



News Update

COOCHIEMUDLO ISLAND COASTCARE UPDATE

IWMP

Dear Members,

Redland City Council invites you to [Have your Say](#) on an Integrated Weed Management Plan for Coochie with feedback required by next Friday 20 October.

You can view the [original Council brief](#) provided to the consultants and [Coastcare's submission](#) to a confidential Draft of the IWMP circulated to an island Focus Group in late August proposing repetitive spot and foliar spraying of herbicides.

We believe a commitment to a safe and healthy environment should be central to the document, not an after-thought like the final recommendation on Page 32 which simply highlights the risk.

Unfortunately, the proposal contradicts the 2004 Land Management Plan, a valid working document signed off by Queensland government, Council and community which recommends hand-weeding around our sandy foreshores and Emerald Fringe.

Coastcare will lodge an updated submission later this week encouraging RCC to join Australia's leading local governments to reduce chemical use in public open spaces and implement proven alternate weed strategies that protect the environment and human health.

If you lodge a submission we would appreciate a copy for the official record and at the same time recommend keeping Cr Lance Hewlett in the loop via Lance.Hewlett@redland.qld.gov.au.

Please don't hesitate to make contact if you have any queries or visit our [Community Resource](#)

Kind Regards

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PS Last week the European Parliament started [public hearings](#) on risk assessments on glyphosate, in light of reports that Monsanto employees tried to influence this process. France and Italy have widespread bans on use of glyphosate in public open spaces and along with Austria say they will oppose the relicense of glyphosate in Europe in December.

The number of [court cases](#) grow in the United States.

Dunecare

DUNECARE Saturday 3 September 2.00 – 4.00 pm Our next Dunecare will be at the Outriggers Beach Saturday 3 September from 2.30 – 4.30 pm with refreshments to follow.

Look for the Coastcare flags along the Norfolk track to sign-on.

Volunteers are reminded to wear hat, covered shoes, comfortable clothes, sunscreen, insect repellent and BYO water.

New members are always welcome. Annual membership (including insurance) is \$2 for singles and \$5 for families. Life Memberships of \$50 for singles and \$100 for families are also available.

For further details please phone Membership Secretary, Lois Toop on 0408 180 630 or Secretary Heather Smith on 0433 667 315.