

Improving creek access and riparian zones

The Currumbin Creek School Access Restoration Project

Proponent: Gold Coast City Council



The Currumbin Creek School Access Restoration Project is within the Beree – Badalla Reserve on Currumbin Creek.

The area requiring restoration is the access point for the local Palm Beach Currumbin State High School children to get down to the creek for education and recreational purposes.

The area, predominantly an inter-tidal wetland with mangroves and saltmarsh, is highly visited, which has degraded it.

This is a recreational area with an easy, wheelchair-friendly boardwalk access, to the waterway. The area is also used for fishing, bird watching and nature walking. Some areas of the property have been highly impacted by walking traffic and vehicles at some point, evident by the damage to vegetation. Heavy usage has reduced the natural regeneration of the vegetation in the reserve.

Specific activities conducted include: planting of salt marsh species, controlling access to the Palm Beach Currumbin State High School creek track and providing public and school education through workshops and field days. All of these actions aimed to increase protection of the intertidal area.

The park provides an extremely good site for public/school education, with flat clear access to all areas. A number of schools are within walking distance of the reserve, and the project is well on track to achieving its aim to raise awareness amongst youth and local government on the biodiversity and economic values of habitats which support the seafood industry.