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News Update

Dunecare

Saturday 2 March 2019 2:30 - 4:30



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All hands on deck this Saturday on Norfolk Beach to help clean up after ex TC Oma, save uprooted casuarinas, and plant another 200 shrubs, ground-covers and grasses.

One of the areas targeted for revegetation will be around the Mathew Flinders memorial stone which was recently relocated closer to the track by Council.

Dunecare will be followed by a general meeting and BBQ commencing at 4:30pm

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You'll find sign-on where the Coastcare flags fly at the tables just south of the toilets on Norfolk Beach.

Volunteers are reminded to wear hat, covered shoes, comfortable clothes, sunscreen, insect repellent and BYO water.

New members are always welcome. All youth are welcome to join the Junior Rangers during Dunecare. (N.B. A parent is required to attend if children are participating).

Please wear covered shoes, comfortable clothes, sunscreen and insect repellent. Any queries please phone Graeme Roberts-Thomson on 0413 352 511.

Calculating the cost environmental decline



Faced with uprooted casuarinas, mature eucalypts teetering on steep scarps and dangerous, eroded beach accesses makes you wonder if the cost of environmental loss is considered by local decision-makers.

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Queensland . It measures for the first time the social cost to the community and the impact on business of environmental decline in South East Queensland.

It found:

- The social cost of this decline is estimated conservatively to be \$5.2 billion over the next two decades.
- 90 per cent of those that took part in the research believe that protecting the environment is equal to or more important than economic growth.
- Respondents indicated they would be prepared to pay almost \$300 per household per annum to avoid a decline in resource conditions from the current level
- A 'do nothing more' scenario will put at risk up to \$8 billion in potential turnover for the tourism industry in South East Queensland over the next 20 years.
- The \$1.2 billion primary production industry will continue to suffer productivity and profitability risk from declining resource condition.



Annual memberships are due for 2019 - \$2 for singles and \$5 for families. Life Memberships of \$50 for singles and \$100 for families are also available. Membership includes insurance cover for volunteers.

Renewals can be made in person at any Coastcare event or by direct deposit to:-
BSB: 064-149 Account: 10096929

COOCHIEMUDLO ISLAND COMMUNITY ALERT

Please be aware that a Redland City Council contractor will be undertaking weed management at the following sites from the 26th February to 1st March, weather permitting.

- On the embankment adjacent to Victoria Parade South
- Drainage area adjacent to the shop in Elizabeth Street
- Embankment above the golf course
- Bushcare compounds at Morwong beach

See attached map of treatment areas. Coastcare is still awaiting advice from Council on chemicals to be used. In 2015 these included Glyphosate 360, Met mac, Starane Advanced, Generex 1000 and Dicamba.

As previously, we've requested dyes be added to mark spray zones and clear warning signs to remain in place until herbicide has dried. As previously, there will be a four-metre non-spray buffer either side of Curlew Creek

Warning to schools – please share

The Integrated Weed Management Plan approved by Council officers in January 2018 recommends, *"Notification to the contractors if a school group is booked to visit the island should be provided with at least with 1 week's notice. This will prevent any conflict or perceived conflict between school children and weed control works. If Council is aware that a group is visiting the wetlands then informing contractors will be very helpful as they can easily move works to zone 3 or 4. If schools are visiting the whole island, then it may be more effective if contractors either did not go to Coochiemudlo that day or if they did, refrained from spraying. Any notification of schools visiting the island should be shared between community groups, Council and contractors."*

If you know of any schools or groups contemplating a visit to the island could you please circulate this information.

Put your name on the Register

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any sensitivity we recommend you lodge contact details with
Rory.House@redland.qld.gov.au with copy to
Lance.Hewlett@redland.qld.gov.au



Coochiemudlo Island Coastcare Inc General Meeting

General Meeting - Saturday 2 March at 4.30pm

AGENDA

Attendance and apologies

Minutes of the previous meeting - [\(click on link to view\)](#)

Business Arising

Treasurer's Report

Correspondence

Business

1. Update on Shoreline Erosion Management Plan and operational works
2. Committee changes
3. Environmental testing of the Melaleuca wetlands

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- 6. Meetings with Cr Hewlett
 - 7. Other



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