



News Update



National Landcare Conference delegates to visit Coochie

Federal and state-funded environmental projects on Coochie will be showcased during a Field Trip during this year's National Landcare conference in Brisbane in October.

The biennial conference, which traditionally attracts around 700 people from across Australia and overseas is a landmark event. Coastcare was honoured when invited to have the island included as an optional site visit for delegates <http://www.nationallandcareconference.org.au/field-trips/>.

Not only is the field trip an opportunity to share experience and learn from other Landcare/Coastcarers it's a chance to celebrate what can be achieved through collaborative effort. We'll be showcasing ongoing rehabilitation after the 2013 storm surge from ex-TC Oswald which started as a joint Coastcare, Council, SEQ Catchments project; the Landcare interpretive signage (Quandamooka, Coastcare and Council) and the saturated steam weeding (QYAC, Coastcare, Council and native nursery).

We'll need all volunteer hands on deck to ensure the day's success so if you'd like to be involved in any way please contact Vivienne on Mob 0411226363.

The logo for CARE4COUNTRY Coochiemudlo Island features the word 'CARE4COUNTRY' in large, bold, black letters. The number '4' is stylized as a colorful, vertical Aboriginal-style pattern. Below it, 'Coochiemudlo Island' is written in a smaller, black, cursive font. The background is a gradient from yellow to red.

Celebrate the Quandamooka festival on island next Saturday 18 August with **Care4Country**.

This year, the not-for-profit group Small Island Tales will host a full-day event for the public for the first time from 10:00am to 3:30pm at the Mudlo Amphitheatre Garden (cnr Victoria Pde South & Elizabeth Street).

Bring family and friends to enjoy Quandamooka stories, dance, culture and country with Matthew Burns, Joshua Walker, Delvene Cockatoo Collins and the Yulu Burri Ba Dancers.

Learn about weaponry, history passed down over centuries, walks and talks on scar trees and middens. The day will finish with a smoking ceremony and there will be food and market stalls

Registration is essential and the ticket price includes a return ferry trip, ticketing charges and free entry to Care4Country. (N.B. Island residents can retain their Care4Country ticket/s for future use on the ferry.)

Book Now via [Eventbrite](#)

On Sunday, the Tangalooma EcoMarines will hold a closed event for member schools from throughout south-east Queensland and several hundred participants are expected

Steaming Ahead



Photo: State Member for Redlands, Kim Richards MP showed a keen eye for steaming Mothers of Millions when she joined Coastcarers working the Outriggers Beach last month.

The saturated steam weeding and revegetation project funded by a Community Sustainability grant from the Queensland government is delivering positive results and putting a smile on faces of volunteers.

Thanks to Chris Leonard, Heather Smith, David Kemp and Graeme Roberts-Thomson who gained Certificates of Competency to operate the Satusteam 800 machine along with QYAC Rangers, Jimmy Martin, Mark Jones, Lorde Walker, Jacob Martin and Brandon Martin we're comfortably meeting project milestones. Last month we welcomed another four trainee operators – Andrew Ross, Luke Turnbull, Bryan Dyball and David O'Hagan to the team.

Three treatments of primary sites appear to have significantly depleted the weed seed bank resulting in minimal regrowth.

The grant supports us to work alongside Traditional Owners undertaking non-toxic steam weed control around foreshore zones, helping to protect the receiving waters of the Moreton Bay Marine Park and Ramsar wetlands. It also provides for almost 2500 native grasses, shrubs and trees to revegetate denuded foreshore maintained by Coastcare and Bushcare as well as supplies for the island's native nursery.

At this stage we've successfully targeted carpets of Mothers of Million and the Satusteam 800 is also working well on guinea grass and Singapore Daisy.



Don't miss out this Saturday!

Exchange a green shopping bag or bucket of weeds (no plastic please) for a free native plant from Bushcare in the shelter near the jetty.

It's a great incentive to help the environment. You're allowed five plants per person.

Come early from 8:30am for the best choice of plants!



BMT WBM to develop Shoreline Erosion Management Plan

Redland City Council has finalised the procurement phase for a consultancy to develop a Coochiemudlo Island Shoreline Erosion Management Plan (SEMP) in line with agreed consultant specification.

