

## Executive summary

- Through this Proposal Green Hills aims to create, within the Maleny Community Precinct, an area of parkland. A place that includes gardens, pathways, re-afforested areas, protected wetlands and educational areas. Rehabilitation and restoration of the site are central to the project.
- Green Hills seeks to take out a lease from the Sunshine Coast Regional Council to create such parklands in Areas 1a and 1b, as marked on the 'Approved Plan'. We also seek to include within our lease the region situated between these areas with the intention of rehabilitating the (presently degraded) wetland system.
- We propose that a small part of Area 6 be excised (as agreed by all members of the Advisory Group) and added to Area 1a to allow connectivity from the proposed wetlands to Obi Obi creek.
- The Parklands and Northern Wetlands areas combined will occupy 38 hectares (31%) of the Precinct.
- Green Hills and Barung Landcare also make recommendations in this proposal for significant riparian and buffer zones in Area 4, (along the edge of Obi Obi Creek and around the Southern Wetlands).
- The restoration of an outstanding area of wetland, and the successive planting of its surrounding catchment with different types of forest, when combined with the establishment of forested riparian zones along Obi Obi Creek, will significantly enhance the quality of water both leaving the site, and flowing past it.
- The major recreational amenity on the precinct will be the walking trail from Maleny township to Gardners Falls. We urge Council to make the construction of this pathway a priority.
- To achieve our objectives Green Hills will work in close conjunction with Barung Landcare. With this aim, the two associations have drawn up a Memorandum of Understanding. The implementation of the proposed parkland will be subject to a comprehensive Property Planning Process, during which we will strongly encourage other community groups to participate.