



News Update

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Lend a hand on the island's north-east this Saturday 2 April 2-4pm



On Saturday join us for a working bee tending the north-east beach of the island.

You'll find us where the Coastcare flags fly at the intersection of Victoria Parades North and East from 2-4 pm.

We'll be weeding & planting then enjoying a chat over a cuppa.

Equipment will be provided but if you have a special tool and gloves please feel free to bring them along.

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 0487054127 or Graeme 0413352511



Restoring a weed-free buffer to the wetlands near the Laurie Burns oval

Tackling weed infestation in the Melaleuca wetlands was given a boost recently with the awarding of a \$3,300 grant to Coastcare under the Redland City Council's Mayor and Community Benefit Fund program. Sincere thanks to Councillor Lance Hewlett who acknowledged on-going effort, further enhancing the four-year chemical-free weed control project, "Protecting Threatened Species and restoring Ramsar values in the Melaleuca Wetlands." The Project, supported by Healthy Land and Water through funding from the Australian government's National Landcare Program, has seen impressive restoration in hot spot locations of the wetlands however an infestation of Singapore Daisy, over the wetlands fence posed an ongoing threat.

Last Friday, chem-free contractors Tali, Jono and Anna from Bushtekniq put in a hard day's work to clear weeds manually and with saturated steam. They'll return before the end of the financial year for a follow-up treatment.

Heavy rain interrupts rehabilitation work around the Emerald Fringe

This week's rain event has seen further storm-water damage undermine Council rehabilitation efforts around the foreshore. Assessments continue as officers move to address longer-term solutions to storm-water run-off which has caused increasing erosion along Main, Flinders or "Outriggers" beaches and access paths along Norfolk and the wetlands beaches.

While the subsidence on the wetlands track has been filled, the northern stretch is still very soggy. The collapsed midden has been cordoned off for safety and sand bags seem to have helped stem the run-off. Please take care on the Innes Street beach access as the drop-off continues to erode. Council intends having sand replenishment completed by Easter.



Above: Tunneling erosion at the picnic area near outriggers beach threatens significant trees



Today's beach inspection by RCC Senior Technical Officer Wayne Matthews and Cr Hewlett

International Women's Day celebrated with a special wetlands touch

International Women's Day was celebrated by Conservation Volunteers Australia and Coastcarers in the Wetlands last month tackling weedy vines before a presentation on the state of Blue Carbon by leading wetland scientist, Dr Fernanda Adame of Griffith University.

The event was part of the CVA's *Revive Our Wetland* initiative funded by Chevron Australia and supported by Coastcare. After an energetic workout on a perfect afternoon, Dr Adame provided a thought-provoking presentation on the recognized value of melaleuca wetlands and casuarinas, recently included in Australia's Blue Carbon market.

Just like farmers being paid Reef credits to restore wetlands protecting the waters of the Great Barrier Reef, Dr Adame believes volunteers should be paid for undertaking environmental works that benefit society. It's definitely the way of the future according to Dr Adame who sees the recognition of melaleuca wetlands in the carbon market as "an amazing opportunity" to ensure their support into the future.

Freshwater and coastal wetlands sequester 34-50% more carbon than terrestrial forest ecosystems and

information <https://conservationvolunteers.com.au/the-launch-of-revive-our-wetlands/>



Wetlands weeding with Coastcare and CVA volunteers

Support Coochiemudlo artist Merrett Keech

Well-known local artist, Merrett Keech has been invited to submit work into the “Safe Harbour” exhibition to be held at St John’s Cathedral Brisbane to draw attention to the plight of wildlife in Moreton Bay threatened by the proposed development of 3600 apartments on wetlands of Toondah Harbour.

The exhibition from May 19 will feature diverse works by painters, potters, sculptors, writers, photographers, a fabric artist, a print-maker and a musician/composer and will be on show for a number of weeks in the historic Cathedral.

Merrett has nominated to contribute 10% of sales to the funding of the exhibition by selling the image hereunder in print form. There are two types of high-quality prints available: one which has been done on smooth 310 GSM Cotton Canvas (\$170) and the second print: Galerie Satin photo on 260 GSM (150) To order, please email Merrett, merrart62@gmail.com



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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.

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- Life Membership Single \$50
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If your details have changed please fill out a [membership form](#).

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