



# News Update

## COOCHIEMUDLO ISLAND COASTCARE UPDATE

### Date Claimers

#### Coming Up...

##### **Saturday 1 October, 2.30 - 4.30 pm - Dunecare (Norfolk Beach)**

Join us where the Coastcare flags fly on Norfolk this Saturday for a gentle afternoon's weeding and tending the dunes.

There'll be refreshments afterwards and newcomers are always welcome.

Please wear comfy clothes, covered shoes, hat, insect repellent, sunscreen and BYO water.

Junior Rangers will be on duty and are always looking for new recruits! If you have any queries

please don't hesitate to call Membership Secretary, Lois Toop on 0408 180 630 or Secretary

Leather Smith on 0433 667 315.

##### **Saturday 15 October, 12:00 noon – Wetlands Wildlife Survey Update (Gindabara)**

For those interested in the progress of the Wetlands wildlife survey funded by a Conservation grant

from Redland City Council, there will be a debrief & barbeque at **Gindabara**, 18-20

Mooroondu Street. Zoologist, Doctor Ronda Green will discuss interim findings from the fourth

and final survey. She looks forward to answering questions, in particular from younger

Coastcarers.

If you have any information or photographs you'd like to share with Ronda please don't hesitate

to forward to [coochiecoastcare@gmail.com](mailto:coochiecoastcare@gmail.com).

##### **Saturday 5 November, 2.30 - 4.30 pm - Dunecare (Melaleuca Wetlands) followed**

**at 5.00pm by General Meeting & BBQ (Morwong Beach rotunda)**

##### **Saturday 19 November, 8.30 – 10.30 am - Community Planting (Melaleuca Wetlands)**

to be held adjacent to the northern entrance to the Melaleuca Wetlands.

##### **Saturday 3 December, 2.30 - 4.30 pm – Dunecare (Melaleuca Wetlands)**

##### **Saturday 10 December, 5.00 - 8.00 pm – Christmas Party (Mudlo)**

Further details to be confirmed.

### Care 4 Country



What a great day we had celebrating the Quandamooka Festival on Coochie earlier in the north with the Tangalooma EcoMarines and Yulu Burri Ba dancers led by Joshua Walker. Workshops by Quandamooka artist, Delvene Cockatoo-Collins, Mangrove Watch's Jock MacKenzie and songman, Joshua inspired the EcoMarines who travelled from 12 Brisbane schools with their parents to participate in the **Care4Country** event. We can all be so proud of our Coastcare Junior Rangers who hosted the visitors and helped plant 10 casuarinas at Main Beach to replace the dying shade trees we so value.



Without doubt, the highlight of the day was the Smoking ceremony and invitation to community to join dancers with some traditional moves.



Thanks to a small army of Coastcare volunteers, Debra Henry from Wildlife Preservation Qld, Cr Lance Hewlett, Redland City Council and especially Carolyn & Lindsay who opened their beautiful property, "Mudlo" for the day.

## Energex & Herbicides

### **Energex ends foliar spraying of herbicides on Coochiemudlo Island**

Thanks to Energex who last week decided to end the foliar spraying of herbicides on Coochiemudlo Island. Complaints were lodged with Cr Lance Hewlett in June after the destruction of native

vegetation including shrubs near power-lines, especially in Conservation foreshore zones.

Last week the issue was amicably resolved when an inspection visit by Energex Vegetation specialists determined there was no need for foliar spraying of herbicides.

We were advised other communities in Queensland had arranged alternate protocols with Energex to maintain clearance of TGS (tall growing species) near power-lines without the use of poisons.

In future, if the Energex contractor determines a TGS sapling should be removed then Coastcare (in consultation with others, ie Bushcare) can do so, or agree to Energex undertaking a cut stump and swab treatment.

This is seen as a step in the right direction as we embark on the development of an Integrated Weed Management Plan with Redland City Council to reduce the use of herbicides in Doobie's public open spaces and bush reserves.