

CONTRACT BRIEF FOR TCC/ATCV COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROGRAM



LOUISA CREEK CLEAN SEAS PROJECT

Community Education Facilitator



Program Aims

- ❑ To involve and educate the community (residential, commercial, industrial, educational) in the Louisa Creek catchment in order to protect the natural values of Cleveland and Halifax Bays by reducing marine pollution from stormwater
- ❑ To foster appreciation of the long term benefits of the project by raising community awareness, and engendering community ownership of coastal stormwater pollution issues, with the aim of increasing local stewardship of Louisa Creek
- ❑ To encourage adoption of Creekwatch and Drainwatch (based on Commonwealth program Waterwatch)
- ❑ To promote ongoing community monitoring of water quality and habitat values (fish/fauna), in cooperation with SUNFISH and the community
- ❑ To promote community acceptance of Council works on Louisa Creek
- ❑ To increase knowledge of lowland stormwater quality management issues
- ❑ To facilitate coordination amongst regional (Townsville/Thuringowa coastal plains) community natural resource management and Landcare groups (eg. TThuLCA/NaREF/RIVER) with regards to stormwater quality prevention, education, and management



Contract Specifications

Tasks

- ❑ Further develop links between TCC and relevant stakeholders in Community Reference Group
- ❑ Facilitate development of new relationships between local government, community, and industry groups within the Louisa Creek catchment
- ❑ Establish monitoring groups to examine creek ecology and reduction in stormwater pollution from gross litter, and other water quality indicators
- ❑ Demonstrate an increase in community awareness of Council initiatives in integrated drainage and environmental management and flood mitigation
- ❑ Help schools produce curriculum material on stormwater pollution and prevention
- ❑ Work with SUNFISH on promotion of fish habitat and fish passage, and fish restocking programs in Louisa Creek
- ❑ Increase knowledge within the community of personal pollution behaviour
- ❑ Help Community Services in community stormwater quality survey

Administration

- ❑ Provide weekly verbal reports and monthly written reports to TCC Environmental Planning Services, including:
 - ❑ Work completed
 - ❑ Current and upcoming activities
 - ❑ Program problems and possible solutions
 - ❑ Budget update
 - ❑ Identification of potential new activities and emerging issues
- ❑ Invoice TCC on a quarterly basis for provision of resources and services agreed on by TCC and ACTV (fee for service)
- ❑ Maintain records for incorporation into final report, including:
 - ❑ Budget expenditure
 - ❑ Work completed and in progress
 - ❑ Monitoring and evaluation of projects
 - ❑ Successes, problems, and potential solutions
 - ❑ Proposed future projects
- ❑ Liase regularly with EPS Project Officer (Stormwater)
- ❑ Attend Community Reference Group meetings, and from time to time Project/Steering Group meetings

Outcomes

- Establish Creekwatch and Drainwatch in Louisa Creek
- Stormwater curriculum material distributed to schools
- Distribution of information sheets on stormwater pollution and prevention
- Community appreciation of habitat values of Louisa Creek
- Amelioration in amenity value of Louisa Creek through reduction of gross pollution in creek

Contract Agreement

Authorised representative

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