



Coochiemudlo Island Coastcare update

In the lead-up to our inaugural AGM it's time to reflect and also celebrate what a caring community can achieve. Coochie's shoreline wouldn't look as good as it does today without the wonderful efforts of its members. So, please take a pat on the back!

Whatever your level of involvement - whether you were drawn to Coastcare in those dramatic days following the storm surge, involved in the early mass plantings or monthly Dunecare activities, your effort counts!

Important too, are those who maintain financial membership and moral support as we continue to work with all levels of government on Coochiemudlo's coastal issues.

Slowly but surely, the message is getting through that dunes are fragile, so vital to the health of our shoreline and support a diverse ecosystem.

There's still much to do and that's why we're supporting the process of developing a meaningful Shoreline Erosion Management Plan to provide long-term solutions. An update on progress will be available at the AGM.

Look forward to seeing you there!

Kind Regards,

Carolyn Brammer,

President of Coochiemudlo Island Coastcare Inc

DATE CLAIMERS

Saturday 5 July, 9-10.30am - Dunecare time

Where: at the Outriggers beach where the Coastcare flags fly

We'll be weeding, tending the dunes, picking up rubbish and adjusting temporary fencing.

All welcome. Please wear covered shoes, appropriate clothing, hat, sunscreen and bring a water bottle to reflect

No barbeque this month because of the following weekend's AGM on Sunday 13 July. Further details please call Vivienne on 0411226363 or Carolyn on 0488886000

Sunday, 13 July at 2pm – Annual General Meeting at the Community Hall

followed at 2.30pm approximately

by Guest Speaker, Professor Darryl Low Choy AM MBE RFD PhD,

Professor of Environmental and Landscape Planning, and Head of Planning, Griffith University on:

“Resilient Communities: self-empowered communities planning in a changing climate”



Turtles need healthy environments too

Last month Coastcarers were invited to a workshop by SEQ Catchments at Stradbroke Island where renowned turtle expert Doctor Col Limpus shared his knowledge.

Annie Jamieson, our local turtle monitor provided a summary of the visit which focussed mainly on the turtles we see in Moreton Bay, the Loggerhead and Green turtles

“He gave us a few statistics that made the plight of the turtles more relevant today.

A female turtle does not start to breed until she is around 30 years old, and she may lay up to 1000 eggs in one season. She may not breed again for up to 5 years. And the percentage of baby turtles that actually live to breeding age is very small. These baby creatures have no parental guidance when they come out of the egg, they are on their own to face the world.

The cause of death initially is predators, as they make their way from the nest to the sea. Thereafter they are under threat from disease from effluent run-off, and carelessness from discarded plastics, making it more important to remove what causes we have some control over.”

Annie Jamieson