



# News Update

**19 November 2022**

## **Connect with Nature in the Melaleuca Wetlands this week**

Join us on Thursday 24 November from 9.30am-1pm and boost your well being while participating in rehabilitation of the wetlands.

This workshop was due to be held last month to celebrate Mental Health Week but was rescheduled due to bad weather.

The Connection to Nature event will be facilitated by Bushtekniq in collaboration with Conservation Volunteers Australia and Coastcare.

We'll also undertake some weeding before relaxing with light refreshments. Please make sure to wear long-sleeved shirt, long pants, hat and enclosed shoes and bring gloves and a water bottle.

Meet where the flags fly at the barbeques on Norfolk Beach at 9.30am.

To book a place or for further detail please contact Ellen Porter (CVA) on 0427510528 or Vivienne Roberts-Thomson (Coastcare) on 0411226363

## **Celebrate at this year's Christmas party**

Please book a table now & pick-up tickets at the Coastcare stall at the Christmas markets next Sunday

Our annual monster raffle – a wheelbarrow filled with Christmas goodies will be drawn on the night.



**See you at the markets on Sunday 27 November**

**Merchandise on sale – Coastcare T-shirts \$25 & caps \$20 - great stocking fillers**

Lions Christmas cakes and puddings will also be available





## Have your say on the Toondah Harbour Draft Environmental Impact Statement

You have until 6 December to have your say on the Walker Corporation's controversial proposal to build 3,600 apartments and a 200 berth marina on top of internationally important Moreton Bay Ramsar wetlands, a few kilometres to the north of Coochiemudlo Island.

A number of organisations including Birdlife Australia, Redlands 2030 and the Australian Conservation Foundation offer information to assist, see links below. Hard copies of the 5000 plus page draft EIS can be accessed in Redland City Council's Cleveland, Capalaba, and Victoria Point libraries and the State Library in South Bank.

Birdlife Australia recently ran an informative webinar covering the threats to migratory birds and environment and created [an easy-to-use online tool and a guide](#) for you to be able to put in quick comments voicing your opposition. There are no limits to the number of comments that you can make, and importantly, you do not have to be an expert to provide feedback.

Individual submissions must be lodged with developer, Walker Corporation [engage@toondah.com.au](mailto:engage@toondah.com.au) with your name and postcode. It's also recommended that you send a copy to the Environment Minister, the Hon Tanya Plibersek [minister.plibersek@dcceew.gov.au](mailto:minister.plibersek@dcceew.gov.au)

### Resources

<https://redlands2030.net/unboxing-the-toondah-harbour-draft-eis/>

[Save Toondah Harbour — Act for Birds](#)

Senator Larissa Waters, Senate Estimates, Environment and Communications, 28 October 2022

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-9uhtl6aVxM>

<https://redlands2030.net/fatal-flaw-in-toondah-harbour-real-estate-scheme-by-richard-carew/>



## Warning - vigilance needed to halt spread of *Dyschoriste depressa*



The discovery of an aggressive environmental weed in a wetland watercourse last month has sparked an alert for island-wide vigilance. It's the first time ***Dyschoriste depressa***, known as "butterfly heaven", has been mapped by Redland City Council on Coochiemudlo.

The weed has spread rapidly in Brisbane, creating monocultures across both damp, shaded and sunny waterways and even amongst mangroves. [https://coochiemudloislandcoastcare.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/AABR\\_News\\_134\\_p5.pdf](https://coochiemudloislandcoastcare.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/AABR_News_134_p5.pdf)

*Dyschoriste* was discovered by contractors, Bushtekniq working with Coastcare on weed reduction and rehabilitation of the Melaleuca Wetlands as part of an effort to protect threatened species and Ramsar values. The four-year project is supported by Healthy Land and Water through funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare program.

It's a reminder that there's no set and forget when it comes to weeds, thanks to birds, human movement and mowing practice.

The bio-diversity health of our unique surrounds is a shared responsibility and you can help. Please contact Coastcare or Council's Biosecurity team for further detail.

## A reminder is your annual membership is due? See us at the markets!

### Membership fees

- Single annual membership \$2
- Family annual membership \$5
- Life Membership Single \$50

- Life Membership Family \$100

If your details have changed please fill out a [membership form](#).  
Choose your membership level and Direct Deposit to Coochiemudlo Island Coastcare Inc –  
Commonwealth Bank BSB 064-149 Account 10096929.

You can:

- Return your form with payment to 94 Victoria Parade, Coochiemudlo Island; or
- Email your form and a copy of your payment receipt to [coochiecoastcare@gmail.com](mailto:coochiecoastcare@gmail.com).  
(If paying electronically, please include your full name as the reference.)

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