

# Environment Information Sheet

## DARWIN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

### Conservation Reserve



Darwin International Airport established the Conservation Reserve to protect native vegetation and wildlife on its land.

The reserve is south of Osgood Drive and covers fifteen hectares, it consists of a large area of eucalypt woodland and an important wildlife corridor linking the woodland to Rapid Creek at Charles Eaton Drive.

The site supports a diverse range of native species; it is for the most part eucalypt woodland. It also includes a drainage line that supports riparian and wetland species and a seasonally inundated wetland with stands of paperparks and open areas of native sedges and herbs.

Greening Australia carried out the initial revegetation work on the reserve between 2008 and 2010. Three highly successful community planting days saw the community plant thousands of native seedlings to create the wildlife corridor. At each planting about a hundred local residents, community volunteers and staff from the airport and nearby businesses donned boots and gloves to get seedlings into the ground. The thousands of native trees and shrubs planted in the wildlife corridor are gradually recreating habitat for wildlife.

In addition to the thousands of trees planted in the wildlife corridor, extra seedlings have been planted into the woodland block. These extra trees and shrubs will improve the woodland's condition.

All up 11,000 seedlings were planted during the revegetation phase. All seedlings are locally provenanced and were grown from seed collected from within the site and surrounding areas. Ongoing weed control and fire management within the Conservation Reserve ensure the native vegetation areas are protected.

In 2008 the Darwin International Airport and Greening Australia won a Power and Water Melaleuca Award for their work in the Conservation Reserve.

The work in the Conservation Reserve complements the Airport's work further upstream in the Rapid Creek Reserve.

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