Plenty of pride in planting

Year 5A, Redlynch State College

As many animals depend on plants as their home, the Year 5 classes at Redlynch State College decided to revegetate the area for their class pride project.

The students wanted to bring back the wildlife while at the same time putting learning into practice and having some fun.

On Friday, April 20, more than 80 seedlings were planted by 60 children, two teachers, one deputy principal and the Barron Delta Project co-ordinator Miss Sylvia Conway to help change this.

They were planted at three locations within the school grounds and also in Rice’s Gully (a seasonal creek next to the boundary). Mike from Affordable Digging dug the holes with a Bobcat, Garden Friendly Mulchers delivered the mulch and Miss Sylvia from the Barron Delta Project helped the children add water crystals to the holes.

The students worked hard for more than an hour and 25 minutes to revegetate the area.

After helping the groups plant and offering some advice, deputy principal Mike Bruno said, “What a great way of linking the curriculum to learning experiences. “It is important to have real life examples of what we are learning about and also in a fun way.”

Some of the plants will attract the ulysses and Cairns birdwing butterflies and the hercules moth, while other plants like the bottlebrush will attract some species of birds.

Clockwise: Juneeka Hutchinson (green shirt) enjoys planting with her schoolmates; Teacher Anthony Grace and students Conor Hams and Julian Reid get their hands dirty; Wraithe Mitchell and Calum Dowling work hard at Rice’s Gully; Bella Haman, Zali Nahlous and Anita Wachtler bring water for the project; the Year 5 group with the Barron Delta Project’s Sylvia Conway; Anastasia McGinley carefully removes seedlings; (inset) deputy principal Mike Bruno and Elaine Sharland.