



'PROTECTING AND RESTORING THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT VALUES OF THE MACKAY COAST'

COASTCARE ACTIVITIES

A volunteer program of Coastcare activities operates across the region to provide local residents an opportunity to get involved in on-ground coastal management initiatives at their beach.

Activities include coastal dune planting, weed control, and marine debris collection. Volunteers have the opportunity to learn about coastal environments and identify management requirements at their beach.

If you would like to join others in making a difference at your local beach, visit the Reef Catchments website to download the current program of events.

WHAT IS THE PROGRAM ABOUT?

The Mackay region's coastal zone is characterised by a diverse range of natural features including sandy beaches, rocky headlands, extensive intertidal flats, and substantial areas of coastal wetlands. These areas are under increasing pressure from development, climate change, population growth, and recreational use.

The Coasts and Communities program aims to protect and restore the natural environment values of the Mackay coast, whilst allowing for appropriate recreational access and use.

HOW DOES THE PROGRAM WORK?

The Coasts and Communities program focuses on public coastal land under Mackay Regional Council jurisdiction. Local beach management plans are developed for these areas in consultation with coastal communities, and enable all organisations, community groups, and local residents to work together to achieve the best outcome for our coastal environments.

The beach plans outline a variety of recommended management strategies such as revegetation with native coastal plants to support dune structure, weed control to enhance vegetation and dune condition, and coastal fencing to manage beach access. Implementation of priority activities in many coastal areas is now underway in partnership with Mackay Regional Council, community groups, and coastal volunteers.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

Development of Coastal Management Guidelines for land under Mackay Regional Council jurisdiction.

Development of local beach management plans, covering over 1,000 hectares of public coastal land.

Development of monitoring database to record on-ground activities.

Development of conservation planning framework to determine priority on-ground activities.

Management activities underway at priority coastal sites.

Volunteer program of Coastcare activities operating in the region.



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