



News Update

28 February 2022



Help restore the island's north-east next Saturday 5 March 2-4 pm

Join us for a working bee along the picturesque "Trees Graveyard" beach at the intersection of Victoria Parades North and East next Saturday. You'll find us where the Coastcare flags fly.

Be inspired by awesome surrounds and enjoy the companionship of others contributing to the environmental care of this very special part of the island. We'll be weeding and planting then enjoying a chat over a cuppa.

We'll provide all equipment but please feel free to bring your own favourite tools or gloves.

Volunteers are reminded to wear hats, covered shoes, comfortable clothes, sunscreen, insect repellent and BYO water. New members, including families are warmly welcomed.

For further detail please contact Bryan on 0487054127 or Graeme on 0413352511

World Wetlands Day celebration marks new environmental partnership



We celebrated World Wetlands Day last month with the launch of an exciting new environmental partnership between Coochiemudlo Island Coastcare and Conservation Volunteers Australia to *Revive our Wetlands*.

The Melaleuca Wetlands is one of 10 sites chosen across Australia for a three-year initiative to engage locals to contribute to conservation action supporting habitat improvement for threatened and endangered species, as well as innovative blue carbon research.

The project, supported by Chevron Australia builds-on existing restoration of our freshwater wetlands, part of the Moreton Bay Ramsar site and recognized as internationally significant under the “The Convention of Wetlands of International Importance.”

The launch at our first working bee of the year saw a great roll-up of supporters including Member for Redlands, Kim Richards, Cr Lance Hewlett, Queensland Chief Scientist, Professor Hugh Possingham and Quandamooka representative Matt Burns who provided a Welcome to Country.

Professor Possingham paid tribute to indigenous Australians as “the first scientists, stewards and educators of land” and talked about traditional knowledge slowly being passed on to assist management of the modern world. He stressed the importance of freshwater wetlands which have shown the greatest decline in biodiversity. According to the Living Planet Index 75% of freshwater life has been lost in the last 50 years.

After formalities, volunteers then gloved-up and headed into the wetlands led by contractors, Bushtekniq who have been working with Coastcare for the past three years on the Wetland Weed Control Project, supported by Healthy Land and Water with funding from the Australian Government.

To become involved in future *Revive our Wetlands* events, please contact epporter@cva.org.au or coochiecoastcare@gmail.com



Weeding workshop with Bushtekniq



Professor Hugh Possingham & Kim Richards MP



Save The Date - Saturday 12th March

Come celebrate International Women's Day on Coochiemudlo Island

Come help us rehabilitate the ecologically and culturally significant Melaleuca Wetlands on Coochiemudlo Island to celebrate International Women's Day 2022!

First, we will slip on our gloves to pull out some pesky weeds for 2 hours, followed by a cuppa and a special talk from wetland scientist, Dr Fernanda Adame.

The Melaleuca Wetlands form part of the Moreton Bay Ramsar site recognised as internationally significant under The Convention on Wetlands of International Importance.

Please make sure to wear a long-sleeve shirt, long-sleeve pants, a hat, enclosed shoes and to bring gloves and a drink bottle.

Date: 12th March 2022

Time: 1:30PM

Melaleuca Wetlands

80 Victoria Parade East Lower, Coochiemudlo Island, 4184

Find out more or register interest:

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Coastcare caps now available



These caps are well made and very comfortable according to Bryan. You can own one for \$20. Please contact Vivienne on 0411226363 if you'd like to buy one.

A reminder annual membership is due

Membership fees:-

- Single annual membership \$2
- Family annual membership \$5
- Life Membership Single \$50
- Life Membership Family \$100

If your details have changed please fill out a [membership form](#).

Choose your membership level and Direct Deposit to Coochiemudlo Island Coastcare Inc – Commonwealth Bank BSB 064-149 Account 10096929.

You can:

- Return your form with payment to 94 Victoria Parade, Coochiemudlo Island; or
- Email your form and a copy of your payment receipt to coochiecoastcare@gmail.com.
(If paying electronically, please include your full name as the reference.)

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