BMT WBM www.bmtwbm.com.au was the successful applicant with Jessie Cullen and Malcolm Andrews leading the team.

The SEMP planning process was re-started last year with the appointment of a community reference group working towards the selection of a firm to lead the study.

The consultancy team will be introduced at the next community reference group in the next few weeks and community consultation will follow.

In 2013, BMT WBM was appointed to undertake a Shoreline Erosion Management Plan for the island A **draft Norfolk Beach Shoreline Erosion Management Plan** released by Council in 2014 and finalised as a Study in August 2015 can be accessed in the link in the right hand column – [Norfolk Beach Report](#).



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Coastcare Activity Calendar

3rd Quarter

Saturday	7 July	Dunecare	Zone A	2:00pm-4:00pm
Wednesday	18 July	Dunecare	Zone F	9:00am-11:00am
Monday	30 July	Committee Meeting	Victoria Parade East	5:15pm-6:15pm
Saturday	4 August	Dunecare	Zones A	2:00pm-4:00pm
Wednesday	15 August	Dunecare	Zones A	9:00am-11:00am
Monday	27 August	Committee Meeting	Victoria Parade East	5:15pm-6:15pm
Saturday	1 September	Dunecare	Zone B	2:00pm-4:00pm
Saturday	1 September	General Meeting	Sth Wetlands Picnic Area	4:45pm-5:30pm
Monday	3 September	Cr Hewlett Meeting	Victoria Parade East	5:30pm-6:30pm
Wednesday	12 September	Dunecare	Zone B	9:00am-11:00am

4th Quarter

Monday	1 October	Committee Meeting	Victoria Parade East	5:15pm-6:15pm
Saturday	6 October	Dunecare	Zone C	2:30pm-4:30pm
Monday	29 October	Committee Meeting	Victoria Parade East	5:15pm-6:15pm
Saturday	3 November	Dunecare	Zone D	2:30pm-4:30pm
Saturday	1 December	Dunecare	Zone E	2:30pm-4:30pm
Saturday	1 December	General Meeting	Sth Wetlands Picnic Area	4:45pm-5:30pm
Monday	3 December	Cr Hewlett Meeting	Victoria Parade East	5:30pm-6:30pm
Saturday	8 December	Xmas Party		5:00pm-8:00pm



Council approved Coastcare Workzones:

ZONE A - From the gravel path to the beach.

ZONE B - From the gravel path to the beach.

ZONE C - From the gravel path and culvert to the beach.

ZONE D - From the boardwalk/wetlands path to the beach.

ZONE E - From the boardwalk/wetlands path to the beach.

ZONE F - From the boardwalk/wetlands path to the beach.

Please contact Secretary, Lois Toop if you have questions, wish to participate in any of the above events, attend the meetings or advise of any issues or concerns that you want raised at any of the scheduled Coastcare meetings.

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...meet where the Coastcare flags fly

Please note mid-week Dunecare session this Wednesday 9-11am. We'll be meeting at the picnic tables at the Outriggers Beach.

Our next monthly session on Saturday 1 September will be followed by a general meeting and barbeque.

News in Brief

- Sincere thanks to Cr Hewlett for providing a Councillor's Small Grant for replacement dune signage which had faded after five years. As well, we also have a steam spike set for the saturated steam weeder that will allow us to tackle deep-rooted, woody weeds and prickly pear.
- Great to hear [Conservation Volunteers Australia](#) have allocated six days for weeding and rehabilitation work on Coochiemudlo over the next couple of months with teams of up to 10 people. We understand five of the days are funded under a Threatened Species Grant while insurance firm, Aon is sponsoring another on September 7 (Threatened Species Day) We look forward to developing a closer working relationship with CVA to care for our beautiful island.
- The GHD contamination investigation and groundwater sampling continues around the closed landfill site that is Laurie Burns Recreation Reserve and Melaleuca Wetlands. The study, originally expected to finish at the end of July has been delayed for several more weeks. Background detail available via this [link](#).
- The Cancer Council in Australia is concerned [Monsanto is concealing information on cancer links](#) and urges precautions following a major lawsuit in the United States.