

LIVING SUSTAINABLY

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

ENVIRONMENTAL
SUSTAINABILITY.

Rockhampton
Regional Council



PLANTING AND
LEARNING ABOUT
NATIVE PLANTS

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? Over 25 million trees have been planted by more than 4 million people as part of National Tree Day activities.

Native trees, shrubs and grasses provide an important social, economic and environmental benefit to the community. Increasing urban canopy cover provides a cooler and attractive environment for us to live in. It's time to roll up your sleeves and get ready to bring nature back to your backyard. Below are some top tips!

Check out Council's native plant program!

Native plants are provided to bring nature back as part of Council's native plant program.

- The provision of native plants to the community to plant in their yard is a key component of Council's Bringing Nature Back program.
- Rockhampton Region residents can collect native plants (upon providing proof of residency) when the native plant program is advertised - keep an eye out on Council's website.
- Learn about a range of native plants by reading Council's native plant fact sheets, with information collated in partnership with Native Plants Capricornia.

Plant and care for your native in your yard!

Ensure you have the right plant in the right place in your yard for the right reasons.

- Think before you plant and consider planting advice in Council's native plant fact sheets.
- Prepare the area and soil, dig your hole, place plant, back fill and make a well for watering.
- Check in on your plant and water regularly - twice a week for the first month, once a week for the second and third month and once a month after the third month of establishment.

Feel the benefits of natives!

Trees, shrubs and grasses play an important role in our streets, parks and riparian corridors.

- Native plants attract birds, reptiles and mammals to your yard by providing a home, food sources, breeding sites and shelter from predators.
- Native plant species have adapted to the temperatures, soils, rainfall and other variables consistent for the local area.
- Planting natives helps to increase urban canopy cover and provide a cooler and more attractive environment for us to live in.

Make everyday tree day!

Participate in tree planting activities and get involved in lots of other ways.

- A range of community workshops are offered throughout the year as part of Council's Bringing Nature Back program.
- Check out how you can participate in hands on projects lead by local environmental community groups and organisations.
- Create your own backyard habitat using native plants at your home.

GET INVOLVED AND FIND OUT MORE!

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