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# News Update

**19 December 2019**

## Christmas Greetings to all

As we wind-up activity and prepare to celebrate with family and friends, on behalf of the Management Committee, I wish you a festive season blessed with peace & happiness.

Our Christmas party, held on the verandah at Mudlo earlier in the month is always a special event and this year's was no exception. Thanks to all who helped make the end-of-year celebration such a success including Mr Music, Damon Reilly and friends Shane Poole and Deb Muller. Our hostess, founding President Carolyn Brammer welcomes us back so generously each year.



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We'll be in touch early next month with dates to reconnect in the New Year but in the meantime here's wishing you all a safe and enjoyable holiday. With your support in 2020 Coastcare looks forward to a new decade caring for our island.

Kind Regards

Vivienne Roberts-Thomson, President

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## News round-up

**“Naturally Coochie” raffle drawn-** Congratulations to Jacqueline and Noel Christensen who won the raffle, a beautiful hand-woven basket by Jacqui Cresswell filled with local goodies drawn at the Christmas party with Yellow Ticket E93. Our thanks go to all the wonderful artisans who contributed to this fund-raiser which raised over \$400. Runner-up prize of a Sirromet winery tour and wine tasting went to Margrit Lack.

**Share some water** -As you head to the beach these holidays, please spare a thought for the struggling trees, grasses and shrubs. If you have a favourite spot consider adopting a plant or two for watering over the holidays, even a weekly bottle or bucket can help make a difference. If you 'd like to assist a small group of volunteers watering rehabilitation zones please give Graeme a call on 0413352511.

**Support for turtle monitors** – Thanks to a Councillor's small grant from Deputy Mayor Cr Lance Hewlett our trained monitors are better equipped with a specially designed sling to move dead and injured turtles. Andrew Ross and Annie Jamieson were pictured on the beach last week with the new sling (Chris Leonard wasn't present) Please remember if you need to report a stranded or dead marine contact Chris on MOB 0478176540; Andrew on MOB 0400774606 or Annie on MOB 0403702451. Please remind neighbours contact details are also available on the jetty noticeboard and door at Curlew cafe.





**Have your say on a new Postcode** - Redland City Council is undertaking a Your Say survey to canvas community support to change the postcode of Coochiemudlo Island. Many islanders felt disadvantaged after losing the Victoria Point Postcode of 4165 years ago and being included with the Southern Moreton Bay Islands – 4184. Apart from mail mix-ups examples cited range from higher mortgage finance and increased insurance premiums. Participate in the survey here

<https://yoursay.redland.qld.gov.au/coochiemudlo-island-postcode>

development of a publication to create greater awareness of the rights and responsibilities of living on Coochiemudlo Island met recently with Cr Hewlett.

The guide for residents, *Living on the Edge*, funded by a RCC Conservation grant, aims to preserve foreshore values and ensure the needs of both marine and terrestrial wildlife in Marine Park and Ramsar habitat are better understood and nurtured.

Committee members, Keith Stebbins, Heather Smith, Ann Wright and Vivienne Roberts-Thomson discussed priorities and streamlining communication with Cr Hewlett.

It's envisaged an eight-page booklet will offer information on a range of topics from bush-stone curlews and shorebirds, sustainable fishing and crabbing, the importance of wildlife linkages and maintaining healthy bush beaches. The booklet will be available in hard copy and online for both residents and visitors.

It's hoped *Living on the Edge* will create better understanding of the reasoning behind local laws relating to compliance issues like beach fires, camping, vegetation clearance and animal management.

**Another Junior Ranger** – An excited Javier Payano was presented with his Junior Ranger's shirt at the last Dunecare of the year and he couldn't wipe the smile from his face. Javier is fast becoming a valued regular and was officially congratulated by Secretary, Gaye Richardson and senior Coastcarer, Bruce Wollstein



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