

BushCare Community

Group profiles

This BushCare Sunshine Coast volunteering program is a network of groups who share a common goal to conserve and restore the Sunshine Coast's bushland in council's environment reserves.

Members enjoy the benefits of meeting new people, forming friendships that can last a lifetime, staying healthy and active, learning new skills and connecting with nature while doing something good for the environment.

Volunteers working
here today

Community Nature Conservation Kingsgrove

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conserving and restoring
our bushland
with Sunshine Coast
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Week 4	<p>Eumundi Bushcare Group (Eumundi)</p>	<p>Watercourse Warriors (Coolum Beach)</p>	<p>Russell Family Park Bushcare Group (Montville)</p>	<p>Gulung Gung Bushcare Group (Nambour)</p>

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Florabunda Bushcare (Woombye)
Footo Sanctuary Association (Buderim)	Little Yabba Creek Group (Cambroon)	Whalley Creek Bushcare Group (Nambour)
Combined CaNSCC groups	George Watson Park Bushcare Group (Moffat Beach)	Alex Forest Preservation Group (Alexandra Headland)
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Footo Sanctuary Association (Buderim)		Botanic Gardens Bushcare Group (Tanawha)
Marcoola		
Yinneburra/Yerranya (Yaroomba)		Bokarina Beach Coastcare (Bokarina)
Stumers Dunes (Coolum Beach)		
Watercourse Warriors (Coolum Beach)		
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Watson Street Dunecare Group (Currimundi)		Iliad Bushcare Group (Buderim)
Footo Sanctuary Association (Buderim)		Namba Creek Bushcare Group (Nambour)
Yinneburra/Yerranya (Yaroomba)	Beach, Bush and Birds Warana (Warana)	Martins Creek Bushcare Group (Buderim)
Stumers Dunes (Coolum Beach)		
Watercourse Warriors (Coolum Beach)		Sharyn Bonney Bushcare Group (Caloundra)
Marcoola		
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Footo Sanctuary Association (Buderim)		Friends of Cahills Scrub (Peachester)
Marcoola		Shelly Beach Conservation Group (Shelly Beach)
Yinneburra/Yerranya (Yaroomba)		Friends of Currimundi Lake (Currimundi)
Stumers Dunes (Coolum Beach)		
Watercourse Warriors (Coolum Beach)		Town of Seaside/Boardwalk (Town of Seaside)
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1. Coochin Creek Bushland Group

Location	Upper Coochin Creek Environmental Reserve, Beerwah
When	3rd Tuesday of the month, 7:30 – 11:30am
Meeting place	various
Contact	Rhonda Bordonaro, Community Nature Conservation Officer, Sunshine Coast Council, rhonda.bordonaro@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au , 0439 702 160

Upper Coochin Creek Environmental Reserve is one of the hidden gems of the Sunshine Coast, with Coochin Creek flowing through it and a wide variety of animals who use the beautiful big old trees for habitat. The reserve includes cascades, significant rock faces and ridges, rare lowland rainforest and other ecosystems.

The group are a small and dedicated group of friendly volunteers who hold monthly working bees. They started in 2013 and focus mainly on removing environmental weeds to encourage natural bush regeneration. The group were successful in applying for a grant to undertake a revegetation project and spent the majority of 2016 completing this project.

Each working bee is finished off with morning tea and a chat. New people are always welcome to attend.





2. Friends of Cahills Scrub

Location	Cahills Scrub Bushland Reserve, Peachester
When	4th Saturday of the month, 9am – 12pm
Meeting place	Behind 5 Jeanne St (off Wintergreen Way)
Contact	Brendan Stephen, Community Nature Conservation Officer, Sunshine Coast Council, brendan.stephen@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au , 0447 299 772

The Friends of Cahills Scrub is a group of mostly local volunteers who are committed to preserving the beautiful subtropical rainforest found along the upper Stanley River catchment.

The group was originally formed four years ago by group leader Ted Prickett. Under Ted's guidance the volunteers have removed lantana and other invasive exotic plant species, and have committed to restoring the rainforest's disturbed edges by planting locally occurring rainforest species.

Being one of the largest bushcare groups the working bees are friendly and engaging. New people are always welcome to attend.





3. Avocado Lane Park Group

Location	Avocado Lane Park, Maleny
When	1st Wednesday of the month, 8 - 10am
Meeting place	Near the large fig tree, Avocado Lane
Contact	Nadia Joyce, Community Nature Conservation Officer, Sunshine Coast Council, nadia.joyce@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au , 0419 025 736

This bushcare group formed in 2015 and gather every month to rehabilitate a regrowth rainforest around Walkers Creek, a tributary of the Obi Obi River. Progressive removal of exotic plant species has resulted in an impressive amount of desirable rainforest plant species successfully regenerating. Areas that are not naturally regenerating are planted with local native species. The aim is to restore the rainforest, creek and associated wetland and enhance habitat for wildlife.

Everybody is welcome to come along for the morning and stay for morning tea afterwards.





4. Maleny Showgrounds Bushcare Group

The Maleny Showgrounds Bushcare group meet each month to protect and restore the original subtropical rainforest of the Blackall Range. They deliver bush regeneration activities in several areas, ranging from an old-growth Remnant patch with local rare and threatened plant species through to smaller regrowth areas that connect vegetation across the landscape and protect local wildlife movements.

