

GBI Environmental News

Trustees of Great Barrier Island Charitable Trust are: John Ogden (Chairperson), Tony Bouzaid, Jude Gilbert, David Speir, Don Armitage (Coopted Trustee), Fenella Christian (Secretary)

This is the first publication of our Newsletter. It is brief and to the point and we hope it gives you an idea of what this Charitable Trust is up to. We welcome your input and comments and on the back you will find information about becoming a member. If you are interested in becoming a member please don't hesitate to contact our secretary at the above address or phone number.

Vision Statement: Pest-free Great Barrier Island

Mission Statement: To sustain and restore the cultural and natural environment of Great Barrier Island in order to enhance the native Biodiversity and foster the socio-economic well-being of the people.

The vision is to have a Rat and Feral Cat free Great Barrier Island so we can reintroduce some of the animals that have been lost from Great Barrier Island. These include Kokako, North Island Robin and Saddleback. We also need to protect what we already have here i.e. Brown Teal, Black Petrel, Dotterels, Penguins, Chevron Skink, various other skinks, Hochstetters Frog and native fresh water fish. The trust's deed supports marine reserved areas around the coast.

There are a large number of private individuals who are working on eradicating rats and feral cats, goats and pigs on their private land. This trust was formed so that these individual landowners and residents and the greater Great Barrier Island community could have a central organisation to represent them for lobbying government departments, accessing expertise and funding and to keep up to date with information relevant to the eradication projects they are involved in. A number of large areas; Little Windy Hill, Benthorn Farm, Kaitoke Catchment, Awana Catchment and Glenfern Sanctuary all have well established pest management programs using a variety of eradication methods from baits to trapping. Two of these areas have had Open Days for the public and it is envisioned that the other areas will have open days in the next few years. Two of these areas have also won major environmental awards.

Our local farmers, with endangered species on their land, are already working towards protecting a number of species e.g. Brown Teal. This Trust will be able to direct specific help to the farmers so that they can access funding and information that will enhance what they are already doing.

This project is a community project with a big vision not only for Great Barrier Island but also as an example to the rest of the world. Achievement of our vision will mean the largest Rat and Feral Cat free sanctuary in the world.

Membership Fees

Ordinary Subscriber:	\$25.00
Senior Subscriber:	\$20.00
Family Subscriber:	\$35.00

Life

Life Subscriber - Senior:	\$200.00
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