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News Update

May 2019 Update & AGM Notice

June promises to be another busy but rewarding month as we kick-off with Dunecare on Saturday 1st; report to members at the Annual General Meeting on Saturday 15th; wrap-up a Landcare grant project and work towards finalising the Queensland Government's Sustainability Action grant for the saturated steam weeder.

Grant funding has enabled Coochie to benefit from expanded chemical- free weeding and restoration planting with projects enhancing the preservation of our vegetated foreshores. Thanks to all those members who continue to provide such incredible support.

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Coastcare Inc on **Saturday 15 June** at **3pm** at the **Community Hall** with afternoon tea to follow.

The [Agenda](#) and [2018 AGM Minutes](#) are available for download. Nominations are welcome for the following positions:

- **PRESIDENT**
- **VICE PRESIDENT**
- **TREASURER**
- **SECRETARY**
- **FOUR EXECUTIVE MEMBERS**

You can also download the [Nomination Form](#) for office-bearing positions and a [Proxy Form](#) which should be received no later than 5:00pm Saturday 1 June 2019 via scanned email to coochiecoastcare@gmail.com or delivered to Bryan Dyball at 27 Perulpa Street, Coochiemudlo Island.

Don't hesitate to call Membership Secretary, David O'Hagan on 0438875257 or email President, Vivienne Roberts-Thomson coochiecoastcare@gmail.com with any query.

Open invitation to hear AGM Guest Speaker, Dr Michael Gourlay

After the AGM formalities, there's an open invitation to the community to attend an address by Dr Michael Gourlay on **“Coastal engineering and Small Islands”** from about 3.25pm.

For many years, a member of Engineers Australia's National Committee on Coastal and Ocean Engineering, Michael was lead author of the first edition of NCCOE's *Coastal Engineering Guidelines* and compiled a *History of Coastal Engineering in Australia* for International conferences.

Early in his career Michael spent a year in the Netherlands doing laboratory research on the erosion of sand dunes and later was involved in research into the coastal and marine processes which form and maintain coral cays on reefs within the Great Barrier Reef.

Since 1991 Michael and his wife, Jacqui, accompanied by one of several

Grant projects draw to a close



It was great to welcome QYAC Rangers back to help weed and plant 300 trees, shrubs and groundcovers last month under the Landcare-funded project supported by Healthy Land and Water. Focus was on removal of a heavy infestation of the noxious weed, Mothers of Million along the conservation foreshore bordered by Victoria Parade East, Innes Street and Victoria Parade North. Meanwhile, chem-free contractors Jono, Tali and Anna from Bushtekniq weeded west of the wetlands track and in four waterways, supported by volunteers operating the saturated steam weeder.

Thanks to Council for supplying an additional 400 sedges and rushes to enhance the restoration project and Coastcarers who put in extra hours. It was a big month!



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DUNECARE Saturday 1st June 2:00 - 4:00 pm Melaleuca Wetlands



Join the Coastcare team tending the dunes, hand weeding and watering at **James Street entrance to the Melaleuca Wetlands** followed by afternoon tea.
Meet where the Coastcare flags fly.

Volunteers are reminded to wear hat, covered shoes, comfortable clothes, sunscreen, insect repellent and bring water.
New members are welcome.

Any queries please phone Dave on **0438 875 257**

Spotlight on Native Plants

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Plant of the Month - *Hibbertia scandens*, more commonly known as snake vine or Guinea flower is one of our most popular native ground covers and spreads up to five metres. You'll see it growing prolifically along-side the wetlands track just north of the first boardwalk from the southern entrance. It's not often you come across one the size Chris found.

