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**SEA RANGERS:** Gidarjil' school-based sea ranger team, Darnell Tyger, Josiah Purcell, Daniel Little, Luke Watson, Dakota Biggs and Tyson Douglas.

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# Guardians of the sea

## Environmental job skills program for young indigenous people

A NEW project will engage a group of students on a school-based training and work experience program to clean up the environment, maintain Aboriginal cultural sites and develop the skills and experience to embark on career paths as land and sea rangers.

Peter Brockhurst, Gidarjil's Sea Country manager

and traditional use of marine resources agreement co-ordinator, said the program would provide eight people with environmental and conservation training aligned with Industry and Education Queensland to achieve best possible outcomes in training and employment.

"The Port Curtis and Co-

ral Coast Traditional Owners Group has identified a demand amongst our people for training in Conservation and Land Management," he said.

"This will initiate a pathway to higher education and broader job prospects."

The project will provide a Certificate II in Conservation and Land Management

under the Vocational Education and Training in Schools program.

Mr Brockhurst also said the program's aim is to have "an engaged, well-trained and dynamic workforce employed in caring for and protecting the environment".

"The resulting direct employment opportunities coupled with development

pathways into tertiary education or accredited training will deliver the skills and scientific expertise for the environmental professionals and leaders of tomorrow," he said.

"It is a great way for young people to get started in a career, because we can offer them extra help and guidance if they need it."

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