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# News Update

**1 April 2021**

## **Easter working bee postponed until following Saturday 10 April**

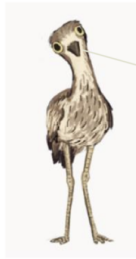
Due to adverse weather forecasts and Covid-19 uncertainty, the Management Committee has decided to postpone the working bee this weekend.

We'll return to our northern-most workzone at the intersection of Victoria Parades North and East from 8-10am for unfinished weeding. Last month we collected 27 bags of mainly Mothers of Million onsite and planted 100 grasses and ground covers from the Native Nursery.

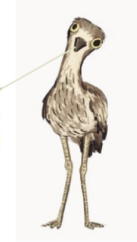


Join us where the Coastcare flags fly for sign-on and afterwards refreshments. Newcomers, especially families are warmly welcomed.

Please remember to wear comfortable clothes, covered shoes, hat, sunscreen, insect repellent and BYO water. Please call Graeme on Mob 0413352511 with any query.



## 24th Coochie Curlew Count



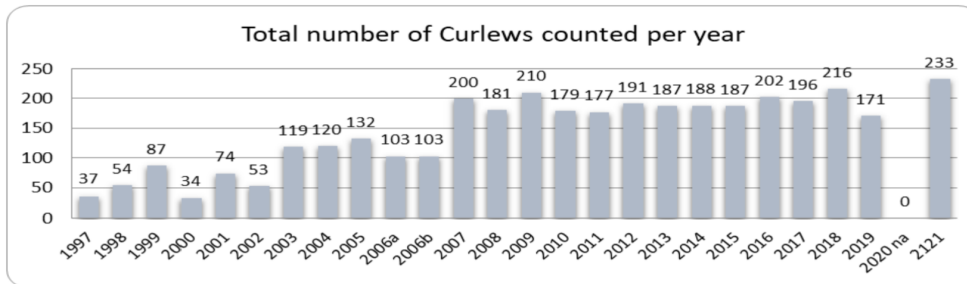
# Congratulations

Our highest count to date!

Thank you to all our Curlew counters who took part in the count this year. Fifty volunteers - including 16 island residents (absolutely fantastic to see so many of you - thank you for joining in) - counted a total of **233 birds (187 adults, 40 juveniles, 4 chicks and 2 eggs)**. There were also 18 tagged birds recorded.

This has been our highest count since 2018 where 216 curlews were recorded, but remember, we never claim that we count all the curlews on the island.

The Coochie Curlew Count is one of the longest running citizen science projects in the Redlands and this year it was lovely to have the assistance of the Victoria Point Girl Guides. They were very interested in learning about the curlews, being on an island and some of the girls had a complete nature lesson. They were a delight to have on the count and we hope you had a great time. Thank you Vic Pt Girl Guides.



Even though we weren't able to have a BBQ or a guest speaker this year, we hope everyone enjoyed themselves - and we will definitely make up for it next year as 2022 will be the ...



...of the Redland City Council Wildlife Program conducting the Coochie Curlew Count. Put it in your diary now... **Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup> of February, 2022.**

Thank you for your continued support  
and we look forward to celebrating 25 years  
with you next year!

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## Shoreline Erosion Management Plan approved by Council

Coochiemudlo Island's Shoreline Erosion Management Plan was unanimously passed by Redland City Council at its February meeting.

Thanks to members of the Community Reference Group (CRG) who hung-in for three years of meetings, in particular, retired coastal engineer, Dr Michael

Thanks also to CRG Chair, Cr Lance Hewlett and Kim Richards, MP for Redlands for their unwavering support of the island.

It's been a long eight years since reparation works after the devastating storm surge of ex-TC Oswald sharpened focus on our shoreline.

For Coochie, it's a major step forward, managing heritage-listed Norfolk Beach, the Emerald Fringe and Ramsar wetlands with ensuing values acknowledged in Council's 2020-21 Operational Plan, Vision Outcomes 3. Embracing the Bay.

For greater detail on the

SEMP <https://yoursay.redland.qld.gov.au/Coochiemudlo-Island...>

<https://www.redlandcitybulletin.com.au/story/7131631/council-adopts-erosion-management-plan-for-coochiemudlo-island/>

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## New Members welcomed

New Members Night on Friday 12 March was such a pleasant occasion, thanks to Carolyn Brammer (Coastcare's inaugural President) for hosting the event on the verandah at Mudlo. The mix of old and new faces provided an opportunity to reminisce on how much had been achieved since the association was formed at a meeting on this verandah in 2013.

Turtle monitor, Annie Jamieson discussed the work she started years ago, now shared with Andrew Ross and Chris Leonard and the sad increase in turtle mortality with nine deaths recorded since 1 January 2021.

Newcomers were assured their support was welcomed with plenty of opportunity for those seeking more active roles to assist across a range of responsibilities.

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- Life Membership Family \$100

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