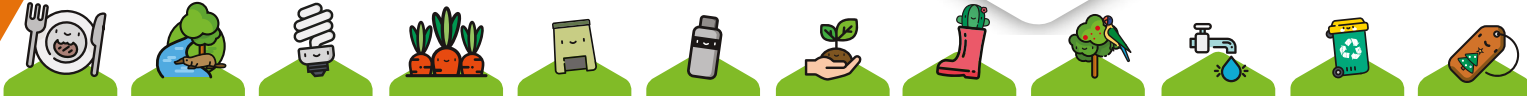


LIVING SUSTAINABLY

Simple everyday actions to take care of the environment so that the environment can continue to take care of us!

ENVIRONMENTAL
SUSTAINABILITY.



**LOOKING AFTER
STORMWATER
DRAINS AND CREEKS**

**SUSTAINABILITY
IN ACTION!**

Living sustainably comes down to daily habits and choices you make, both big and small, that can have huge environmental impact.

Did you know? The Rockhampton Region is home to the mighty Fitzroy River which is the largest river flowing to the Great Barrier Reef.

Much like the veins, arteries and heart of our body, the interconnected network of creeks, rivers and oceans are the lifeblood of our environment! Looking after our natural waterways from our house is about minimising any negative flow on effect.

Keep your soil from running off!

Keep your nutrient rich top soil working hard in your yard instead of running off and entering stormwater drains and waterways.

- If you are doing a backyard blitz, keep any soil deliveries covered until spread out.
- Reconsider or limit hard surfaces in your yard and maximise green areas to absorb water.
- Mulch garden beds to lessen soil run off in heavy rain.

Give harsh chemicals the boot!

Choose household and garden products that are better for you and the environment.

- Research alternative products for harsh chemicals. Check fertilisers and garden chemicals carefully and choose less harmful products.
- Wash your car on grass if possible, taking care to keep soap and suds out of the stormwater drain.
- Store and dispose of hazardous chemicals correctly.

Pick it up buttercup!

Keep our waterways clean by correctly disposing of weeds, litter and animal manure.

- Correctly dispose of weeds, grass and garden clippings, either by composting or using your general waste bin.
- Pick up pet manure, contain it and place it in general waste bins.
- Safely pick up litter to prevent it being swept into stormwater drains.
- If you witness littering or illegal dumping taking place, report it.

Watch what washes down the sink!

What is washed down household sinks and toilets is thoroughly treated at Sewage Treatment Plants but we can all help to improve what goes down our household pipes.

- Research household products like shower washes and cleaning products to find more natural alternatives and products that don't contain microbeads.
- Don't spoil it at the toilet - only the 3 'p's' down the loo, that's pee, paper and poo.
- Think at the sink - use a sink strainer to capture food and don't put oils and fats down the drain.

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