

# The Understory

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## In memory of Dr Judith Wake: lifetime member of PCL



*We need to care about our waterways, they really are like our veins, our arteries. If they're not healthy, we're not healthy.*

*Photo acknowledgement: Healthy Rivers to Reef Partnership (HR2R)*



It is with great sadness that we acknowledge the passing of Dr Judith Wake, a remarkable ecologist and passionate advocate for the sustainable management of connected ecosystems across the Mackay region, from mountain tops to the reef. Judith's life was dedicated to understanding, protecting, and restoring our unique waterways, wetlands, and coastal environments, she leaves a lasting legacy in both science and community conservation.

Born and raised in Eungella, Judith developed a love of nature early, inspired by marine science and the diversity of estuarine and mangrove habitats. She shared her deep knowledge with students, colleagues and the broader community, combining rigorous science with a practical, hands-on approach that made environmental stewardship accessible and meaningful.

Judith's professional and voluntary contributions were extensive. She was Head of Applied and Environmental Sciences Programs at CQU, an adjunct researcher in retirement, and a long-time member and leader of numerous groups including Pioneer Catchment Landcare, Native Plants Queensland, and Queensland Water and Land Carers. Her work included research on mangrove ecosystems, estuarine water quality, rare plant propagation and citizen science programs, as well as service on technical working groups such as the Healthy Rivers to Reef Partnership, where she helped guide annual report cards and conservation strategies.

Her passion, dedication, and generosity of spirit were recognised in 2023 when she received the Mackay Australia Day Environmental Achievement Award. Beyond her professional achievements, Judith was a mentor, volunteer, and teacher whose warmth, humour and wisdom inspired countless people across the conservation community.

Judith retired in 2024 to spend more time with her family, leaving behind a legacy that continues to influence environmental management and conservation across the Mackay region. We extend our deepest condolences to her family and all who had the privilege of learning from and working alongside her. Her knowledge, dedication, and love for the natural world will be remembered and cherished.

*Article acknowledgement: HR2RP, QWaLC, PCL*

**Our heartfelt thanks go out to Judith for everything she has done for PCL and our community over so many years.**

## Eton Range Fauna Crossing

PCL has planted koala fodder trees and controlled weeds at the fauna underpass at the top of the Eton Range



Koala sighted in reveg zone

### A bit of background:

In 2020, the Peak Downs Highway realignment at Eton Range incorporated the construction of a ~7,800 m<sup>2</sup> fauna underpass designed to improve safe wildlife movement across the corridor. Exclusion fencing and habitat features, including strategically placed logs, were installed to guide and encourage koalas and other arboreal species to use the underpass when moving through the landscape.

Over the past 18 months, our team has been rehabilitating the Eton Range fauna underpass and surrounding areas along the Peak Downs Highway.

### Weed Control & Revegetation:

Dense vine, Guinea grass, lantana and leucaena were cleared, allowing us to replant and reinforce habitat around the koala log pathway that connects both sides of the range.

### Monitoring:

Trail cameras have confirmed koalas, wallabies, goannas, snakes and various bird species using the underpass.

### Feral Cat Management:

Feral cats were also detected. One large individual was trapped and removed, and ongoing monitoring and control continues to protect native wildlife.



View of koala log highway leading to underpass and feral cat next to trap

# Riparian Revegetation Melba House

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Grant funded by DETSI

Funding from the Department of Environment and Science's Community Sustainability Action Grant Program (Round 7, 2023) supported rehabilitation of the river access point at Lloyd Park. The project focuses on restoring native vegetation, improving water quality, enhancing habitat for local biodiversity and ensuring the area can be enjoyed by the community for generations to come.

Over 1000  
plants!



