

# Keeping It In Kin Kin

Noosa and District Landcare's *Keeping It In Kin Kin (KIIKK)* project is funded by the Queensland Governments' *Natural Resources Recovery Program (NRRP)* over four years. From 2024-2028, **KIIKK** is taking extensive measures to repair degraded riparian and pastoral systems, exclude cattle from waterways, remediate gullies and protect nearly 4km of Kin Kin Creek.

This is a story about a cattle property adjacent to Kin Kin Creek. Scott and his family have lived on the 38-hectare property for seven years and run a successful cattle breeding operation with nearly 40 head. Almost 2km of Kin Kin Creek and its tributaries run through Scott's property.

During Noosa Landcare's early public engagement with Kin Kin landholders, Scott was made aware of the importance of riparian protection and restoration. He quickly understood that removing his cattle's access to the creek would not negatively impact his operation and would in fact make his property environmentally valuable as it sustained his business.

After coming on board with the project in 2018, Scott has participated in **KIIKK** since before implementation began in 2020. In total since then we have revegetated 1.4ha and Scott has contributed over \$30000 of his own money to the project, paying for pumps, watering points and piping infrastructure.

Recently, Landcare hosted a community volunteer planting at Scott's place which fittingly coincided with World Environment Day. In collaboration with Plastics Free Noosa, six volunteers and eight Cert. 1 Conservation and Ecosystem Management trainees planted 300 trees along a bank of the Kin Kin Creek where it crosses Scott's property.

*'I've been working with Noosa Landcare since they contacted me in 2018. We had just purchased this 38 ha farm in Kin Kin which had been mismanaged by overstocking and in other ways that led to erosion in the creek/gulleys and dams walls. Any water/soil that runs off this property goes straight in the Kin Kin creek that passes through one end of the property.*

*Currently we run 30-40 Drought Master breeding cattle and rotate them through six paddocks to reduce tracking and impact on the land. Through better pasture management, we keep a good body of grass at all times.*

*With Landcare's advice and on the ground help under the supervision of Jamie Knight and the team we have been able to improve the erosion areas on the property and regenerate parts that need stabilising before it got worse, using Landcare techniques and help we have installed waterway exclusion zones and drinking troughs so cattle don't go into the creek, dams and wet gullies.*

*I know without the support we received from Landcare and Jamie's ability to work with the community and me as a land holder we couldn't of achieved the gains to land management that we have, one of the best things I've got from working with Landcare is to see fresh, clear water running off the farm and into the Kin Kin creek, along with thriving native trees in areas that was bare earth and erosion, the transformation has been something special to be a part of.'*

**Scott Hill, Kin Kin Landowner.**



Figure 1. Scott Hill, Landowner



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Figure 2. Putting some plants in the ground and chatting about trees



Figure 3. A quick planting demo for volunteers



Figure 4. The planting area from the sky



Figure 5. Before and After



Figure 6. The project would not be possible without landholders like Scott



Figure 7. The reason we're fencing the creek