



# Media release

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## Green Nomads come to Townsville

What do you get when you cross snakes, seniors and seedlings? The launch of the Green Nomads program in Townsville!

Green Nomads is an exciting new casual volunteering program that brings together Australia's large transient grey nomad population with community environment groups.

NQ Dry Tropics' Laura Dunstan said the launch will be a significant event for groups such as Conservation Volunteers which need extra green thumbs to help with projects.

She says, "The Green Nomads is an incredibly successful program in southern areas of Queensland and NQ Dry Tropics is delighted to launch it up here in the north.

At the program launch participants planted trees and got close with native animals like snakes, lizards and a rare glider thanks to Hands on Wildlife.

The launch was part of an Australian wide celebration of National Volunteer Week which runs from May 9 - 15.

Queensland Water and Land Carers is behind the Green Nomads initiative.

The group's Esma Armstrong says, "By joining the program and becoming a Green Nomad, travellers are able to access numerous volunteering opportunities with local groups throughout Queensland.

"They can also undertake conservation work, including community education, tree planting, and wildlife caring while they travel around our beautiful state.

"Not only will travellers be able to contribute to the environments and communities that they travel through, by becoming a Green Nomad, travellers can have fun, meet new friends, learn new skills and visit some very special places." Esma says.

Mick Brady from Conservation Volunteers Australia said there are many exciting projects that the green nomads could get involved in.

He says, "We have many projects in north Queensland that would suit Green Nomad volunteers, including the cyclone recovery program."

To participate visit [www.greennomads.com.au](http://www.greennomads.com.au).

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NQ Dry Tropics' region includes the local government areas of Townsville, Charters Towers, Burdekin, Isaac, Barcardine, Etheridge, Hinchinbrook, Palm Island and the Whitsundays.

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