

2018 living sustainably award nominees

Community Group	
Yamba Farmer's Market	Yamba Farmer's Market's weekly market promotes sustainable farming practice, strong local communities and improves food security and biodiversity in the Clarence Valley. The market is operated and managed by a committee of local volunteers and is committed to providing fresh, locally grown and made produce, as well as ensuring a sustainable future for Clarence Valley farmers and producers.
Valley Watch Inc.	Valley Watch is a community group devoted to safeguarding the local environment and promoting sustainable resource management and development. Established in 1991, the group raises community awareness and supports and assists authorities to make informed decisions.
The Mend and Make Do Crew Inc.	The Mend and Make Do Crew strives to achieve social inclusion through recycling based arts and crafts as well as supporting other not-for-profit organisations using member's creative skills.
Business	
J Notaras and Sons	The installation of 1 111 solar panels producing 31.08kW of power will not only reduce electricity costs but will reduce CO2 emissions and the carbon footprint of the Notaras sawmill. As well, by products and residues including sawdust, shavings and woodchips, can be recycled for use as compost, pet bedding and fuel.
Individual	
Bob Kershaw	Bob lives sustainably in all aspects of his life. He grows and provides organic food for the Yamba Farmer's Market. He assists local businesses by collecting food scraps, cooking oil and coffee and converts this into compost and fuel. His property runs on energy from the sun and rain from the clouds.
School	
Maclean High School	Year 7 students at Maclean High School each year undertake a cultural immersion program that incorporates a thematic teaching approach designed to increase students' awareness of Yaegl culture. It has been part of the school's academic and community program since 2009 and engages Yaegl elders as leaders in the program.

<p>Dundurrabin Public School</p>	<p>Dundurrabin Public school implements a wide variety of sustainability practices across the curriculum and, as a result, many of these practices are embedded in the school culture, including energy and water conservation, waste management, growing, harvesting and sharing produce from the gardens and learning the Gumbaynggirr language.</p>
<p>Our Backyard</p>	
<p>Irene Anderson</p>	<p>Irene is living sustainably in Gulmarrad with 24 solar panels on her roof, rainwater servicing her bathroom and laundry, a chemical free cleaning regime, chickens, worm farms and compost heaps and an admirable food garden supplying her and her family with fruit, vegetables and herbs. Irene has adopted many recycled pieces from the kerbside cleanup and sends very little to landfill.</p>
<p>Magda and Stan Mussared</p>	<p>When Stan and Magda bought their 1.65 hectares of land at Waterview Heights, there were only 3 trees. Four decades later their backyard is a forest habitat for endangered species and a refuge for wildlife. Housing koalas, gliders, possums, kangaroos, lizards, native ducks and birds, Stan and Magda's backyard has featured in a film produced by the Wilderness Society and is officially recognised as "Land For Wildlife".</p>