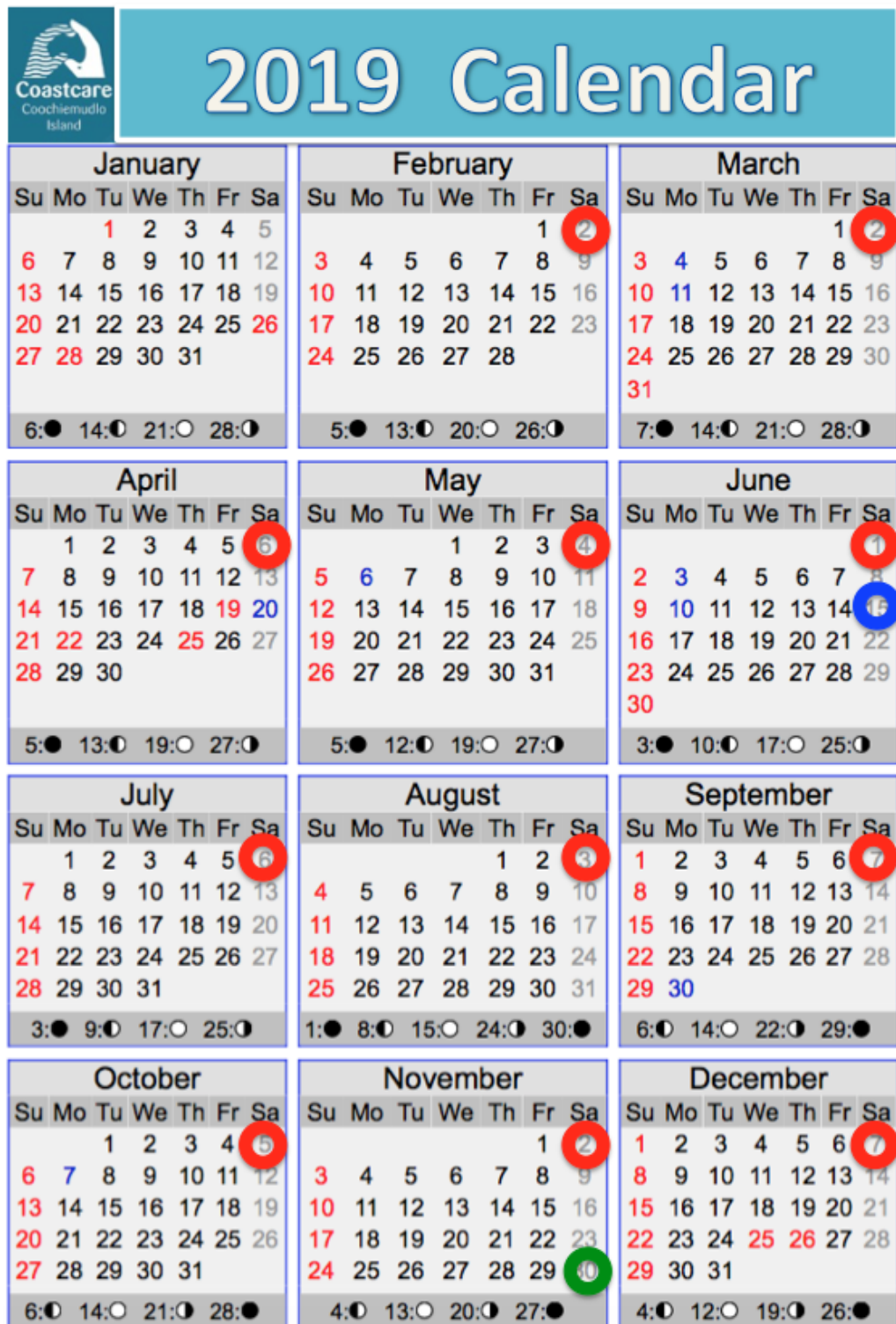


Annual memberships are due for 2019 - \$2 for singles and \$5 for families. Life Memberships of \$50 for singles and \$100 for families are also available. Membership includes insurance cover for volunteers.

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

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Coastcare Calendar 2019

Dunecare – 1st Saturday of the month

Xmas Party – 30/11/2019



Annual General Meeting – 15/06/2019 - Community Hall, 3:00 pm

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