## Project Update

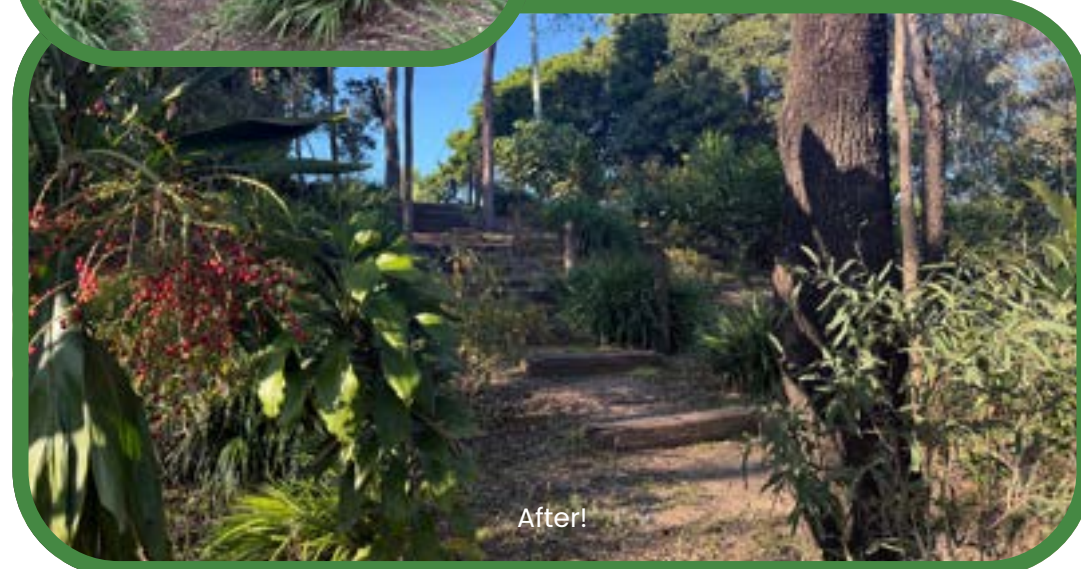
Spring has seen the riverbank at Lloyd Park, Melba House, transform into a vibrant green space, thanks to the efforts of PCL staff and our hardworking volunteers. The project has achieved incredible outcomes.

Over 1,000 native plants have now been put in the ground, restoring the river access point to a more natural state. These plantings have already begun to create a welcoming habitat for local wildlife, increasing biodiversity along the riverbank. Birds, insects, and other small fauna are returning, and the variety of native species is helping to stabilise the soil.

The visual transformation is striking. What was once weed infested, vulnerable stretch of riverbank is now alive with colour, texture, and the promise of a thriving ecosystem for generations to enjoy.

This project demonstrates how targeted on-ground works can meaningfully restore local environments. With ongoing care and community involvement, these efforts create lasting, visible outcomes. As the plantings establish and the site matures, the riverbank at Melba House will continue to develop as a thriving biodiversity corridor and a welcoming place for the community to connect with nature.

*A huge thank you to everyone who came along and made a difference!*



*Photos from top:  
Top: Before PCL started the reveg the site was full of Guinea Grass and Leucaena*

*Middle: PCL volunteers*

*Bottom: New landscape!*

# Protected Plant Program

## In-depth report: *Bertya pedicellata*

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### Project Intent

You might have heard us talk about *Bertya pedicellata* recently – it's a tough little shrub that only grows in a few spots across the Brigalow Belt in Central Queensland, which makes it pretty special. Because it's classed as threatened under the EPBC, we've been asked to recover a healthy population that will be affected by upcoming roadworks.

Our role? Making sure these plants don't disappear. We're propagating new plants and carefully relocating others so there's no net loss to the species. It's hands-on, hopeful work – and a great reminder of how even the smallest shrubs can have big conservation stories behind them.

### Focus Areas:

- Literature review of previous projects
- Propagate from existing plants through seed and cuttings
- Translocate plants to a recipient site which is close to the existing site and is the same regional ecosystem
- Establish plants to achieve no net loss from existing site

### Why Does It Matter

Every plant species contributes to the balance and function of its ecosystem. Rare and threatened species are often specialists – they have evolved to fill very specific ecological roles, such as providing habitat for particular insects, stabilising soil in fragile landscapes, or flowering at key times that support pollinators. When one of these species disappears, that ecological role is lost too, and the ripple effects can extend across the entire habitat.

Threatened plants also hold unique genetic diversity. This diversity is incredibly valuable because it gives ecosystems the ability to adapt to change – including climate shifts, extreme weather, pests, and disease. Once a species is gone, that adaptability is permanently reduced, making entire landscapes more vulnerable.

In short: protecting threatened plant species isn't just about saving individual plants – it's about maintaining resilient ecosystems, preserving biodiversity, and ensuring that future generations inherit landscapes that are vibrant, functional, and alive.



