

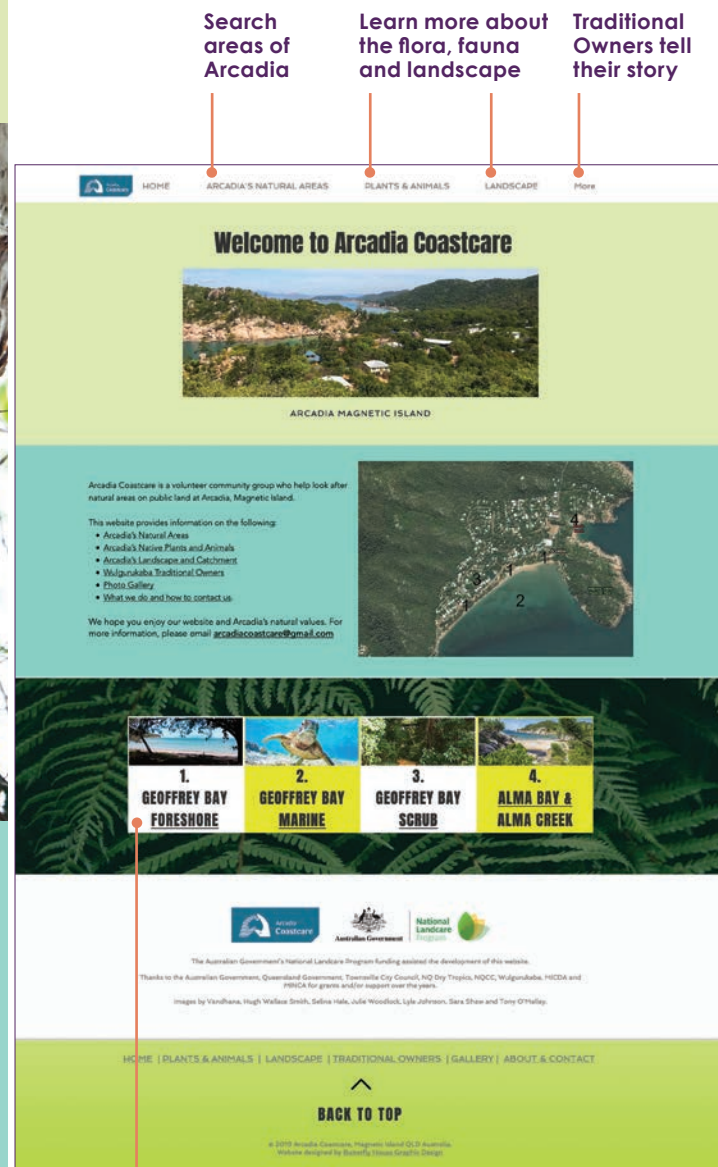
Welcome to Arcadia Coastcare



Arcadia Coastcare's new website highlights natural values and community involvement

Magnetic Island community group Arcadia Coastcare has launched a website highlighting Arcadia's natural values and what the community is doing to help look after the place.

The website includes information for locals and visitors on public natural areas, native plants and animals, weeds, landscape, catchment, Indigenous values, Coastcare activities and contact details.



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Arcadia retains a great variety of natural areas and is part of the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area.

"I love living in Arcadia because Alma Bay is lovely to swim in and Geoffrey Bay is a beautiful walking beach, with wonderful trees and wildlife," said Vandhana.

"I belong to Arcadia Coastcare, which means I get to share what I love, and care for it too."



Spotting a giant rubber vine weed to target.

Coastcare member Meredyth Woodward said sometimes Arcadia just makes her heart sing.

"The golden, late afternoon sun on the hill-top pandanus palm, the soaring osprey returning to its nest high up in a boulder sheltered hoop pine, the tiny, baby masked-lapwings scuttling round dunes above Geoffrey Bay, and much more. This stuff matters to us."

National Parks and Council spokespeople said it was an excellent website with a good look and feel.



The late Arthur Johnson's turtle nesting artwork.

A highlight of the website is a page by Wulgurukaba Traditional Owners.

Lyle and Brian Johnson said Wulgurukaba Traditional Owners had worked with Arcadia Coastcare on rubber vine and yellow oleander weed control, and turtle nesting interpretation.

"We all work in partnership with all the groups looking after country: Parks, MINCA, NQ Dry Tropics, Coastcare. We'll work with anybody and everybody who wants to keep the place good."



Funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Program assisted the development of the website. Coastcare member Tony O'Malley said:

"We'd like to thank the Australian Government, Queensland Government (including QPWS), Townsville City Council, NQ Dry Tropics, NQCC, Wulgurukaba, MICDA and MINCA for grants and/or support over the years."

Looking after natural areas on public land at Arcadia

Previously called Geoffrey Bay Coastcare and Olympus Crescent Coastcare, the group helps look after natural areas on public land at Arcadia with approval from National Parks and Townsville City Council. Group activities include weed control, assisted natural regeneration, tree planting, habitat protection, interpretation and workshops for community consultation and knowledge sharing.



Above: Planting black cockatoo food trees almost 20 years ago.

Below: Osprey returning to its nest.



Some of Arcadia Coastcare's weeding gang. All welcome!

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