

# What does NICA do?

## Current Project Overview – June 2020

NICA is a not-for-profit natural resource management organisation working with the community to protect the natural environment and achieve a sustainable future for everyone.

It undertakes projects and programmes that fit the guidelines of the Noosa River Catchment Management Strategy. NICA recruits volunteers and seeks funding to undertake these projects.

| Project                            | Description   | Funded by                       | Managed by                     |
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| Mondays with NICA                  | NICA's members and the community attend monthly talks on subjects relevant to the Noosa environment. It provides a forum for community input and discussion. Currently suspended due to Covid-19 restrictions   | Donations                       | Kay Southam                    |
| Membership                         | For the current year 2020 NICA has paid membership of \$15 per person per calendar year. We currently have 80 members.  | Membership                      | Gill Studdock                  |
| Operating Grant                    | NICA is in the 1 <sup>st</sup> year of a Community Alliance Agreement with Noosa Council. Funded for approx \$16,000 per year to 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2022.  | Noosa Council                   | Gill Studdock                  |
| River Watch                        | Using NICA's boat, the Volunteer River Rangers are regularly out on the river engaged in water testing, clean up and mangrove watch, recording riverbank health, weeding sand islands to support migratory birds, and bird counts.  | Noosa Council                   | Allen Briggs<br>Bruce McConkey |
| Clean up Australia Day             | NICA is funded by Noosa Council to coordinate over 20 sites around Noosa and Hinterland for this annual event.  | Noosa Council                   | Joe Jurisevic                  |
| Urban Wildlife Garden              | A community engagement program to provide a resource and service for urban landowners wishing to create native gardens that will increase biodiversity values on the property. Michelle Newall is employed as a sub contractor to coordinate garden visits. Currently 73 members.   | Noosa Council                   | Stephanie Haslam               |
| Shorebird Report                   | Compiling 15 years of data of shore bird counts at Noosa Estuary by Jill Dening and volunteers to produce a report and brochure.  | Noosa Council                   | Richard Howard                 |
| Sunshine Coast Wildflower Festival | NICA volunteers guide 4 wildflower walks as part of the Sunshine Coast Council's Wildflower Festival each August.   | Sunshine Coast Council          | Bruce Hallett                  |
| Surface Design Look Like Noosa     | Fabric printed using photographs of local native plants made into items for sale such as bags and tea towels. Items available for purchase on our website.  | Sales                           | Stephanie Haslam               |
| Girraween Bushcare                 | <u>A New Battlefront at Girraween</u> Bushland regeneration at the long frontal section of Girraween Nature Refuge, along Cooyar Street, to provide a protective buffer to Girraween Section of Noosa National Park. It will provide safe, secure resilient habitat and re-establish linkage for vulnerable wildlife such as Ground Parrots, Glossy-Black Cockatoos, Koalas, Wallum Dependant Frogs and Swamp Wallabies. Runs over 3 years, finishes 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2021. | Qld Govt Community Action Grant | Bruce Hallett                  |
| NICA PUBLICATIONS                  | <u>Noosa's Native Plants</u> by Stephanie Haslam. It is a guide to local native plants found throughout the Sunshine Coast, Cooloola and Fraser Island. Currently 4 <sup>th</sup> edition is being printed  | NICA                            |                                |
|                                    | <u>Grasses of the Noosa Biosphere Reserve and surrounding regions</u> By Sonia MacDonald and Stephanie Haslam. This is a field guide to native and introduced grasses found in Noosa and environs. Now in its 2 <sup>nd</sup> edition.  | NICA                            |                                |
|                                    | <u>Fussy Glossies</u> . A children's book by Catherine Cheung, illustrated by Suzanne Bloomfield. A children's book about the vulnerable Glossy Black Cockatoo in Noosa and the locals who seek to protect their habitat.   | NICA                            |                                |
|                                    | <u>Weeds of the Sunshine Coast</u> by Joan Heavey and Sonia MacDonald, the book is a field guide for the identification of weeds, and removal methods. Currently 2 <sup>nd</sup> edition is being printed, partly funded by SCRC.   | SCRC<br>NICA                    |                                |

