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News Update

9 February 2023

Reminders - for action

Our first working bee launches 2023 this Saturday. From 9am we'll welcome Quandamooka's Matt Burns before weeding. Afterwards, from 11.30 am there will be refreshments and a presentation on frogs and reptiles of the Melaleuca Wetlands by photographer and author, Mike Donavan.

Meet where the flags fly at the southern (James Street) entrance to the Wetlands.

Please let us know, for catering purposes, if you'll be coming by contacting Bryan Mob 0487054127 or Vivienne Mob 0411226363



World Wetlands Day

Join Conservation Volunteers and Coochiemudlo Island Coastcare to celebrate World Wetlands Day on Saturday the 11th of February!

Become a part of the solution and help us clean up Coochiemudlo Islands Melaleuca Wetlands!

The day will include :

Welcome To Country and Smoking Ceremony by Quandamooka's Matt Burns.

Working Bee with Coastcare, removing environmental weeds from the wetlands.

Photographer and Author Mike Donovan talking about frogs, snakes and other wildlife of the Melaleuca wetlands, so bring your camera along!

Where: Victoria Parade, Coochiemudlo Island

When: 9:00am to 1:00PM

What to bring: sun safe and long sleeved clothing, enclosed shoes, a hat, and a water bottle.

Find out more or register interest:

Alec Patten - Revive Project Officer | apatten@cva.org.au | 0473870380

Make Booking (conservationvolunteers.com.au) or contact

Vivienne - Coochiemudlo Island Coastcare President | 0411226363



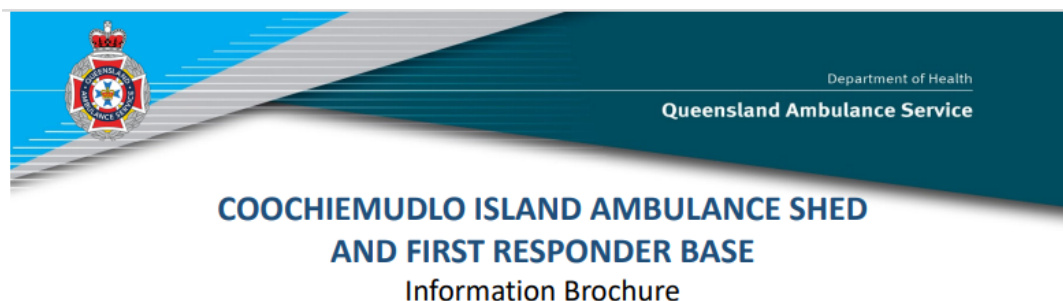
Have Your Say

The Queensland Ambulance Service is seeking public feedback on another proposal to

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Since QAS advised on 13 December that they wouldn't proceed with their earlier development proposal in the Heritage-listed Emerald Fringe, Coastcare has met with Progress and Heritage representatives to discuss a community-led initiative for an alternate and more environmentally suitable location that addresses the island need for emergency and ongoing health care.

These talks had been driven by the outcome of the meeting auspiced by Progress in October to address the QAS development proposal. At that meeting, members of the community voiced a need for a medical/emergency health facility on island with rooms for visiting health professionals, perhaps also combining with an Ambulance Vehicle Storage and First Responder Base.



Background

The Queensland Ambulance Service (QAS) has a requirement for permanent ambulance vehicle storage on Coochiemudlo Island. The current vehicle storage location at the Surf Lifesavers (SLSA) site at 1 Williams Street is only temporary. The Ambulance vehicle is critical for Paramedics to service the island's residents. It needs to be stored in an enclosed secure structure with electrical connections to charge the vehicles' systems.

The proposed shed would house the vehicle and include amenities. It would also function as a base for Paramedics and First Responders. A new vehicle storage site must be located as close as possible to the jetty to facilitate timely and efficient emergency response by Paramedics that access the island from the ferry.

The Proposed Site

QAS has identified a property for sale on the open market at 5 Williams Street. The site is 501m² and potentially fits the QAS's functional requirements. It is 185m from the jetty. QAS is currently undertaking due diligence for the site purchase. Due diligence considerations for the site selection are: Distance to the ferry jetty; Proximity to services (electricity, water, sewer, telecommunications); Environmental impact; Cultural Heritage; Flooding and Site security.

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QAS has developed a concept design for the proposed shed. It is approximately 11.50 metres x 7.65 metres. Subject to satisfactory due diligence, the project will be progressed through an Infrastructure Designation under the Planning Act 2016. The process includes impact assessment and stakeholder engagement.



Proposed Ambulance Shed Location



Proposed Ambulance Shed Site

Feedback

If you want to provide feedback to QAS, please contact the Metro South Regional Office: msregion.execcorro@ambulance.qld.gov.au

Although Coastcare Management Committee hasn't submitted a formal response yet to QAS it needs to be recognised that according to RCC Red-e-Map, 5 Williams Street is covered under Environmental Significance, Waterway Corridor and Wetlands overlays. The site is also included within Flood and Storm Tide Hazard Overlay and is an Environmental Management Zone.

We share a collective responsibility on Coochiemudlo Island to preserve endangered habitat, including the Williams Street and 'Mudlo' Wetland, surrounded as we are by Ramsar Wetlands and Marine Park

<https://coochiemudloislandcoastcare.org.au/2022/08/24/coochiemudlos-three-wetlands-listed-as-endangered-under-epbc-act/>

We believe an alternate block under discussion for a community health facility - the large commercially-zoned land opposite at 2 Williams Street offers greater potential and would also meet QAS due diligence considerations.

- Distance to the ferry jetty – closer and less complicated than 5 William Street Easy access from two streets – no bridge or causeway needed
- Proximity to existing services, electricity, water, sewer, telecommunications
- Environmental impacts
- Cultural Heritage
- Flooding – not subject to tidal surges
- Site security – corner block, so more local eyes observing

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Coochie Curlew Count 2023

Join us for the Coochie Curlew Count and contribute to 25 years of data on the local curlew population.

Saturday 11 February, 4pm
Pioneer Park, Coochiemudlo Island

BYO:

Drinks, torch, insect repellent, face mask.

Wear:

Comfy shoes, hat, sunscreen and your curlew spotting eyes!

Provided:

Sausage sizzle and a guest speaker after the survey.



To take part in the survey, you are required to register your name due Covid-19 and RCC protocols. Phone IndigiScapes to register on 3824 8611.

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