



Tarrabora Reserve Group

Volunteering in a bushcare group is a rewarding way to make a difference to your local environment, meet like-minded people and learn new skills that can be applied in your backyard

What is bushcare?

The Gold Coast's beautiful natural environment allows us to enjoy a lifestyle like no other city. By volunteering in a bushcare group you can help protect, maintain and enhance our natural areas and make a difference to your local natural environment.

It's also a chance to meet like-minded people and learn new skills that can be applied in your own backyard. Join in activities such as identifying and controlling weeds, identifying and encouraging native species, maintaining your site and planting native trees where required.

About Tarrabora Reserve Bushcare Group

The Tarrabora Bushcare Group was established in March of 1999. The community group is partnered with the Natural Areas Management Unit under the Beaches to Bushland Volunteer Restoration Program. The group which also includes members from Gecko Gold Coast and Hinterland Environment Council and Friends of Currumbin assist with controlling environmental weeds and with the revegetation of native plant species.

The Reserve is situated on Currumbin Creek and outlined by the Gold Coast Highway. It was saved from development in the 60s and 70s by locals and a community group known as the Currumbin Estuary Protection Committee, which has since changed its name to Friends of Currumbin. The area was declared a reserve by the State Government in 1980 after overwhelming public demonstrations and it is now actively managed by the City of Gold Coast.

The name Tarrabora was given to the area by the local Kombumerri tribe meaning 'Islands in the Creek'. The reserve has been a popular spot for locals and visitors alike due to its location, beautiful scenery and the passive recreational opportunities that include swimming, walking trails and picnics. The reserve also provides a visual buffer and refuge for wildlife, particularly birds and reptiles, with a number of plant communities including important saltmarsh vegetation, dunal systems, Banksia woodland and closed forest.

Objectives

- To restore native vegetation and improve the ecosystem health.
- To improve habitat diversity.
- To protect the intertidal zone from erosion.



Meeting locations, dates and times

The group meets on the second Saturday of the month from February to November.

Time: 8am – 10am

Location: Tarrabora Reserve, Gold Coast Highway, Palm Beach - pirate ship carpark

What to bring: sturdy shoes, long sleeve shirts and pants, sunscreen, gloves, hat and some water.

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- To promote opportunities for the natural regeneration of local endemic species.
- To provide learning opportunities for the community in 'natural areas restoration'.
- To provide passive recreation in a unique natural setting by the sea.

Group achievements

The group have planted over 8000 native plants with a range of species that include, Swamp Oak, Tuckeroo, Coastal Hibiscus, Coastal Wattles and a range of other native trees, shrubs, vines and grasses. The group has successfully restored Tarrabora Reserve from a once barren open landscape to a haven for wildlife and a popular park for locals and tourists.

Why join Tarrabora Reserve Bushcare Group?

- Make a rewarding difference to your local environment.
- Enjoy learning new skills that can also be applied in your own backyard.
- Improve fauna habitat opportunities.
- Meet like-minded people.
- Enjoyable, fun and healthy way to be actively involved.
- Develop pride and ownership in your community.
- Access to a range of free training and educational workshops.
- Enhance career opportunities.
- Training or work experience.

Group support

The City's Natural Areas Management Unit provides the following support to Tarrabora Reserve Bushcare Group.

- Funding for preparation and maintenance of sites by qualified bush regenerators.
- Supply and source native plants for revegetation from within the City boundary.
- A Bushcare/Landcare Coordinator to support the group, coordinate activities, public enquiries and promote activities and achievements.
- A qualified bush regenerator to guide and assist volunteers at working bees.
- Assistance with bushland restoration techniques and methods including identification of both weed and native plants.
- In consultation with the group develop an Ecological Restoration Plan to guide works in a strategic manner.
- Supply of all tools, materials, plants and required gear.
- Activities and workshops throughout the year.
- Regular updates and the latest information regarding environmental activities around the Gold Coast.
- Promoting the achievements of the group.
- Providing signage to promote the group and the partnership.
- Encourage community participation in Bushcare/Landcare activities.
- Provide support with grant applications (if required).