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# Enviro youngsters dig in

EFFORT from our community is a beacon of hope for our environment.

Port Macquarie Landcare and a host of other volunteers are regenerating site at Lighthouse Beach.

The bushland, located at Matthew Flinders Dr has many old banksias and is the home of small mammals, possums and koalas.

In recent weeks a National Green Jobs Corps team have sprayed weeds and heaped fallen wood into piles to make homes for lizards.

The group spread mulch and the newly formed Landcare GreenFingers team dug holes.

St Joseph's High School students then planted 300 rainforest seedlings with tree guards.



■ *Community care: St Joseph's High School students Korah Cross, Dyllon MacKay and Reannan O'Brien.*

Fifteen-year-old Korah Cross didn't know anything about plants but said it was "great just helping out."

The energetic community helpers completed the work in just two hours.

A water cart was supplied by Port Macquarie-Hastings Council

and provided the seedlings with a drink to get the water out of the soil.

The year nine students visited the site as part of their religious education and showed their willingness to give to the community.

Landcarers showed the budding environmentalists how to plant and water the young vegetation.

Goals of the project

are to reduce erosion, improve habitat, increase biodiversity and improve the area to make it safer.

The native plants were supplied by Landcare's Community Nursery and grown using funding through Reversing Rainforest Retreat under a federal government Community Action Grant.