Photos:  
Top – Accessioning

Middle left – PCL volunteers  
sowing *Bertya* seeds

Bottom – PCL field team  
propagating *Bertya*  
cuttings

## Translocation

We'll be carefully relocating 83 mature and juvenile plants to a new site that provides similar growing conditions. Translocation is a detailed and delicate process used for threatened native plants when their habitat is at risk.

Key considerations in threatened plant translocation include:

- Careful excavation and handling: Each plant must be dug out slowly to protect the root system and surrounding soil structure. Even minor root damage can reduce the plant's chance of survival, so experienced staff will lead this stage.
- Maintaining environmental conditions: The new planting site has been selected to closely match the plant's original habitat, including soil type, drainage, aspect, and associated plant community. This alignment is essential for the plant to re-establish successfully.
- Post-planting support and monitoring: After replanting, ongoing watering, weed control, and plant health monitoring will occur for at least 12 months. This follow-up care is a crucial component of successful translocation.



96 plants  
for no net  
loss

## Desired Outcomes

Both mature and juvenile plants are included to maintain age structure and genetic diversity within the new location, helping to support long-term population resilience. This careful approach gives *Bertya pedicellata* the best possible chance to continue growing and thriving in the landscape, even as the surrounding area undergoes change.

Our goal is to make sure *Bertya pedicellata* continues to thrive in the wild. By moving plants to a suitable new site and growing additional plants from cuttings, we aim to maintain a healthy, self-sustaining population and protect this rare species for the future.

This project brings together science, hands-on conservation, and community effort - helping to protect a rare Queensland species while still allowing important infrastructure works to move ahead responsibly.



*Excavator carefully removing Bertya*

*Inset Photos:  
Top - Lachlan and  
seedling*

*Middle - Tharindu and  
Mitch moving Bertya*

*Bottom - Leah and Lachy  
replanting*

# Landcare Support

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## Junior Landcare

### Values of the Program

At PCL, we know that connecting young people with nature early is key to fostering lifelong care for the environment.

Our Junior Landcare program welcomes students from kindergarten through to Year 12, offering hands-on experiences that spark curiosity and wonder. Whether it's exploring local bushland, learning about native plants, spotting wildlife, or tasting edible natives, students are encouraged to slow down, look closely, and build a meaningful connection to the landscapes that support us all.

These experiences go beyond the classroom. Children learn practical skills in planting, habitat creation, and conservation, while developing a deeper understanding of how ecosystems work and why they matter. By nurturing curiosity and respect for the natural world, Junior Landcare helps students see themselves as part of their environment, not just observers of it.

We have been privileged to work with students from several schools in the Mackay region recently including:

- Eimeo State School - bushtucker talk and planting 50 edible native plants in their kitchen garden area
- Glenden State School - pondlife talk and pond planting
- Glenella Kindy - interactive plant experience and planting to beautify their school play area
- Eimeo Goodstart Kindy - interactive plant experience and bushtucker planting
- Hamilton Goodstart Kindy - interactive plant experience and planting to improve play area

In short, Junior Landcare is about planting more than trees - it's about planting knowledge, passion, and a lifelong connection to the natural world.



## Community Landcare



*Photo: MangroveWatch Student Challenge - PCL supported students from across Australia in citizen science and career pathway discussions*

Each year, Pioneer Catchment Landcare partners with a diverse range of local groups, not-for-profits and community initiatives to deliver meaningful on-ground projects, environmental education, and citizen science activities.

We offer support from planting native species and restoring habitats to monitoring wildlife, giving educational presentations and attending events.

**If your community group would like our staff to assist contact us today!**

Partnerships like these amplify our collective impact - helping to restore habitats, raise awareness, and inspire all generations of future environmental stewards across our region and beyond.

## Fiery Creek - Offset Plantation

### Project Update

### Storms bring relief...

The recent stretch of scorching hot, dry and windy days has certainly made its mark at the Fiery Creek plantation, with many young trees showing signs of stress and wilting under the harsh conditions. However, nature has a knack for resilience. After a few much-welcomed, localised storms swept over the site in recent weeks, trees that appeared all but lost have surprised us by flushing with new growth and springing back to life.

It's been a powerful reminder of just how tough our native species can be – and how quickly the landscape responds when the rain finally comes.