The group is made of local Maleny community members who are passionate about environmental issues and undertake bush regeneration projects on their own properties. Come along once a month for some great conversations and laughter and contribute to restoring the original rainforest of the area.

Location	Maleny, Showgrounds
When	2nd Sunday of the month, 8:30am - 12pm
Meeting place	Stanley River Road
Contact	Brendan Stephen, Community Nature Conservation Officer, Sunshine Coast Council, brendan.stephen@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au , 0447 299 772





6. Bridge Creek Bushcare Group

Location	Bridge Creek Road Park; Meg Hankinson Park
When	2nd Wednesday of the month, 7:30 – 11:30am
Meeting place	various
Contact	Ashley Goodman, Community Nature Conservation Officer, Sunshine Coast Council, ashley.goodman@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au , 0438 276 348

The Bridge Creek bushcare volunteers meet once a month to revegetate edges of the park as well as the fenced out drainage reserve behind Meg Hankinson park planting out existing green spaces and maintaining existing vegetation. Various different planting projects have been undertaken in this area which will provide a wildlife corridor linkage.

Everybody is welcome to come along for the morning and stay for morning tea.





7. Shelly Beach Conservation Group

Location	Shelly Beach Foreshore Reserve, Shelly Beach
When	last Saturday of the month, 8 - 10am
Meeting place	various
Contact	Rhonda Bordonaro, Community Nature Conservation Officer, Sunshine Coast Council, rhonda.bordonaro@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au , 0439 702 160

This group formed in 2004 and work in various sections of the Shelly Beach Foreshore Reserve. They are a dedicated group of friendly volunteers that work from the Shelly Beach Park in Victoria Terrace to the end of Russell Street at the base of Moffat Beach hill. Their main tasks include hand weeding and planting of native species. Morning tea and a friendly chat afterwards. New people are welcome to attend.

Holloways Gallery at Moffat Beach kindly support the conservation efforts of the group through sponsorship.





8. George Watson Park Bushcare Group

In the 1990s this group came together to carry on the work of local conservationist Kathleen McArthur, who advocated for the preservation of a special patch of bushland on the southern flank of Moffat Headland. Some of the original members of the group continue as enthusiastic volunteers. New people are always welcome to come along to the working bees and learn about the plants, birds and animals in the reserve, as well as its history. Some of the volunteers have excellent plant and animal identification skills and are very happy to share their knowledge. Main activities are removing weeds from the reserve and occasionally planting native species. The volunteers are a friendly bunch, who enjoy finishing off a working bee with morning tea and chat.

Location	George Watson Park, Moffat Beach
When	1st Friday of the month, 7 – 10am
Meeting place	various
Contact	Rhonda Bordonaro, Community Nature Conservation Officer, Sunshine Coast Council, rhonda.bordonaro@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au , 0439 702 160





9. Sharyn Bonney Bushcare Group

Nature lovers will love Sharyn Bonney Bushland Reserve. There are families of Eastern grey kangaroos living in the reserve and it's not unusual to see them at working bees. Glossy black cockatoos have also been regular visitors to this reserve, as their food trees are found here.

Members of the public successfully fought to save this reserve from becoming a housing estate and when they won the fight a community group was formed. When the group first started there was a lot of lantana in the reserve, but through lots of dedication and hard work they have managed to control it. The reserve is in good condition now so the working bees have been reduced to quarterly to maintain it. Activities are mostly weed removal and planting of native species.

New people are welcome to come along.

Location	Sharyn Bonney Bushland Reserve, Little Mountain
When	3rd Saturday of February, May, August and November, 8 -10am.
Meeting place	Sugar Bag Road, opposite Rosewood Drive.
Contact	Megan Jericho, Community Nature Conservation Officer, Sunshine Coast Council, megan.jericho@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au , 0448 423 091





10. Watson Street Dunecare Group

Location	Watson Street Foreshore Reserve, Currimundi
When	3rd Thursday of the month, hot months 7 - 9am, cooler months 8 - 10am
Meeting place	various
Contact	Rhonda Bordonaro, Community Nature Conservation Officer, Sunshine Coast Council, rhonda.bordonaro@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au , 0439 702 160

This group began in 2014 when the community became concerned about erosion on the foreshore. They have planted native coastal plants along the fore-dune to stabilise the dune and prevent more erosion from occurring. The group also do hand weeding on the site. Future activities include continuing planting native species and removing the weeds from the site.

The group have morning tea after each working bee. New people are always welcome to attend.





13. Bokarina Beach Bushcare Group

Location	Bokarina Foreshore Bushland Reserve, Bokarina
When	2nd Saturday of the month, 8-10am
Meeting place	various
Contact	Rhonda Bordonaro, Community Nature Conservation Officer, Sunshine Coast Council, rhonda.bordonaro@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au , 0439 702 160

Would you like to spend a couple of hours by the beach helping the environment and meeting new people? If so, come along to the Bokarina Beach Coastcare working bee.

This group formed in 2016 and they have been working in different areas along the Bokarina Foreshore Bushland Reserve removing weeds from the dunes to assist the natural regeneration process. Planting has been done at other locations within the Bokarina area. New people are welcome to attend the working bee and join in the morning tea after the working bees.





