

Caring for Creation at Christian Campsites

Why should we do it?

Good stewardship is biblical! being neighbourly! good business sense!



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A Rocha is a Christian nature conservation organisation, our name coming from the Portuguese for 'the Rock'. Our five core commitments: Christian, Conservation, Community, Cross-cultural, Cooperation. website: <http://australia.arocha.org/>



Some creation care projects at conference centres around Sydney:



Installing interpretive signs



bush regeneration to remove garden escapee weeds



Carving nest cavities for animals



Baseline biodiversity surveys

Perhaps we can advise on what environmental values, threats and opportunities your campsite has, encourage Creation Care education and link you with government funding and support programs.



Environmental audit: VALUES

1. What environmental values do you have on your property?
2. Are you next to a National Park or other protected area?
3. What are the vegetation types? Are they regionally significant?
4. Do you have any regionally significant plant species?
5. Do you have significant resident or visiting native animal species?

THREATS & OPPORTUNITIES

6. Is your management improving or degrading the environmental values of your property?
7. Do you have weeds? pollution sources? erosion? pest animals?
8. What activities could you do to restore or enhance the environmental values of your property?

CREATION CARE AND COMMUNITY

1. Are you being a good neighbour in managing your land/threats?
2. Are you giving your visitors a nature experience?
3. Are there any environmental education opportunities?
4. Are Christian Creation Care principles being communicated?
5. Are Creation Care activities integrated into visitor programs?

Some Resources – Australian



Ecumenical environmental change program for religious organisations
<https://fiveleafecoawards.org/>



<https://www.ala.org.au/>



<http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/invasive/weeds/>



Some resources – NSW



<https://maps.six.nsw.gov.au/>



<http://www.bionet.nsw.gov.au/>



<https://landcare.nsw.gov.au/>



<http://weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/>

