

Regenerative Agriculture Award



Soil sustainability and management

R W Prichard Farm

R W Prichard Farm uses agroforestry methods, planting trees amongst pasture, including the use of native trees to create windbreaks and attract beneficial bird and insect life. Silt traps also contribute to saving hundreds of tonnes of soil from being lost to waterways. The solar powered bore pump on the farm also contributes to energy efficiency.



Regenerative agriculture, multi-species rotational grazing, and riparian and waterway regeneration

Woodland Valley Farm

Woodland Valley Farm's crop varieties, cows, chickens, dung beetles, native plant corridors and protected waterways restore depleted soils, improve farm productivity and livestock health. Conscious consumers purchase eggs, pasta, sauces and custard from the farm with recycled and reusable packaging.



Sustainable climate-friendly sweet potato production on the Cudgen plateau

Matthew Prichard, Cudgen Road Farms Pty Ltd

Cudgen Road Farms' investment in soil health significantly reduces erosion and the need for pest control through cover crops, manure and reduces labour and ploughing. Climate Friendly Certification has verified a considerable improvement in carbon storage in the farm's soils as a result of their change in practice.

Solar energy produced on the farm reduces grid electricity emissions from the packing line and cool rooms, while local supply contract reduces transport emissions.

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Nominees for People's Choice

Wildlife and Habitat Conservation Award



Much-needed male marine turtle hatchlings protected on the Tweed

Green Heroes

Green Heroes' successful marine turtle incubation project has protected 3 Tweed turtle nests and their much-needed male hatchlings, drawing on innovation in temperature-controlled systems from the medical industry.



Many hands working together for the Tweed environment

Tweed Landcare Inc

Tweed Landcare Inc manages almost 200 hectares of bushland thanks to 144 members, 17 Care Groups and more than 250 volunteers. Projects include cultural heritage assessments as part of landscape connectivity work in key wildlife and climate change corridors, hands-on training in bush regeneration, bushfire recovery for wildlife and feral deer prevention as well as community events and training.

Tweed Sustainability Award – Tourism & Hospitality



Zero kitchen waste and packaging, sustainable business and lowest food miles

Mavis' Kitchen

Mavis' Kitchen spends more than \$260,000 annually with local suppliers, and reduces emissions by 220 tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent per year by sourcing 95% of produce within 100km. A quarter of their power demand is provided by on-site solar, and they are avoiding 5 tonnes of food waste to landfill each year through green bins and onsite composting and worm farms. Compostable toilets in their eco accommodation saves 13,000 litres of water per year.

The team at Mavis' Kitchen are removing noxious weeds and regenerating 300 metres of creek line, while preparing for bushfires. They promote local business and sponsor numerous community groups.

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Reduce the carbon footprint and global impacts of food waste

Tweed Holiday Parks, Kingscliff Beach

The team from Tweed Holiday Parks, Kingscliff Beach made a sustainability pledge that sparked innovative change. A vegetable garden at the holiday park now thrives from in-ground composting of 40 litres per week of guests' food waste, attracting the involvement of visitors and local schools. The system saves 1.07 tonnes of food waste from landfill per year and avoids 750 kilograms of greenhouse gas emissions released into the atmosphere.

Tweed Sustainability Award - School



Student and organisation initiatives to be sustainability leaders

Lindisfarne Anglican Grammar School

Lindisfarne Anglican Grammar School's commitment to sustainability has seen 1,176 solar panels cut emissions from 615 tonnes to 280 tonnes per year. 'Environment' dashboards in classrooms provide teaching tools to inspire students, while sophisticated automation and movement sensor controls of air conditioning and audio visual equipment can reduce energy demand to 1%. Organic waste bins, in-ground worm composting bins and behaviour change activities are tackling the 10 tonnes of organic waste that would otherwise go to landfill each year.

Tweed Sustainability Award – Not-for-profit



Repurposing food for the homeless and animals

Agape Outreach Inc

Agape Outreach Inc rescues over 50,000 kilograms of food per year from local stores, and provide delicious meals for more than 600 regional clients. Unused food feeds stock on a local farm and their op shop gives pre-loved clothing new homes at low prices.

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Tweed Sustainability Award - Business



Committing to a healthier future for all in our community

Southern Cross Credit Union

Southern Cross Credit Union's Sustainability Action Plan, Eco Warriors team and staff sustainability pledge help to tap into customer demand for eco-conscious banking services leading to a 77.5% reduction in paper use, switching to energy-saver lighting and delivering 88% less waste to landfill with reusable cups and new recycling systems in branches.



Real sustainability built into everything we do defines our difference

Summerland Credit Union

Summerland Credit Union's greenhouse gas emissions have reduced thanks to paper-saving initiatives, recycling, reduced travel, and energy efficiency improvements. Staff inductions, environmentally-friendly purchasing, low toxicity furniture and recognition of local indigenous groups demonstrates Summerland Credit Union's business-wide sustainability focus.

Tweed Sustainability Award - Adult



Organising the annual Caldera World Environment Day Festival event

Ari Ehrlich on behalf of the Caldera Environment Centre

Ari works tirelessly to bring inspiring speakers, engaging stallholders, food and entertainment to the Caldera World Environment Day Festival. He encourages the thousands of festival goers to learn about new initiatives in ecological sustainability and practical ways the community can be more sustainable in everyday life. The event is waste-wise and renewably powered, and Ari's staging of the event gives like-minded environmental groups the opportunity to interact with large numbers of the public in a way that would not otherwise be possible.