14. Beach, Bush and Birds Warana

Location	Warana Foreshore Bushland Reserve, Warana
When	3rd Friday of the month, 8:30 – 10:30am
Meeting place	various
Contact	Rhonda Bordonaro, Community Nature Conservation Officer, Sunshine Coast Council, rhonda.bordonaro@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au , 0439 702 160

This friendly group of people meet monthly to help improve the condition of the vegetation of beach accesses in the Warana area. This group began in 2016 and are a group of like-minded people who have come together to do bush regeneration works such as removing weeds and planting native species in different spots in the Warana area. New people are always welcome to join the working bee. The group finish each working bee with morning tea and a chat.





15. Buddina Coastcare Group

Location	Buddina Foreshore Reserve, Oceanic Drive, Buddina
When	2nd Tuesday of the month, 8 – 10am, hot months 7 - 9am
Meeting place	various
Contact	Rhonda Bordonaro, Community Nature Conservation Officer, Sunshine Coast Council, rhonda.bordonaro@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au, 0439 702 160

Buddina Coastcare are a friendly and active group of volunteers who meet monthly and love having a chat while weeding or planting native species on the dunes. Some of the group members are also in the Turtlecare program and are a wealth of knowledge when it comes to turtles nesting on Buddina beach. This group work in various spots along the foreshore of Buddina Foreshore Reserve and do a combination of weeding and planting. All new volunteers are welcome. The working bees are always finished with a morning tea.





16. Botanic Gardens Bushcare Group

This group formed in 2015 to assist with the environmental restoration including weed removal and planting of local species to improve areas identified in the Management Zones in the Tall Gums Environmental Reserve, and the control of weed species inside the Botanic Gardens beyond the regularly maintained formal parts.

Members have been active in using fauna cameras to determine which species are present and so far have managed to film koalas on three separate occasions as well as the more common fauna such as monitors, turkeys and swamp wallabies as well as pest species such as foxes and dogs.

So far group members have planted over 1500 native plants and cleared significant areas of Lantana and other weeds. The group enjoys the social activity and hard work and seeing gradual improvement in areas that have been worked.

Location	Tall Gums Environmental Reserve and Tanawha Tall Gums Conservation Area, Tanawha
When	2nd Saturday of the month, 8 – 11am
Meeting place	various
Contact	Neil Rankin, volunteer coordinator neilrankin4695@gmail.com, 0438 393 944





17. Martins Creek Bushcare Group

Location	Martins Creek Bushland Reserve, Buderim
When	3rd Saturday of the month, 9 – 11am
Meeting place	Lindsay Road, Buderim Aquatic Centre Carpark
Contact	Heather Johnston, volunteer coordinator heatherbj@gmail.com, 5453 4102

Martins Creek is a hidden jewel in the centre of Buderim. Dominated by camphor laurel trees and understorey weeds, the group strategically remove weeds, tree plant and watch the native regeneration flourish. Volunteers are welcome to the monthly working bees and morning tea is provided.





19. Iliad Bushcare Group

Location	Iliad Avenue Bushland Conservation Reserve, Buderim
When	3rd Saturday of the month, 8 – 10am
Meeting place	Corner of Finch St and Illiad Ave, Buderim
Contact	Brendan Stephen, Community Nature Conservation Officer, Sunshine Coast Council, brendan.stephen@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au , 0447 299 772

This group has been keeping the edge of the reserve from weeds evading further into the bushland reserve and has been strategically removing exotic grasses and ferns with future working bees to undertake supplementary planting. The group has planted a number of Richmond birdwing vines which are now established providing further corridors linkages for the butterfly to travel. The group meet once a month for a few hours with locals that live around the reserve but everyone is welcome with a light morning tea provided at the end.

The reserve size is four Hectares and is situated next the Buderim private hospital and the group generally meet on the corner of Illiad and Finch St.





20. Alex Foreshore Group

Location	Alex Foreshore Headland Reserve, Beach Access 161 - 167
When	1st Wednesday of the month, 7:30 – 9:30am
Meeting place	Alexandra Parade
Contact	Ashley Goodman, Community Nature Conservation Officer, Sunshine Coast Council, ashley.goodman@ sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au , 0438 276 348

The Alex Foreshore Group maintains native vegetation on the headland as well as on the foreshore dunes. Weeding and planting on the dunes assists in erosion control. Planting helps the dunes to build and provide a protective buffer from the ocean while enhancing biodiversity.

The group meets once a month; new people are welcome to attend and council provides a morning tea after each working bee.





21. Alex Forest Preservation Group

Location	Alex Forest Conservation Area, Alexandra Headland
When	1st Saturday of the month, 8 – 10am
Meeting place	End of Olway Crescent
Contact	Rhonda Bordonaro, Community Nature Conservation Officer, Sunshine Coast Council, rhonda.bordonaro@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au , 0439 702 160

Come along and visit another one of the beautiful hidden gems of the Sunshine Coast. Alex Forest is rich with a great diversity of native plants and wildlife.. The community group fought to save Alex Forest from becoming a housing development and some of the original members are still involved with the group today.

Some of the group members have great native plant identification skills and can tell you what the species are. The group clean the tracks and bridges, remove weeds and rubbish and conduct track inspections. New people are encouraged to attend working bees which finish off with a morning tea.





22. Traill Park Bushcare Group

The Traill Park Bushcare Group in Maroochydore formed in 1996 and is one of council's longest standing active bushcare groups. The group originally began restoring an area of remnant paperbark forest situated within the reserve, and then expanded to include other degraded areas and a drain. Over the years thousands of native plants were established and loads of dumped hard rubbish was removed with the help of local residents, the broader community and school students. The bushcare group has created an intact and relatively weed free bushland island in the middle of busy suburbia and has become a haven for wildlife such as birds and reptiles. The group now meet at least once a month to maintain the reserve with weeding and some planting while enjoying the tranquil surrounds of the reserve.