1,200 Koala  
Fodder  
Trees



## MRC Bushland Maintenance

### Project background

Environmental Services play a key role in sustaining our organisation, providing reliable income that supports our staffing, operational capacity and community programs. Through our contract with Mackay Regional Council, we manage 11 coastal and environmental parklands across the region – including dune systems, coastal areas, recreational reserves, and important wildlife corridors. This work involves weed control and ongoing ecological maintenance to protect native biodiversity and strengthen the long-term health of these landscapes.

Caring for these sites ensures that local ecosystems remain resilient, accessible and thriving for both wildlife and the community. The consistency of this work allows us to employ skilled staff, develop specialist expertise, and reinvest knowledge back into our education, volunteer and community engagement programs. In this way, our Environmental Services programs not only care for natural areas, but directly support PCL's capacity to deliver meaningful, community-led conservation across the Pioneer Catchment.



# Wildlife Workshops

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## Saving the Stranded - Supported and funded by WIRES

### Wildlife First Aid Workshop – Wildlife Rehabilitation Queensland

Our community got hands-on with wildlife at a fantastic workshop led by Wildlife Rehabilitation Queensland. Participants learned everything they need to know about responding to sick or injured animals - from first aid basics to the correct way to handle and assess wildlife in need. The session was full of practical tips and advice, empowering people to act safely and confidently when they encounter local wildlife. A huge thanks to Wildlife Rehabilitation Queensland for sharing their expertise and helping our community become wildlife-savvy!



### Snakes and Reptiles Workshop – Wildlife Whitsundays

Bravery and curiosity were on display at our Wildlife Whitsundays workshop, where participants got up close with snakes and reptiles. For many, this meant confronting a real fear - and walking away with newfound confidence! Everyone had the chance to learn about these amazing creatures, their behaviour and their role in the ecosystem, while even holding them under expert guidance. It was an unforgettable experience that left participants inspired and more connected to the reptiles in our region. Many thanks Tenielle and Steve for an unforgettable experience!

**We still have some rescue packs and info booklets available! Contact us for more info** ❤️



## Supported and funded by DETSI - Engaging Science

4 events

### **Saltmarsh Conservation Project – Engaging Stakeholders Across the Catchment**

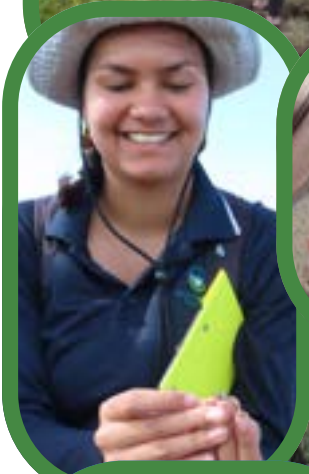
Pioneer Catchment Landcare has delivered a series of four strategic events as part of our saltmarsh conservation project, aimed at increasing awareness, building knowledge, and supporting practical action for these critical coastal ecosystems. Saltmarshes play a vital role in stabilising shorelines, filtering pollutants, providing habitat for wildlife and maintaining the health of waterways, making their protection essential for the Pioneer River catchment.

The program engaged a diverse range of participants, including industry professionals, community members, and students:

- Decision makers workshop – Facilitated discussions with industry leaders, students and Traditional Owners to explore strategic approaches for protecting and managing local saltmarshes.
- Industry field trip and Saltmarsh Survey – Practical field assessments to monitor habitat health, identify key species, and inform evidence-based management practices.
- Community field trip and Saltmarsh Survey – Opportunities for residents to gain hands-on experience and contribute to citizen science initiatives.
- School field trip and Saltmarsh Survey – Engaging students in field-based learning and surveys, fostering environmental literacy and connection to local ecosystems.

Through these events, the project has successfully promoted knowledge sharing, strengthened community and industry engagement, and supported the ongoing conservation and resilience of saltmarsh habitats in the region.

*Photos: Tidal Treasures decision makers, school students, Yuwi Land and Sea Rangers, MangroveWatch, community members, industry professionals and aerial shots of saltmarsh*



# Plant of the Month

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Common name: Lemon myrtle  
Botanical name: *Backhousia citriodora*

Family: Myrtaceae



Image: ANSPA Brian Walters



Image: ultimatebackyard.com.au

**Description:** *Backhousia* is a small genus of 6 species occurring mainly in rainforests of eastern Queensland, with a natural distribution from Mackay to Brisbane. *Backhousia citriodora* is the best known and most widely cultivated species. In its natural habitat it can reach 20 metres in height but is often smaller. In cultivation it rarely exceeds about 5 metres.

