

## Aboriginal Landcare Education Program

Established in 1994, Greening Australia's ALEP program provides training for Aboriginal people from across the Northern Territory.

### ALEP's work involves:

- Education and training
- Project planning and development
- Helping with on-ground restoration works
- Linking communities to other resources



### CURRENT ALEP PARTNERSHIPS

For the past 2.5 years Greening Australia has worked collaboratively with Defence Housing Australia (DHA) and Investa Land through involvement with the Breezes Muirhead suburb development in Darwin.

Through financial investment from DHA, Greening Australia has provided training to a Certificate I level in Conservation and Land Management to Indigenous trainees. The program runs over an 18 week period, with two programs per year.

Successful outcomes from the program have included transition to positions in Indigenous Ranger groups at Borroloola and Belyuen, employment in industry roles including landscaping/groundsman, government role with Department of Fisheries, and a traineeship in a Bachelor of Law. Other trainees have gone on to enrol at university to further their studies in fields of Conservation and Land Management, Horticulture and Ethno-botany.

Greening Australia works with several employment service providers such as Ironbark, Mission Employment, Darwin Disability Services and Indigenous Youth Mobility Program to source participants for the program as well as advertising in the wider community.

### SUCCESS

The current ALEP program has a high success rate with over 67% of trainees completing the course and obtaining their Certificate I in Conservation Land Management.

Activities undertaken by the trainees have included:

- Seed collection from native species for use in the Greening Australia Nursery.
- Assist in natural area restoration work.
- Weed management and landscaping work.
- Basic propagation techniques and caring for young plants.
- Extraction of 700 *Cycas armstrongii* (listed as vulnerable in the NT) and their re-establishment.
- Participation in Corridors of Green Atlas Moth projects at Casuarina Coastal Reserve and East Point Breezeway to remove weeds and revegetate habitat to support population increase of the endangered Atlas Moth.

