

A large sea turtle is swimming towards the left in clear, turquoise water. Below it is a vibrant coral reef. The sun's rays filter through the water from above, creating a shimmering effect. The turtle's shell is a mix of brown and green, with distinct scutes. Its flippers are spread out, and its head is slightly lowered.

CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

In Cairns & Great Barrier Reef we encourage visitors to leave as custodians of our region and its stories. We support you to leave our destination greater than before your event was held, and your delegates to leave greater as people than before they attended your event.

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CAIRNS AQUARIUM TURTLE RESCUE CENTRE

Cairns Aquarium's Turtle Rescue Centre operates daily tours where guests are taken on an exclusive behind the scenes tour to meet recovering sea turtles and learn about the importance of their protection. The Turtle Rescue Centre is dedicated to raising awareness and motivating guests to become more aware of how their actions impact the environment. The tour invokes a sense of wonder and appreciation of the marine turtle's home, the Great Barrier Reef. Profits from the tour are donated directly back to CTRC's rehabilitation efforts.

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CAIRNS TURTLE REHABILITATION CENTRE

Cairns Turtle Rehabilitation Centre is a voluntary non-profit organisation dedicated to the rehabilitation of sick and injured turtles. The rehabilitation centres are located in Cairns and on Fitzroy Island. CRTTR supports the work of all organisations, individuals and agencies in their efforts to conserve sea turtles and the habitats they live in.

Fitzroy Island Half Day Activity (20 per day)

Please contact us for details on cleaning up the tanks, rehabilitation centre, and turtle feeding opportunities.

Cairns 1 Hour Activity (40 per day)

Please contact us for details on how you can help at the Turtle Rehabilitation Intensive Care Unit.

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CITIZENS OF THE GREAT BARRIER REEF

Citizens of the Great Barrier Reef (CoGBR) acts as a hub for people who care about the reef and a repository for ideas, knowledge and actions to nurture a healthy reef and healthy planet. Bringing together scientists, universities and the people who live and work on the Great Barrier Reef, CoGBR draw upon individuals, communities, businesses, organisations, schools and clubs to join and support the initiative. Discover inspirational stories, scalable outcomes and the actions that CoGBR can take to tackle climate change and promote a healthy, thriving reef. CoGBR support such programs as Straw No More, Banish the Bag and BYOB (Bring Your Own Bottle).

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ECO SHAMBA TREE FARM

Tourism icons Sailaway Port Douglas and Wildlife Habitat Port Douglas have collaborated to create a new koala eucalyptus plantation, Eco Shamba Tree Farm. Sixty-eight acres of land that used to be cane paddocks, was donated by Sailaway to be home to 250 different eucalyptus species.

Due to the significant amount of water available from the catchment and from the adjacent slopes of World Heritage-listed rainforest, the Wet Tropics, a dam was constructed as an irrigation reservoir, and to improve the biodiversity of the habitat as well as preventing erosion.

The original trees planted in 2013 were harvested in 2020 and contributed to providing the 400-500 grams of eucalyptus leaf that each koala at Wildlife Habitat Port Douglas consumes per day. The plant provides 100% of its water requirements.

Please contact Eco Shamba Tree Farm for opportunities to assist at the eucalyptus plantation and help to look after these Aussie furry friends.

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HABITAT HEROES

The Wet Tropics Rainforest is home to some of the country's most endangered and vulnerable species. Your organisation, business event or delegates can adopt one at Wildlife Habitat Port Douglas and become a Habitat Hero. You will help your sponsored animal, plus your contribution will also assist Wildlife Habitat with:

- Threatened species breeding programs
- Animal husbandry
- Food and exhibit maintenance
- Vet requirements

Rehabilitation of native animals brought to the onsite Tropical Animal Rescue Centre. The Centre takes in sick, injured and orphaned native animals found in the surrounding community to provide rehabilitation, veterinary provision and then released back into the wild.

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TANGAROA BLUE FOUNDATION BEACH CLEAN

Tangaroa Blue Foundation is an Australian-wide not-for-profit organisation dedicated to the removal and prevention of marine debris: one of the major environmental issues worldwide. Part of their community collaboration activities include regular beach cleans of Port Douglas' iconic Four Mile Beach. Get your delegates together, spend a morning walking the beach (and cleaning up debris) then finish with a tropical alfresco lunch at your hotel.

If you can't fit a beach clean into your itinerary, consider supporting Tangaroa Blue in other ways; contribute to their administration, make a donation and be sure to adopt a sustainable lifestyle.

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RAINFOREST RESCUE

Rainforest Rescue is a not-for-profit organisation that has been protecting and restoring rainforests since 1999 by providing opportunities for individuals and businesses to contribute. Their projects re-establish rainforests through planting, maintenance, and restoration programs, as well as purchasing and protecting high conservation value rainforest and preserving its biodiversity. They also support the Save the Cassowary program – a unique partnership with government organisations, business partners, Aboriginal Corporations, universities, and 20+ zoos and other non-government organisations – to raise awareness of the plight of the endangered Australian Southern Cassowary and raise funds to help protect these rare creatures.

Rainforest Rescue currently has many projects in the Daintree Rainforest that your business events can contribute to:

- Rainforest buy back
- Planting
- Restoration of former palm oil plantation and agricultural land into natural rainforest
- Native plant nursery
- Save the Cassowary

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REEF RESTORATION FOUNDATION

Coral restoration has been assisting damaged reefs overseas to regenerate for more than three decades. Reef Restoration Foundation is a not-for-profit social enterprise who collaborated with successful coral restoration projects in Florida and the Caribbean before creating the first Great Barrier Reef nursery near Cairns. They successfully grow coral at a nursery at Fitzroy Island on coral tree frames. Once established, Reef Restoration Foundation replant them on nearby reefs. This process of coral regrowth mimics nature and accelerates the growth process to enable reefs to recover from bleaching and cyclone damage faster.

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REFOREST

Reforest is a tool for climate leaders. It helps businesses, events, and individuals plant trees in local, biodiverse reforestation projects to remove the carbon emissions of activities from everyday life, special events, holidays, and business travel.

Reforest provides a meaningful, tangible result, restoring local ecosystems through their app, or your event app and website, or by displaying a QR code during your business event.

The results can be achieved:

- In the lead-up to the event as part of the registration process, or
- Launched at the event and celebrated afterward, or at the following years' conference.

When you hold your business events in Cairns & Great Barrier Reef, you can eliminate the event's carbon impact by supporting local project Wet Tropics Conifers.

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