

Local eco warrior recognised with award



Luise Manning took out the inaugural Environmental Hero Award at the Ipswich Enviro Awards held recently.

The Ipswich Enviro Awards is a new Ipswich City Council award program in 2019 to recognise the environmental and sustainability work completed by the Ipswich community.

Ipswich has many dedicated people working towards a better environment for all and this year's winners have been announced following Ipswich EnviroForum, council's annual environmental conference.

The EnviroForum theme this year was *Our Wildlife Neighbours*. There were several categories including the Enviro Organisation Award, Environmental Hero Award and Young Enviro Hero Award.

The Environmental Hero Award was awarded to Luise Manning who formed Springfield Lakes Nature Care.

Ms Manning has coordinated many environmental projects and events around Ipswich such as Clean Up Australia Day, Keep Queensland Beautiful and Trees for Mum.

The accomplished environmentalist also wrote a children's book *Turtle Needs Help* to educate the community on reducing the amount of plastic litter in waterways to protect turtles and marine life.

The Enviro Organisation Award category was very close so two joint winners were announced.

Springfield Lakes Nature Care—which host clean-up events, environmental workshops, toad busting nights and tree plantings was given this award, jointly with Queensland Trust for Nature.

Springfield Lakes Nature Care has removed over 4948 mature toads and thousands of toadlets from around Spring Lake, Opossum Creek, Regatta Lake and White Rock-Spring Mountain Conservation Reserve. Native frog numbers have increased since toad control events began.

Congratulations to regular contributor Luise Manning for her outstanding commitment to the environment and the community. We are so pleased you were recognised and acknowledged for all your hard work! ~ Editor.

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