New people are welcome to the monthly working bee.

Location	Traill Park Bushland Reserve, Maroochydore
When	3rd Thursday of the month, 8 – 10am
Meeting place	Millwell Road
Contact	Brendan Stephen, Community Nature Conservation Officer, Sunshine Coast Council, brendan.stephen@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au , 0447 299 772





23. Russell Family Park Bushcare Group

Location	Russell Family Park, Montville
When	Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday and every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month, 7 – 9am
Meeting place	In the park
Contact	Megan Jericho, Community Nature Conservation Officer, Sunshine Coast Council, megan.jericho@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au , 0448 423 091

Montville's Russell Family Park Bushcare Group have been meeting weekly since 2008. The group originally began restoring an area of rainforest on the western side of the main lagoon, and has progressively worked throughout most of the vegetated areas surrounding the lagoons. Large weedy trees such as camphor laurels and privet have been removed and replaced with thousands of native rainforest plant species, comprising of 166 different species.. The Bushcare group has hosted several large planting and mulching activities with participants including students from the Montville State School, volunteers from Maleny-Blackall Range Lions Club and the wider community. Rehabilitating the rainforest has enriched the habitat for native birds, animals and butterflies and an extensive list of birds have since been recorded.

New people are welcome to the weekly working bee.





24. Friends of Kirbys Road Environmental Reserve

Kirbys Road Environmental Reserve was purchased by Sunshine Coast Council in 2011 under the Environment Levy Land Acquisition Program. The reserve adds 213.36 hectares of land to the region's conservation estate, protecting a key link between the core areas of Kondalilla National Park and Maleny National Park.

The reserve is located in the upper Mary River catchment with permanent and seasonal creeks flowing into the lowland reaches of Obi Obi Creek. The site encompasses diverse landscape features including river flats, hill slopes, several rock outcrops and a large rocky escarpment.

Get involved in the restoration and conservation of this reserve at an annual bushcare/tree planting day.

Location	Kirbys Road Environmental Reserve, Obi Obi
When	Annual bushcare day
Contact	communitynature@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au



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25. Little Yabba Creek Bushcare Group

Location	Little Yabba Creek Rest Area, Cambrook
When	1st Friday of the month, 8 – 10am
Meeting place	Under the fig tree, Maleny – Kenilworth Road.
Contact	Kenneth McClymont, Catchment Project Officer, Sunshine Coast Council, kenneth.mcclymont@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au , 0409 761 283

The Little Yabba Creek Bushcare Group in Cambrook gather every month to conserve and enhance the biodiversity values of Little Yabba Creek Park. Little Yabba Creek is a tributary of the Mary River, and conservation works in this park contribute to the restoration of key flora and fauna corridors between the Blackall and Conondale Ranges and along the Mary Valley. The volunteers undertake removal of exotic plant species and replace them with native species, while enjoying the natural surrounds, birdlife and the opportunity to explore the impressive Fig Tree walk on the north side of Little Yabba Creek.

New people are welcome to the monthly working bee.





26. Spring Pastures Bushcare Group

The Spring Pastures Bushcare Group gather monthly to restore native vegetation along Echidna Creek and in the Spring Pastures Bushland Conservation Reserve. This vast area below Mapleton was once farmland. The group focuses their efforts on enhancing the native vegetation regrowth along creeks and walking tracks contained within the reserve. They have removed large amounts of invasive weeds such as lantana and privet, promoting the regeneration of native species. Birds such as the pacific baza have returned to the area, and the improving health of the creeks provide habitat for frogs and other animals. Everybody welcome to come along and join in.

Location	Spring Pastures Drive Bushland Reserve Network, Mapleton
When	1st Sunday of the month, 8 – 10am
Meeting place	End of Spring Pastures Drive
Contact	Megan Jericho, Community Nature Conservation Officer, Sunshine Coast Council, megan.jericho@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au , 0448 423 091





27. Murray Grey Drive Bushcare Group

Location	Andrew Doig Bushland Reserve William Doig Park, Kureelipa
When	3rd Monday of the month, 8 – 10am
Meeting place	Entrance to reserve, Murray Grey Drive.
Contact	Nadia Joyce, Community Nature Conservation Officer, Sunshine Coast Council, nadia.joyce@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au , 0419 025 736

The Murray Grey Drive Bushcare Group, formed in 1999, gather every month to restore two remnant and regrowth rainforest reserves in Kureelipa – the Andrew and William Doig Memorial Parks. The group initiated with the aim of controlling cats claw vine and privet in Andrew Doig Park. Their works extended into the remnant areas of William Doig Park, and the group are also rehabilitating Tin Kettle Creek with weed control and planting activities.

The Group carry out activities to help preserve the last Dry Rainforest vegetation community remaining in Kureelipa.

New people are welcome to the monthly working bees.





28. Whalley Creek Bushcare Group

Location	Whalley Creek Corridor, Burnside
When	1st Saturday of the month, 2 – 4pm
Meeting place	Kings Place, Burnside
Contact	Brendan Stephen, Community Nature Conservation Officer, Sunshine Coast Council, brendan.stephen@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au , 0447 299 772

The Whalley Creek Bushcare Group work along the banks of Whalley creek controlling madeira vine and various other woody woods like chinese elms. This group has been looking after the riparian zone for over 15 years.