**Leaves:** The leaves are a fresh green colour and strongly lemon scented. They are attractively veined and oval or lance-shaped in outline, 50 -100 mm long with slightly toothed margins and a pointed apex. The young foliage is reddish and the young shoots and undersides of the leaves are often hairy.

**Flowers:** White flowers occur in clusters at the ends of the branches in spring/summer through to autumn.

**Fruit:** The fruit is a nut-like capsule which contains several small seeds. These are occasionally released but are generally retained until the whole fruit falls from the tree.

**Growing notes:** Lemon myrtle is a hardy plant which tolerates all but the poorest drained soils. It can be slow growing but responds well to slow-release fertilisers. Like many other rainforest species, it has also been successfully cultivated indoors.

#### Uses:

**Culinary:** The leaves are used as a flavoring in various dishes, teas, and desserts. They are popular in the native foods industry and are often marketed for their culinary applications.

**Medicinal:** Lemon myrtle has been studied for its potential health benefits, including its antimicrobial properties. It is sometimes used in treatments for skin conditions and as a natural antiseptic.

#### Name origin:

*Backhousia* - after James Backhouse, nurseryman, plant collector and Quaker missionary,  
*citriodora* - lemon-scented.

Reference: [https://anpsa.org.au/plant\\_profiles/backhousia-citriodora/](https://anpsa.org.au/plant_profiles/backhousia-citriodora/)  
<https://www.anbg.gov.au/gnp/gnp14/backhousia-citriodora.html>

# Pest of the Month

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Common name: Cane toad

Family: Bufonidae

Botanical name: *Rhinella marina*



Image: <https://digital-classroom.nma.gov.au/defining-moments/cane-toads-introduced>

**Description:** Considered the largest species in the Bufonidae, the cane toad is very large; the females are significantly longer than males, reaching a typical length of 100–150mm with a maximum of 240mm. They have a life expectancy of 10 to 15 years in the wild. The skin of the cane toad is dry and warty. Distinct ridges above the eyes run down the snout. Individual cane toads can be grey, yellowish, red-brown, or olive-brown, with varying patterns. A large parotoid gland lies behind each eye. The ventral surface is cream-coloured and may have blotches in shades of black or brown. The toes have a fleshy webbing at their base and the fingers are free of webbing. Typically, juvenile cane toads have smooth, dark skin, although some specimens have a red wash. Juveniles lack the adults' large parotoid glands, so they are usually less poisonous. The tadpoles are small and uniformly black, and are bottom dwellers, tending to form schools. Tadpoles range from 10–25 mm in length.

Cane toads are native to South and mainland Central America. They were introduced to Australia in 1935. Only 102 cane toads were brought over to be bred, and 2,400 toads were released in 1935 now estimated to number over 200 million.

**Habitat:** Cane toad habitat ranges from rainforests, coastal mangroves, sand dunes, shrubs and woodlands. They don't need much water to reproduce. They can also survive temperatures between 5°C – 40°C.

**Environmental threats:** Since the 1950s cane toads have been thought of as a pest because they produce a poison that can kill the native Australian animals that try to eat them. Cane toads also compete with native animals for food eating nearly everything that they can fit in their mouths including small mammals and insects. Cane toads are toxic at all life stages – from eggs to adults. They have large swellings called parotoid glands on each shoulder behind their eardrums. This is where they carry their milky-white toxin (known as bufotoxin). Their skin and other glands across their backs are also toxic. This spells bad news for Australia's native species, as they haven't had time to adapt to these toad toxins. One lick or bite can cause native animals to experience rapid heartbeats, excessive salivation, convulsions, paralysis and death.

**Control:** It is possible to control cane toad numbers humanely in a small area, such as a local creek or pond. This can be done by collecting the long jelly-like strings of cane toad eggs from the water or by humanely disposing of adult cane toads. Control is best at the egg or adult stages because cane toad tadpoles can easily be confused with some native tadpoles. Adult cane toads are also readily confused with some of the larger native frogs. Care should be taken to ensure you can correctly identify your local frog fauna before you become involved in projects to remove cane toads from the environment. This approach to cane toad control requires ongoing monitoring of the creek or pond.

