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# Earth heroes

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The Earth Champions Quest project launched at the Byron Bay Community Centre on Sunday.

The quest is seeking to identify local heroes who are making inroads in conservation and ecological restoration projects.

The global program is being piloted in Byron Bay, is supported by the Victorian Government's Department of State and Regional Development and the De Bono Institute.

"The whole thrust of the Earth Champions quest is about finding the best," chief executive officer of the Athena Foundation, which is behind the project, Fiona Mathews said.

"We are asking communities to show us their best."

Nominations for projects must be made by June 30.

Nomination forms can be obtained from council offices in Mullumbimby or via their website at [www.byron.nsw.gov.au](http://www.byron.nsw.gov.au).

For details, phone local Earth Champions co-ordinator Annabel McLisky on 0403 135 390 or visit [www.athenafoundation.com](http://www.athenafoundation.com).

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