New people are welcome to join the monthly working bees and help maintain this secret spot at Burnside, and join in morning tea and chat afterwards.



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30. Namba Creek Bushcare Group

Location	Model Railway Park, Nambour
When	3rd Saturday of the month, 7 or 8 – 11am
Meeting place	Entrance to Model Railway Park, Florence Street
Contact	Nadia Joyce, Community Nature Conservation Officer, Sunshine Coast Council, nadia.joyce@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au , 0419 025 736

The Namba Creek Bushcare Group has been steadily working towards the restoration of Namba Creek, a tributary of Petrie Creek located in the Model Railway Park in Nambour. The volunteers remove weeds and revegetate the riparian corridor from Doolan Street to the Model Railway Park. They have also removed mature woody weed trees and planted close to 4000 additional native plants with funds from a successful Qld State Government grant. A highlight of delivering the grant was a large planting event with staff from Unity Water who planted 1,200 plants in an area that had been cleared of camphor laurel trees.

New people are welcome to the monthly working bees.





31. Gulung Gung Bushcare Group

The Gulung Gung Bushcare Group in Nambour started in a joint Creekside Greening event with Unity Water when 1,500 plants were planted around the open area of Quota Park Extension. Later that year an event was held with members of the local Aboriginal community who planted Bunya Pines and other native plants. Gulung Gung is a local language term meaning “Family Connections Country”. The Bushcare group’s activities extended within the park with the aid of a Qld State Government Grant that funded weed tree removal and enabled the purchase of native plants that were planted at community days including Trees for Mum events on Mother’s Day, and National Tree planting days. Gulung Gung Bushcare Group has continued its work at restoring habitat for native fauna including platypus in Petrie Creek. The group has had assistance from a wide variety of community groups and local schools.

New people are welcome to the monthly working bees.

Location	Quota Memorial Park Extension, Nambour
When	4th Wednesday of the month, 7 or 8 – 11am
Meeting place	Parkland behind Price Busters, Howard Street
Contact	Nadia Joyce, Community Nature Conservation Officer, Sunshine Coast Council, nadia.joyce@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au , 0419 025 736





32. Christina Low Park Bushcare Group

The Christina Low Park Bushcare Group meet every month to restore the banks of the South Maroochy River in three adjoining parks, Christina Low Park, Lions Park and Cascade Park, in Yandina. The group began work in 2001 under the Adopt a Park scheme. A Federal Government grant in 2005 was awarded to remove large camphor laurels. Many other invasive weeds such as Privet, Chinese Elm and Singapore Daisy are removed continuously. This group has successfully planted thousands of plants native to the area and have vastly enhanced habitat for native flora and fauna, as well as improving the water quality and helping stabilise the riverbank. The area is scenically beautiful and can be easily seen from the main road. Everybody is welcome to join in at the regular working bees.

Location	Christina Low Park, Yandina
When	3rd Tuesday of the month, 8 – 10am
Meeting place	End of Old Cobb and Co Lane
Contact	Megan Jericho, Community Nature Conservation Officer, Sunshine Coast Council, megan.jericho@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au , 0448 423 091





33. Maroochy Wetland Bushcare Group

Location	Maroochy Wetland Sanctuary, Bli Bli
When	1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month, 8 – 10am
Meeting place	Back of McMartin Park on Lefoes Road, Bli Bli
Contact	Megan Jericho, Community Nature Conservation Officer, Sunshine Coast Council, megan.jericho@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au , 0448 423 091

This group work on the edges of the Maroochy Wetland Sanctuary and have been achieving great environmental outcomes. When they first began the edge of the wetland was infested with masses of lantana which the group progressively removed and replaced with native plant species. The group meet fortnightly to tackle weeds to prevent them from entering the wetland sanctuary, and they also continue to plant. New people are always welcome to the monthly working bee and join the morning tea afterwards.





34. Whitecross Bushcare Group

Location	Whitecross Road Environmental Reserve, Bli Bli
When	2nd and 3rd Wednesday of the month, 8:30 – 11:30am
Meeting place	Entrance to the reserve at the end of Ringtail Place, Parklakes Estate
Contact	Ashley Goodman, Community Nature Conservation Officer, Sunshine Coast Council, ashley.goodman@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au , 0438 276 348

The Whitecross Road Environmental Reserve measures a combined area of 7.68ha and forms part of an important habitat corridor and ecological linkage for plants and animals. It contains a walking trail that traverses from east to west through patches of beautiful rainforest along the creeks within the eucalypt forest.

The group work towards restoring some of the degraded areas in this reserve by removing exotic species and planting local natives.

Morning tea involves a friendly chat and is a great opportunity to discuss bird sightings and plant identification. New volunteers always welcome.





43. Friends of Doonan Creek Environmental Reserve

Doonan Creek Environmental Reserve protects a key link in the Maroochy Noosa wallum corridor—one of the most important coastal habitat areas on the Sunshine.

The majority of the reserve (252ha) was acquired through Council's environment levy land acquisition program in 2013, creating a total protected area of 334 hectares of diverse habitat ranging from iconic coastal heath, scribbly gum forest to melaleuca wetlands.

Get involved in the restoration and conservation of this reserve at an annual bushcare/tree planting day.