There is unlikely to ever be a broadscale method available to control cane toads across Australia. Protecting our most vulnerable native species on a local scale is the focus of current planning around cane toads.

For more information go to: <https://www.dcceew.gov.au/environment/invasive-species/publications/factsheet-cane-toad-bufo-marinus>

References: <https://invasives.org.au/meet-the-invaders/cane-toads/>  
<https://wwf.org.au/blogs/10-facts-about-cane-toads/>

# Annual Platypus Surveys

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## Broken River



17 school students took part

### Why do we do annual surveys?

Annual surveys provide essential data on the health, distribution, and population trends of species. By monitoring changes over time, these surveys help identify emerging threats, inform conservation strategies, and guide management actions to protect ecosystems and the wildlife that depend on them. Regular monitoring ensures we can respond proactively to environmental changes and safeguard biodiversity for future generations.

### Annual Platypus Count – Monitoring an Iconic Species

The Annual Platypus Count at Broken River for Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS), is a crucial citizen science initiative that tracks the health and distribution of platypus populations in the region.

Pioneer Catchment Landcare has proudly supported this program for several years, assisting with surveys, data collection, and on-ground coordination to ensure accurate and valuable results. This year, we were thrilled to involve Year 11 and 12 students, giving them hands-on experience in counting and monitoring platypus, as well as understanding the habitats they rely on. Observations collected during these counts contribute directly to conservation research, helping scientists detect population trends, assess environmental impacts, and inform management strategies to protect this unique species. Engaging students in the count not only provides vital data but also instills an appreciation for the importance of monitoring and protecting local wildlife. Every sighting contributes to safeguarding the platypus and its habitat, ensuring these iconic animals continue to thrive in the Broken River ecosystem.

### Wellness in the wilderness

Being out in nature isn't just good for the environment – it's good for us too! Our Wellness in the Wilderness program gave inner-city students a chance to step away from screens and daily routines, breathe in fresh air, and experience the calming effects of green space. While exploring Broken River and participating in the platypus count, students not only learnt about local wildlife and conservation but also enjoyed the mental health benefits of being immersed in nature, building confidence, curiosity, and a lasting connection to the natural world.

Some of the conversations held with the students:

- "I didn't know platypus were so small, I've never seen them in real life."
- "I don't like crowds and being in the forest with my friend is way good. I've seen platypus and taken videos; I didn't think I'd find this as fun." From a kid whose been labelled as a boundary pusher.
- "I love touching the trees, you can feel their energy." This was from a kid who'd never been in the forest before.



# Upcoming Events...

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## PCL AGM!

### Where and when?

**Friday 28 November 2025**

**12:30pm – 2:30pm**

**Seabreeze Hotel, Pacific Esplanade, Lamberts Beach**

Join us for a relaxed lunchtime AGM overlooking the ocean at the beautiful Seabreeze Hotel. Come along, connect, reflect, and celebrate another year of community-led conservation across the Pioneer Catchment.

### Why You'll Want to Be There

Our AGM isn't just a formal meeting - it's a chance to come together as a community and celebrate the impact we've made throughout the year. We keep things relaxed, welcoming, and genuinely enjoyable. With stunning ocean views, a free lunch, and plenty of time to chat, it's a great opportunity to connect with other people who care about our local environment.

This year we're especially excited to welcome guest speaker Steve Fisher, an Island & Marine Ecologist with deep knowledge of the Great Barrier Reef and the coastal systems that shape our region. His talk will be engaging, insightful, and relevant to everyone interested in how land and sea ecosystems work together - and what we can do to protect them.

We'll also be sharing project highlights, stories from the year, and a look at what's coming next. It's a chance to contribute your ideas, ask questions, and be part of shaping our future direction. Whether you've volunteered with us for years or are just thinking about getting involved, this is a fantastic way to stay connected and inspired.

Come along, learn something new, meet good people, and help us celebrate another year of Landcare in the Pioneer Catchment!

FREE  
LUNCH!



**Pioneer Catchment Landcare**  
**Annual General Meeting**

*Save the Date*

**Friday 28 November 2025**  
**12:30pm – 2:30pm**  
**Seabreeze Hotel, Pacific Esplanade, Lamberts Beach**

**Lunch is on us!**

**Guest speakers**

**Steve Fisher** - Island & Marine Ecologist specialising in the Great Barrier Reef - sharing insights into island ecosystems, marine conservation, and the future of reef-connected habitats.

