



# Palm Beach Schools Surf and Environmental Education



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## Palm Beach S.L.S.C. (Palmy Army) Linking Our Community Through the Environment

### Key Points:

Leader in Schools Participating in our coastal environment programs  
Community Support both Corporate and private proven working relationship with local, state and federal bodies and media. We see our role – Educating young in a hands on way.

### Concerns:

Accessing grants to continue or reward our volunteers, as we would like.

### Please note:

We have facilities in place and would love to hold a forum at our surf club.  
Considering our history and local involvement and successes within our environmental community.

We are involved with environment and conservation problems in our area. Being a Surf Life Saving Club on the beautiful Gold Coast our main concern is the beach and adjoining areas. We have formed a group called the Palmy Army, which is made up of various groups and individuals of the local community. These people are all volunteers. They could be early morning beach walkers, scouts, surf club exercise groups, local school just to mention a few with gloves and a bag they are seen patrolling our beaches in search of litter. Eight local schools are involved in a programme of beach litter patrols, weeding and eradicating beach dune areas of unwanted plants, growing special grasses and plants and planting these areas to help control erosion and stabilising these area which are constantly being damaged by wind and high seas. The eight schools are made up of state primary, secondary and special schools with students with learning problems and disabilities. Four schools are involved with water pollution testing that is done weekly.





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Currumbin Creek, Tallebudgera Creek and canals which all flow into the ocean is monitored for pollution. It seems we have a great local community that is concerned with keeping Palm Beach clean and beautiful for all to enjoy and by doing this it helps bring more people to this area to live or holiday which then helps local businesses and employment in the Palm Beach area. Palm Beach has held Queensland's cleanest Beach title two of the four years it has been run and we hope to win the title again.

Yours Faithfully

Steve Curtis  
Education Officer

