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News Update

2021 Annual General Meeting, **Friday 18 June**

The Coochiemudlo Island Coastcare AGM will be held at the Community Hall at 6pm this Friday, 18 June, followed by a guest speaker and light refreshments. To assist with COVID safety requirements and catering (gold coin donation), it would be appreciated if you could RSVP to coochiecoastcare@gmail.com

The following nominations for office-bearing positions have been received.

| Name | Position | Nominated by | Seconded by |
|--------------------------|-----------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Betty-Anne Bellette | Treasurer | G Roberts-Thomson | G Richardson |
| Bryan Dyball | Committee | H Smith | V Roberts-Thomson |
| Jane Caldwell | Secretary | G Roberts-Thomson | H Pickford |
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| Stephen Nuske | Committee | G Richardson | V Roberts-Thomson |
| Helen Pickford | Committee | A Jamieson | P Richardson |
| Gaye Richardson | Committee | T Martenstyn | B Martenstyn |

A [Proxy Form](#) is available for those unable to attend and [Agenda](#) available for download. Please call Graeme on 0413352511 with any query.

Guest Speaker, Dr Robert Bush.

You might recognise him riding around the island each month, monitoring bush-stone curlews with other members of the Queensland Wader Study Group. His presentation is, *"Tracking shorebirds tells us how they live and survive in Moreton Bay: there's never been a more important time to use this information to support conservation of the Bay."*

Robert is a semi-retired Medical Epidemiologist and recent past Secretary of the Queensland Ornithological Society, current member Queensland Wader Study Group management committee and the Australasian Wader Study Group Board. He supports research on shorebirds across the migration flyway from the southern States of Australia to the Arctic circle in Russia. Robert has undertaken field work on shorebirds within sub-Arctic Russia, around the Yellow Sea in China, across South-east Asia and throughout Australia as a member of international teams over the past decade.

He has provided advice to policy makers, documentary makers and media programs such as Four Corners on Shorebird Conservation. Robert has a strong interest in supporting nature in urban environments and has published peer reviewed research in scientific journals including Nature on the impact of green spaces on human population disease prevention, health and well-being. He recently reported on shorebird conservation achievements over the past 30 years in Moreton Bay to the Australasian Wader Study conference in Hobart, Tasmania.

Robert is an active member of the alliance of organizations lead by Birdlife Australia and the Australian Conservation Foundation working to respond to the Toondah Harbour Environmental Impact Statement submitted by the developer, the Walker Corporation, to the Federal Government.



A critically endangered Eastern curlew on the Melaleuca Wetlands beach - 19 February 2021



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