Location	Doonan Creek Environmental Reserve, Verrierdal
When	Annual bushcare day
Meeting place	Doonan Bridge Road
Contact	communitynature@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au





44. Eumundi Bushcare Group

Location	Sunken Garden, Eumundi
When	4th Sunday of the month, 9:30am – 12pm
Meeting place	Pacey Street
Contact	Brendan Stephen, Community Nature Conservation Officer, Sunshine Coast Council, brendan.stephen@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au , 0447 299 772

The Eumundi Bushcare group meet every month to plant and weed in the old Sunken Garden.

The site was originally a rocky outcrop that was quarried for stone to gravel the first roads in the area in the early 20th century. Now a 'sunken garden', the area is being transformed with weed control and planting, including a National Tree Day planting in 2016. The plantings enhance habitat for native flora and fauna, and provide a tranquil place for people to visit.

New people are welcome to the monthly working bees.





45. Mt Ninderry Bushcare Group

The group are working in the newly acquisition land purchased in 2013 that expands on the size of the existing Mount Ninderry reserve network from 96.3 hectares to a total of 156.57 hectares.

The reserve contains three different regional ecosystems including one listed under the Qld Vegetation management Act as “of concern” and another listed as critically endangered under the EPBC Act. The reserve have many listed fauna species classed as threatened such as the Gloss Black Cockatoo, Giant barred frog and the Koala.

Get involved to help these threatened species by coming along to the working bee.

Location	Mt Ninderry Environmental Reserve, Ninderry
When	2nd Tuesday of the month, 8 - 10am
Meeting place	End of Mountain View Road
Contact	Ashley Goodman, Community Nature Conservation Officer, ashley.goodman@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au , 0438 276 348

BushCare Partners

5. Maleny District Greenhills Fund

Location	Maleny Precinct, Maleny
When	3rd Sunday of the month, 8:30 – 11:30am
Meeting place	Outside Nursery, end of Porters Lane
Contact	Ron Sharp, Project Manager, ronsharp@gmx.com, www.greenhills.org.au

Maleny District Green Hills Fund (MDGF) is an environmental group who work in partnership with community and government organisations to protect and rehabilitate environmental areas of concern in the Maleny Plateau. MDGHF has formed a Bushcare group in partnership with Sunshine Coast Council to care for and maintain 18,500 seedlings recently planted to form a riparian margin and walking track in the Maleny Community Precinct area.

11. Currimundi Catchment Care Group Inc.

Location	Adjacent Currimundi Lake, west of Nicklin Way, Currimundi
When	1st Sunday of the month, 3 – 5pm
Meeting place	various
Contact	Kym Maver, volunteer coordinator for the bushcare sub-group ermaver@iprimus.com.au , 0402 600 280 www.currimundicatchment.org.au/cccg/

Currimundi Catchment Care Group (CCCG) are a diverse and active group undertaking a range of activities. CCCG partner with Sunshine Coast Council in removing weeds and planting natives in council's environment reserves bordering the western side of Currimundi Lake and surrounding catchment. If you are looking for some fun, family friendly, bushcare activities within the Currimundi catchment you're very welcome to come along to their working bees.





12. Friends of Currimundi Lake

Location	Adjacent Currimundi Lake, east of Nicklin Way, Currimundi
When	2nd Wednesday and last Saturday of the month, 8am – 12pm.
Meeting place	various
Contact	Rhonda Bordonaro, Community Nature Conservation Officer, Sunshine Coast Council, rhonda.bordonaro@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au, 0439 702 160 www.currimundicatchment.org.au/ foclwordpress/

Friends of Currimundi Lake (FoCL) work together with other groups and government to improve litter management, youth participation, community education, facilities, management of flora and fauna, waste management, erosion surveillance and management of water quality. FoCL partner with Sunshine Coast Council to undertake bushcare activities in council's environment reserves bordering Currimundi Lake.

18. EJ Foote War Memorial Sanctuary Association

Location	Eric Joseph Foote War Memorial Sanctuary, Buderim
When	Every Thursday of the month, 8 – 10am
Meeting place	End of Park Lane, Buderim
Contact	Elisabeth Sawyer, President elisabeth.sawyer@bigpond.com 0419 346 201

Foote Sanctuary is a reserve with a number of walking tracks through different vegetation communities with its very own waterfall. This group are very diverse in the work they do in the Sanctuary. There is a small bushcare component to the group who mostly remove weeds, as well as planting native species. Some other volunteers prefer to sand and oil park furniture within the reserve, look after the tracks, maintain the picnic area. Others prefer to grow and plant endangered plants.

This reserve is very special as in 1948 the Foote family gifted the land to the community in memory of their son Sgt Eric Joseph Foote MM who died in France in WW1. The group also hold Buderim Remembrance Day ceremonies at the Sanctuary and have educational days for school groups. There is something for everyone in this group and new comers are very welcome.





29. Petrie Creek Catchment Care Group – Florabunda Bushcare Group

Location	Victory Park Sports Complex Environmental Reserve, Woombye
When	1st Saturday of the month, 7 or 8 – 11am
Meeting place	Laidlaw Road
Contact	Brendan Stephen, Community Nature Conservation Officer, Sunshine Coast Council, brendan.stephen@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au , 0447 299 772

Petrie Creek Catchment Care Group (PCCCG) partner with Sunshine Coast Council to undertake bushcare activities in council's environment reserves.

