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Media release

Greening Sheepstation Creek

School students in Ayr are looking after the future of an internationally acclaimed wetland in their backyard.

Year five to seven students from the Burdekin Christian College have extended a nature refuge along Sheepstation Creek which feeds into Bowling Green Bay.

They planted 50 indigenous paperbark and Leichhardt tree varieties along 100 metres of the Creek on private property.

Scott Fry from NQ Dry Tropics said, "It was great to see the kids so enthusiastic about planting trees.

The site we revegetated is a key site used by the kids to monitor water quality. They got a really good understanding about what trees have to do with water quality."

The planting is part of a NQ Dry Tropics' project to improve the health of the Ramsar listed Bowling Green Bay wetland.

Queensland has just five Ramsar wetlands, which are wetlands considered to be of international importance.

Sheepstation Creek is a work horse in the Burdekin farming area. It's used as a distribution network for water from the Burdekin River.

It also recharges groundwater and surface water for sugarcane irrigation.

The trees were planted on a site that's barely five kilometres from Bowling Green Bay so they will have a direct positive impact on its health.

This is one of the many school planting activities NQ Dry Tropics is planning over the next 12 months.

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