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Council gets its hands dirty for fish habitat



Horseshoe Bend at Euleilah Creek has been the recipient of some much needed TLC in the last few weeks with Gladstone Regional Council rehabilitating sections of valuable fish habitat.

Euleilah Creek is a near pristine tributary to Baffle Creek and highly diverse in fish and other marine species.

Gladstone Regional Council recently secured funding through OceanWatch Australia's "Tide to Table" program to implement the rehabilitation program.

Works involved removing road base and installing large boulders to prevent vehicle and vessel access. Council also strategically placed large woody debris over the sites to accelerate the recovery of mangroves and other vegetation on the creek bank.

"The site looks great. Work implemented by Gladstone Regional Council is important for maintaining the integrity of fish and crab habitat in the Baffle Creek catchment area," said Michelle Haase, OceanWatch Australia's "Tide to Table" Bundaberg Project Manager.

"These areas are important nurseries for prawns and commercially desirable fish species. They can't function properly if they're degraded."

Woody weeds such as lantana were also targeted and will continue to be controlled through Council's weed management program.

The project at Horseshoe Bend and "Tide to Table" program is supported by OceanWatch Australia through funding from the Australian Government's Caring for our Country program and the Burnett Mary Regional Group.

Enquires on "Tide to Table" may be directed to Michelle Haase on 4181 2999 or www.oceanwatch.org.au

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