

COOCHIEMUDLO ISLAND COASTCARE UPDATE

25th Anniversary Landcare signage project unveiled



Wednesday's opening of the wetland's interpretive signage project by Australia's Threatened Species Commissioner, Gregory Andrews (third from right) was an inspiring occasion.

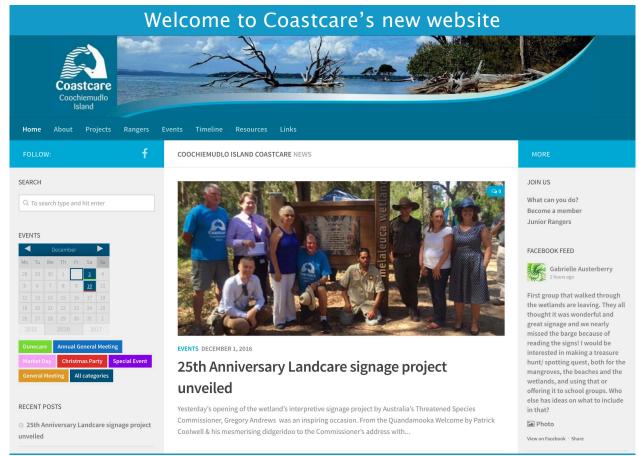
From the Quandamooka Welcome by Patrick Coolwell & his mesmerising didgeridoo to the Commissioner's address with sobering statistics on the rate of extinctions. Commissioner Andrews said Australia has endured the worst rate of mammal extinctions in the world losing 29 mammals since Europeans arrived, "Ninety per cent of the animals found here are found nowhere else on Earth. They define who we are as a nation. Australia is a large and rich country and we can avoid extinctions if we focus on key threats like invasive species and pet ownership."

Our thanks go to Councillor Lance Hewlett, Master of Ceremonies and Deputy Mayor, Councillor

Wendy Bolgary who moved the Vote of Thanks and also Coastcarer, Olive Walters who assisted Commissioner Andrews unveil the signage which was funded by a 25th Anniversary Landcare grant.

The Commissioner was determined to explore the island and understand issues like weed infestation and feral animal management. He couldn't help but notice the paw prints on beaches and query the impact on migratory shorebirds.

Article: "The federal government's Threatened Species Commissioner visits Coochiemudlo Island" (Redland City Bulletin, 30/11/16)



The opening of the signage project co-incides with the launch of Coastcare's new website.

www.coochiemudloislandcoastcare.org.au

As official information becomes available we'll post it on the website to keep members and the broader community better informed on all matters environmental on Coochiemudlo.

As this is still a work in progress you will find some pages incomplete for a month or so.

Dunecare



DUNECARE Saturday 3 December 2.30 – 4.30 pmJoin us for our final Dunecare for 2016 and see the interpretive signage Sign-on at the southern Wetlands entrance, James Street. Look for the Coastcare flags. Refreshments will follow. We'll be tending the dunes and weeding east of the wetland track Please wear covered shoes, long pants and hat with sunscreen and insect repellent. BYO water 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. Please call Graeme Roberts-Thomson on 0413352511 or Lois Toop 0408180630 for further information.

Date-claimer



Remember to book tickets for the Christmas party – Saturday 10 December.

Tickets to the Christmas Party (\$25 each) will be available for purchase on the jetty Friday 2 December, from 4:00 - 6:15pm. You can also purchase tickets to go in the draw two win one of two Christmas raffle prizes. We have two 'Naturally Coochie" baskets full of marvellous Coochie creations (+ wine)! Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

COASTCARE 2016

Christmas Party*

AT "MUDLO" CORNER VICTORIA PARADE & ELIZABETH STREET

SATURDAY 10 DECEMBER 5:00PM TO 3:00PM

\$25 PER HEAD \$5 FOR CHILDREN JUNIOR RANGERS FREE BYO DRINKS & DRINKING GLASSES



RSVP by 6 December for catering

Contact:- Secretary, Heather Smith heather.smith@clubdynamite.com.au or Graeme Roberts-Thomson graemert@optusnet.com.au (0413 352 511)

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Tickets also available at the Markets, Sunday 27 November