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# News Update

**16 September 2020**

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**Thank-you to members who attended the low-key Annual General Meeting in the grounds of the Community Hall at the weekend.**

The formalities went smoothly thanks to former Treasurer Phil Toop J.P. who officiated over the election of officer-bearers and afterwards everyone enjoyed a BYO afternoon tea.

As the sun shone brightly, we sheltered from the wind secure in our Coochie Covid bubble, surrounded by sanitiser, signs and our ever-vigilant social distancing monitor. Graeme Roberts-Thomson and Andrew Ross stood down from the committee while Gaye Richardson retired as secretary but returned as a general member. We welcome Liz Engeman as Secretary and Peter Richardson aboard.

The new management committee is :-

**President:** Vivienne Roberts-Thomson Mob 0411226363

**Secretary:** Liz Engeman Mob 0403070941

**Membership Secretary:** Dave O'Hagan

**Treasurer:** Betty-Ann Bellette Mob 0448802545

**Committee:** Bryan Dyball Mob 0487054127, Gaye Richardson Mob 0420881764, Peter Richardson Mob 0403089508 & Helen Pickford

Minutes of the AGM and Reports are available through the following links:

[AGM Minutes](#)

[President's Report](#)

[Treasurer's Report](#)

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**Quick action saves a bush stone curlew entangled in fishing line**



Quick action by David and Stephen from the Queensland Wader Study group saved a bush stone curlew from certain tragedy recently and highlighted the risk to wildlife from discarded fishing tackle.

The two volunteers who regular monitor bush stone curlews on Coochiemudlo spotted one limping and on closer inspection through telephoto lens saw it had fishing line, hook and sinker wrapped tightly around its leg.

After netting the bird and settling it with a pillowcase over its head, the duo performed delicate removal surgery. Luckily, the line hadn't broken the bird's skin and it was soon untangled and let loose.

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### **Turtle stranding on Coochiemudlo makes headlines**

Local turtle monitors Chris Leonard and Andrew Ross found themselves busy in January with the live stranding of a tagged turtle on Norfolk beach.

It took a few weeks, but authorities recorded it during three nesting seasons on Heron Island.

Further details on this feel-good story on page seven of the [Marine Animal Strandings newsletter](#) -

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**SAVE THE DATE- Saturday 3 October at the Outriggers Beach**

**2-4 pm**

**Meet for sign-on where the Coastcare flags fly near the picnic tables at the eastern end.**

There's plenty of opportunity for social distancing along the conservation foreshore & feed-back from volunteers last month was it was great to be outdoors and together again, even a few metres apart.

There's some extra documentation to be signed with sanitising guidelines and the usual precautions to be followed. Anyone with a sniffle, headache, sore throat or feeling generally unwell needs to stay at home.

Coastcare will still provide gloves to those who need them, but we'd encourage you to bring your own, including your favourite tool, (although these too, can be provided)

For now, it will be BYO refreshments only.

**Newcomers are always welcome and there's jobs for all abilities, from manning the "reception" table, to photographing.**

**Please call Graeme on 0413352511 for further information.**



**Annual Memberships are now due.**

Your continued support makes such a difference and ensures you are covered by volunteer insurance for any activity. Membership fees:-

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

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