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Bushcare group launches second volume of plant reference book

Cow Bay Bushcare Group on Macleay Island has launched volume two of *Native Plants of the Bay Islands* – a plant identification book that highlights the importance of the preservation of local native plants.

The book launch follows the success of the group's first book released in July 2009, which has proven to be a popular tool for the community.

Redland City Mayor, Melva Hobson, congratulated Cow Bay Bushcare Group on the release of their second book, which was made possible by funds received from the Australian Government Community Action Grant.

"This wonderful new book profiles plants that occur naturally on the Bay Islands, including rare species that don't grow on the Redlands mainland.

"It also provides ideas for residents wanting to plant local plants in their garden," Mayor Hobson said.

"I congratulate Cow Bay Bushcare Group for working tirelessly to promote the importance of natural ecosystems on the Bay Islands."

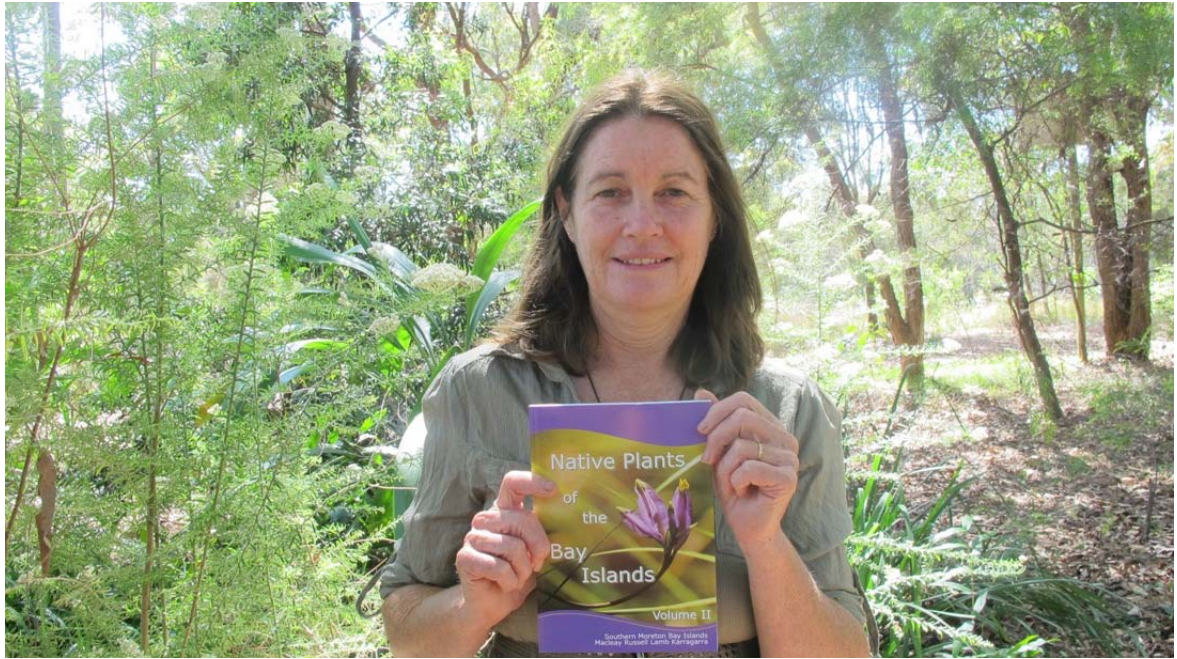
Native Plants of the Bay Islands - Volume Two is the result of the hard work and dedication of the Cow Bay Bushcare project team: Leigh Abbott, Kim Nguyen and Damian O'Connell, along with help from other members of the group, including Meryl Dobe.

Free copies of the book can be obtained from Bay Island libraries and Bushcare groups, or by phoning Cow Bay Bushcare Group on 3409 5642. Copies are also available at Redlands IndigiScapes Centre located in Capalaba.

Cow Bay Bushcare Group meets once a month to undertake weed control and revegetation activities in Cow Bay Conservation Area.

This area preserves a remnant patch of littoral rainforest - a vegetation community that has become scarce along our coastlines.

For more information about Bushcare, visit www.indigiscapes.com.au.



Cow Bay Bushcare Group convenor, Leigh Abbott, with volume two Native Plants of the Bay Islands.