join us in tree plantings, then get in contact, we will be hosting more tree plantings at this site soon!