**Mackay Wood Choppers** - the sport, the achievements and the cultural heritage of axe work in our region.

# Upcoming Events...

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## ReefClean Project

**Join Us for another round of Marine Debris Monitoring:**

**Monday December 8th  
7am Harbour Beach  
Meet at the Surf Club**



We are excited to invite volunteers to our next Marine Debris monitoring event. This program is part of the ReefClean Tangaroa Blue initiative, which plays a vital role in understanding and tackling the issue of marine debris along our coastline.

Marine debris doesn't just spoil beaches - it harms wildlife, impacts fisheries, and can even affect human health. By monitoring debris, we can identify the sources of pollution, whether it comes from local communities, rivers, or offshore activities. This information is critical for informing targeted clean-up efforts, shaping conservation strategies and guiding policies to reduce waste entering our waterways.

During each monitoring event, PCL staff and volunteers help survey a designated stretch of coastline, recording and categorising debris in line with Tangaroa Blue protocols. These citizen science efforts contribute to a national dataset, helping researchers and local councils understand trends, measure the effectiveness of clean-up programs, and take action to protect marine habitats.

### **Get Involved!**

If you're passionate about keeping our rivers, beaches, and reefs clean, this is a fantastic hands-on opportunity to make a real difference. Join us at our next monitoring event to learn about marine debris, contribute to important research, and help protect our marine environment. All ages are welcome, and full guidance and equipment will be provided.

Together, we can help safeguard our coastline and marine life - one piece of debris at a time.



*Debris collection and microplastic survey*



*Setting up transects at Harbour Beach and the Pioneer river*

# Corporate membership

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## Join today. Actively fund conservation and landscape restoration.

Pioneer Catchment Landcare offers businesses of all sizes the opportunity to support our local community, conserve our precious environment and help make a difference in conservation with a PCL Corporate Membership.

**Choose from Bronze, Silver and Gold to support our community and our environment.**

**Partner with Purpose – Become a Corporate Member of Pioneer Catchment Landcare**

Join us in protecting what makes our region thrive – its land, water, wildlife, and community. By becoming a Corporate Member of Pioneer Catchment Landcare, your organisation will be part of a respected local movement making a real, lasting impact on our environment.

This is more than just a membership – it's an opportunity to:

- **Receive organisation naming right on events that membership fee has enabled**
- **Strengthen your ESG and CSR credentials**
- **Opportunities for your staff to engage with meaningful volunteer events**
- **Align your brand with on-ground environmental activities that matter**
- **Gain brand visibility through our events, media, and communications**
- **Demonstrate your commitment to sustainability and community values**
- **Gain community recognition for supporting Landcare and our environment**

From restoring bushland and managing invasive weeds to supporting biodiversity and educating the next generation, our work is powered by partnerships – and we'd love yours to be one of them.



**Become a Corporate Member today and show your customers, staff, and community that your business backs nature, sustainability, and local impact.**

## Let's grow something great together!

# PCL membership

## Join today!



Check out our options for membership today!

There's something for everyone, whether you live in a unit, on a small house block, or on acreage, help support our environment today by becoming a member of Pioneer Catchment Landcare.

As a member, you'll support and be able to take part in:

- **Ecosystem Protection** – Tackle invasive species & restore native habitats
- **Biodiversity Conservation** – Help protect threatened species
- **Landholder Support** – Get tailored advice for sustainable land care
- **Community Education** – Attend workshops & local events
- **Volunteer Opportunities** – Join clean-ups & hands-on projects
- **Research & Monitoring** – Contribute to surveys & citizen science
- **Sustainable Practices** – Promote eco-friendly farming & reforestation
- **School & Group Engagement** – Inspire the next generation
- **Social Events** – Enjoy our annual BBQs & networking sessions

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options



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# Thank You for your support

Thank you to everyone who walks alongside us—our volunteers, partners, members, and supporters. Your passion, dedication, and belief in what we do are the heartbeat of PCL.

Together, we are creating a legacy of care for the land, for wildlife, and for future generations. We're proud of what we've achieved, and even more excited for what we'll grow together.



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