The Florabunda Bushcare Group in Woombye meet once a month to restore a reach of the Petrie Creek within a council Environmental Reserve behind the Victory Parks Sports Complex in Laidlaw Road. With the assistance of council's resources and a successful Qld State Government grant, the group have successfully rehabilitated a section of Petrie Creek using weed removal, revegetation and regeneration techniques. Works are now progressing downstream with weed control and replanting, including a mass planting event held in November 2016 with the local community. The group's efforts have successfully established a vegetation corridor that provides habitat for native fauna, as well as helping to reduce erosion of the creek's banks.

34/35/36/38/40/41/42. Coolum and North Shore Coast Care

Location	various
When	various
Meeting place	various
Contact	info@coolumcoastcare.com.au http://coolumcoastcare.org.au/

Coolum & North Shore Coast Care (CaNSCC) is a not for profit association formed to protect the coastal environment and its flora and fauna, and to maintain the natural state of this gorgeous part of the world we are lucky enough to live in.

In addition to other activities including turtle monitoring, education, marine rubbish clean-ups and surveys, and more; CaNSCC partners with Sunshine Coast Council to undertake bushcare and dune rehabilitation activities weekly at the following locations. On the first Thursday of the month, all the CaNSCC groups and SCC meet together for a large group weeding in a priority area which is a great way to meet members all working for a common cause.

34. Twin Waters Dune Protection Group

Location	Maroochy River – Mudjimba Foreshore Bushland Conservation Reserve, Twin Waters
When	3rd Monday of the month, 8 – 10am
Meeting place	Beach Access 131, North Shore Road
Contact	Ashley Goodman, Community Nature Conservation Officer, Sunshine Coast Council, ashley.goodman@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au , 0438 276 348

The group work a small patch adjacent to Beach Access 131 where they have been stabilising the dunes with revegetation as well as working on the hind dunes targeting environmental weeds. Small group of friendly volunteers showing great results.



35. Mudjimba Dune Care and Bush Care

Location	Maroochy River – Mudjimba Foreshore Bushland Conservation Reserve, Mudjimba
When	1st Monday of the month, 8 – 10am
Meeting place	Power Memorial Park, Mudjimba Esplanade
Contact	Helen Leckie, volunteer coordinator, helenandfoy@bigpond.com 0407 764 331

The group work to rehabilitate the dunal complex of this known turtle nesting beach to ensure stabilisation and the removal of non-endemic species. The frontal dunes from Beach Access 125 to 122 have been restored after 6 years of planting, weeding and fencing. The group averages 11 members and actively recruit from the local community. They also visit Cottonwood Street Reserve every several months to remove the weeds.

35. Marcoola South

Location	Mudjimba – Marcoola Foreshore Bushland Conservation Reserve, Marcoola
When	1st Saturday, 8 – 10am, 2nd & 4th Thursday 7.30am – 9.30am of the month
Meeting place	various
Contact	Tony Gibson, volunteer coordinator, tony.gibson@spirit3h.com.au 0419 791 860

Volunteers meet weekly to restore and maintain some incredible coastal rainforest and heathland vegetation along the Marcoola dunal system from Beach Access (BA) 117 up to BA 114 and BA 97. A morning tea is provided on the Saturday working bee at BA 117. Thursday working bees are generally at BA 97.

36. North Marcoola

Location	Mudjimba – Marcoola Foreshore Bushland Conservation Reserve, Marcoola
When	Every second Thursday 7.30 - 9.30am
Meeting place	Felix Parry Park, Marcoola Esplanade
Contact	Alan Hayes, volunteer coordinator jualhayes@bigpond.com, 0419 526 347

This group's aim is protection and restoration of existing biodiversity values along the Marcoola foreshore reserve. Volunteers have been working to strengthen areas and maintaining existing revegetation project sites from previous national tree day events. The group work between BA 106 and BA 101 controlling asparagus fern and undertaking tree planting along the dunes. Contractors are also heavily involved in the site to help support the group's efforts due to amount of invasive weeds located in this area.



37. Town of Seaside/Boardwalk

Location	Mudjimba – Marcoola Foreshore Bushland Conservation Reserve, Town of Seaside
When	Last Saturday of the month, 8 – 10am
Meeting place	End of Merchants Parade, Mount Coolum
Contact	Luke Kaploon, volunteer coordinator kaploonluke@gmail.com, 0428 853 188

Volunteers meet once a month to maintain the large dunal buffer both sides of Beach Access 98. The area contains a range of vegetation communities ranging from foredune herb/grass land to Melaleuca woodland forest. The group finish the working bee with free morning tea and share stories with a friendly group of volunteers.

40. Yinneburra/Yerranya

Location	Yinneburra Bushland Conservation Reserve, Yaroomba
When	Every Thursday, 8 – 10am
Meeting place	at the reserve, David Low Way
Contact	Jan Crossland, volunteer coordinator jan.crossland50@gmail.com 0401 956 150

Yinneburra reserve is a rare patch of remnant bushland adjacent to the ocean at Yaroomba and is part of a cluster of small significant coastal remnants. CaNSCC volunteers have been working in the area for 20 years and now meet weekly to help restore this beautiful patch of dunal habitat to its original healthy state. Weekly meetings vary in locations so please contact the coordinator prior and if you want to come regular you can be included in the mail out list.





