
‘Friends of Foresthaven, Inc.’ Objectives (25 April 2015)

1. To **reverse historical land, water, wildlife and vegetation degradation** through strategic on-the-ground actions on the lands known as ‘Foresthaven’ (Lot 1 and Lot 303, Hoschkes Lane, Maclean) and adjoining properties (eg., Lot 2, Hoschkes Lane, Maclean; Ayr Street Reserve) in collaboration with, and with necessary permission of, landholders and land managers.
2. To **increase awareness of, and provide training in, ecologically sustainable land and water use and management**, including Permaculture, establishing food forests, organic gardening, environmentally sustainable building, eco-urban and rural community design and development, bush foods and medicine, and bush regeneration including rainforest restoration and “landcare” practices.
3. To **use holistic approaches** to natural resource management, aiming to minimise and/or exclude the use of chemical herbicides and fossil fuels.
4. To be aware of, **have respect for**, and learn from **Aboriginal people and culture** (including local Yaegl custodians) in activities and programs on the land and related to the local area.
5. To **work cooperatively** with local, state and commonwealth government agencies, industry, business, NGOs and wider community, including Aboriginal custodians, to achieve sustainable natural resource management and caring for Country.
6. To **co-create** safe, beautiful, comfortable and culturally-sensitive **outdoor and indoor venues for environmental education and “nature connection”** including “deep ecology”, “sacred ecology”, “eco-spirituality”, “ecopsychology” and similar experiences and activities.
7. To **foster creative and performing arts** linked to nature, culture and community providing a venue and place to hold workshops, events, exhibitions and associated activities.
8. To **develop and host learning experiences and programs**, skill-sharing, and other educational opportunities, **that focus on “sustainable living”** such as whole-foods, plant medicine, re-using and up-cycling, localisation and creating positive social change for sustainability.
9. To **hold events and provide opportunities that foster a sense of heartfelt connection** based in nature, community and sustainable living, and that generate and celebrate resilient, meaningful community relationships across age, ethnicity, gender, educational level and socio-economic status.
10. To **promote and encourage a “deep sustainability” ethic in the wider community** through community outreach including social and learning activities (including an online presence) for the whole community, including children, teenagers and families.
11. To acknowledge that it will be necessary to **have the agreement of Peter Cuming and Elizabeth (Eshana) Bragg**, as owners of the properties known as Foresthaven, before any actions proposed by Friends of Foresthaven be carried out.
12. To **obtain funding** assistance for all above purposes through self-funding, government program funding, community fund-raising, philanthropy and sponsorship.