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|   | <u>Sedges Rushes and Restiads</u> by Stephanie Haslam and Sonia MacDonald, the book is a field guide for the identification of sedges which are also common throughout Cooloola, Fraser Island and Southeast QLD  | NBRF Grant<br>NICA                    |                  |
|   | <u>NICA Brochure</u> An overview of NICA's mission, partnerships and projects.  | NICA                                  |                  |
|   | <u>Gardening in the Biosphere</u> A guide to choosing local plants for gardens.   | NICA                                  |                  |
|   | <u>Noosa's Worst Weeds</u> A guide to the most common, and worst weeds in the Noosa area, with removal and disposal methods   | NICA                                  |                  |
| Websites  | <a href="http://www.noosariver.com.au">www.noosariver.com.au</a> NICA's webpage with the latest news and information on projects, events and publications   | NICA                                  | Gill Studdock    |
|   | <a href="http://www.noosariver.com.au/wastewise">www.noosariver.com.au/wastewise</a><br>Environmental resources for schools on reducing waste.  | Noosa<br>Council                      |                  |
|   | <a href="http://www.noosanativeplants.com.au">www.noosanativeplants.com.au</a> A web based resource with data and images of 2000 native plants endemic to the Noosa area and SEQ. Compliments the Noosa's Native Plants book.   | NC                                    | Stephanie Haslam |
| Facebook  | <a href="https://www.facebook.com/noosacatchment">www.facebook.com/noosacatchment</a><br>Regularly updated with all NICA's events and news  | NICA                                  | Gill Studdock    |
| Instagram   | <a href="https://www.instagram.com/noosarivercatchment">www.instagram.com/noosarivercatchment</a><br>Photos from the Catchment and River Ranger activities  | NICA                                  |                  |
| You Tube  | <a href="https://www.youtube.com/noosastreams">www.youtube.com/noosastreams</a><br>33 short environmental films (EcoFlicks past project)  | NICA                                  |                  |
| <b>AUSPICED PROJECTS</b>                                    |   |                                       |                  |
| NBCC<br>Noosa Bush Beach &<br>Creek Care, Sunshine<br>Beach | <u>Cooloosa Urban Wetland Rehabilitation Stage 2 &amp; Re-establishing Wildlife Linkage</u> Funded by Qld Govt this project aims to rehabilitat 2 severely degraded areas providing connectivity with adjoining lowland Rainforest by planting 6000 trees and propagating 1500 plants, weeding, installation of 3 cane toad traps, 45 volunteer working bees. Runs over 3 years to 30-4-21.   | Qld Govt<br>Community<br>Action Grant | Jill Campbell    |
| NBCC  | <u>Morning Glory – Going Going – But More To Do</u> Re-establish multi-strata healthy deep rooted vegetation on the Heathland Drive riparian embankment of Cooloosa Wetland, to maintain its stability and integrity and reduce road pollutants and phosphorous entering the wetland and to provide habitat and food sources for wildlife. Work finishes 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2020.  | Noosa<br>Council                      | Jill Campbell    |
| NBCC  | <u>Strengthen Existing and Establish Eucalyptus Conglomerata</u> Eucalyptus conglomerata or Swamp Stringybark is Qld's most endangered eucalypt, the aim is to increase numbers by 25% by experimenting with the most successful method of propagation of the seeds to grow the plants and raise community awareness. Runs over 3 years to 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2022.   | Qld Govt<br>Threatened<br>Species CAG | Jill Campbell    |
| NBCC  | <u>Wallum, Woodland and Wildlife Linkage to Wetland Margins</u> The project is to rehabilitate Wallum Woodland, Dry Rainforest and Wetland margin by; rubbish removal, weeding and revegetation with multi strata, site specific plants. This will increase the biodiversity of the site, with its critically interdependent vegetation types and ecosystems, creating wildlife linkage of Noosa National Park, Girraween Section, Sunshine Creek and Sunshine Beach Foreshore Reserve. Finishes 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2021 | Fed Govt<br>Community<br>Env Program  | Jill Campbell    |
| Eastern Beaches<br>Collaborative                            | <u>Coastal Connect 2</u> This collaborative community project aims to restore ecological linkages and connectivity by rehabilitating coastal peat creek mouths, dunes and ephemeral wetlands along Noosa's eastern beach to ensure species resilience in the face of climate change.<br>The collaborative include six bushcare groups; Peregian South, Peregian North, Peregian Creek, Castaways, Marcus Beach & Sunshine Beach (NBCC) The Work done over 3 years finishes 30 <sup>th</sup> March 2023.                     | Noosa<br>Council                      | Jill Campbell    |

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