41. Stumers Dunes

Location	Stumers Creek Bushland Conservation Reserve, Coolum Beach
When	Every Thursday of the month (except 1st Thursday), 8 – 11am
Meeting place	Next to the picnic shelter, start of Beach Access 72, Lions Park
Contact	Nadia Joyce, Community Nature Conservation Officer, Sunshine Coast Council, nadia.joyce@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au , 0419 025 736

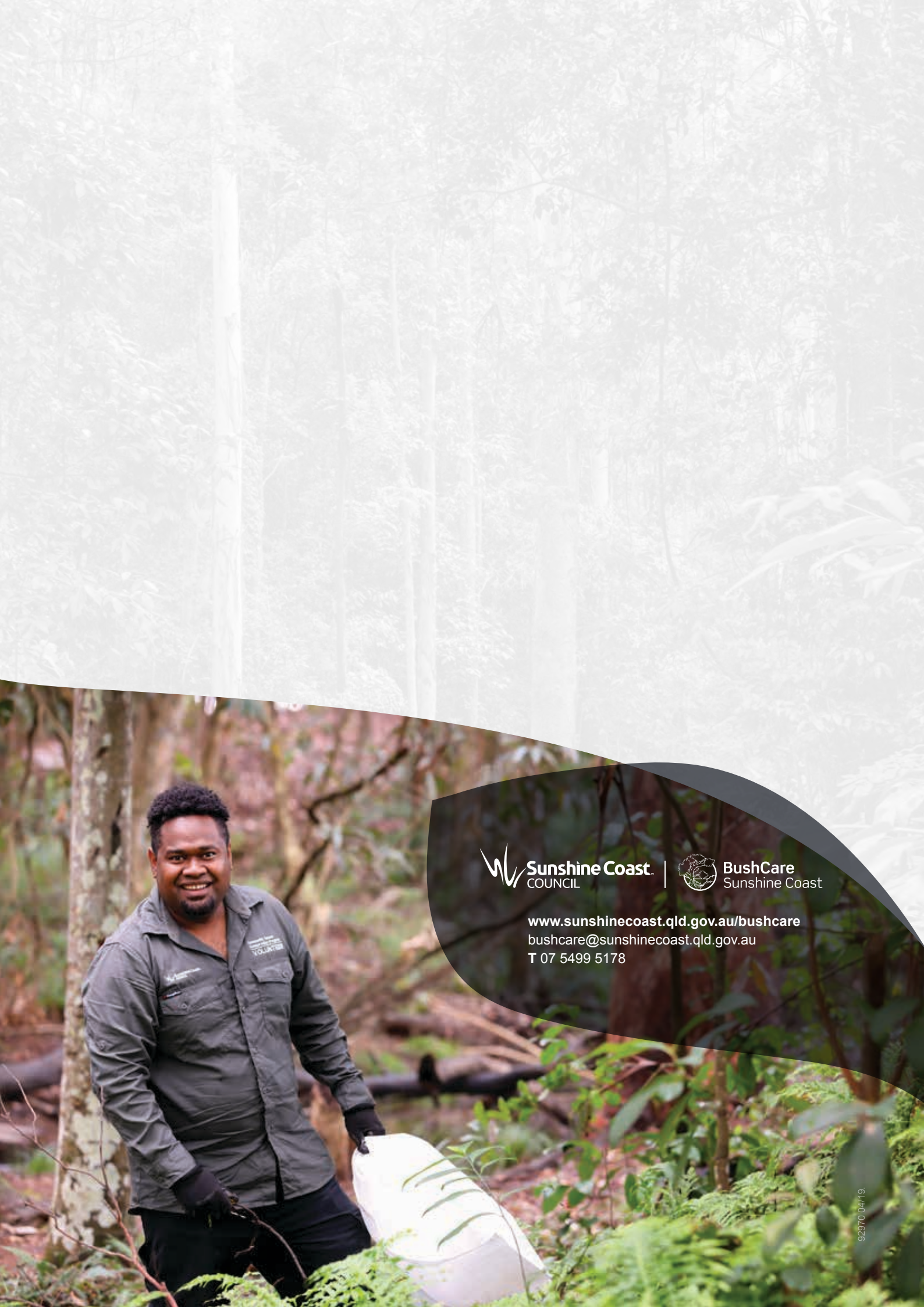
The Stumers Dunes group have been steadily working towards the restoration of the dunal Bushland Conservation Reserve adjacent to Lions Park / Norrie Job Park in Coolum Beach since 2001. The volunteers' activities help create and maintain the biodiversity values of the dunal areas which in turn provide habitat suitable for local fauna, as well as assisting in the prevention of erosion of the dunes. Over several years, this group has helped host a number of large planting and educational events with the local community, particularly Coolum State School.

42. Watercourse Warriors

Location	Norrie Job Park, Coolum Beach
When	Every Monday and Thursday, 8:30 – 10am
Meeting place	Stumers Creek Road, near Beach Access 71
Contact	Nadia Joyce, Community Nature Conservation Officer, Sunshine Coast Council, nadia.joyce@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au , 0419 025 736

Since 2006, Watercourse Warriors have been successfully working towards the restoration of bushland vegetation in and adjacent to a drainage line that extends from Coolum's Lions Park and flows north until it enters Stumers Creek. The volunteers' activities include planting, weeding, invasive aquatic weed monitoring and control and mulching along the continuous habitat corridor they have created near the watercourse. The vegetation in the watercourse also helps to treat stormwater before it enters Stumers Creek and the ocean. Over the years the Watercourse Warriors have hosted activity days with many community groups including Green Corp teams, Lions Club members and students from local schools.





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