



# News Update

2 August 2022.



Above-Quandamooka's Elisha Kissick

## Celebrating NAIDOC on Coochiemudlo Island

Thanks to Conservation Volunteers Australia for a wonderful cultural walk and talk by Quandamooka representative, Elisha Kissick at the weekend to celebrate NAIDOC. After an inspiring Welcome to Country, Elisha introduced us to bush foods and their

beneficial and medicinal qualities. We enjoyed a walk through the Melaleuca Wetlands before enjoying a sumptuous morning tea inspired by native flavours.

Then it was down to work for a weeding session in the wetlands. Thanks to all who participated at short-notice as rain had forced postponement from the previous Saturday. To become involved in future events with CVA under the **Revive our Wetlands** program, please email [reporter@cva.org.au](mailto:reporter@cva.org.au) or [coochiecoastcare@gmail.com](mailto:coochiecoastcare@gmail.com).

## **Coochiemudlo's three wetlands listed as endangered under EPBC Act**

There's nothing more stunning than the afternoon sun streaming through the melaleuca wetlands between Phillips & Elizabeth Streets, or those on Carolyn Brammer's property, "Mudlo." The importance of these endangered ecological communities has now been recognized by the Australian Government along with the core of our treasured Melaleuca Wetlands on the eastern side of the island

<http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/threatened/communities/pubs/171-conservation-advice.pdf>

Effective from 8 December 2021, the Coastal Swamp Sclerophyll Forest of New South Wales and South-East Queensland ecological community was listed in the Endangered category of the threatened ecological communities list under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cwlth) (EPBC Act).

Redland City Council has confirmed the three wetlands are included under this federal advice.

Coastcare is yet to determine what the endangered listing means so far as protection, management practice and rehabilitation funding.

We'll keep you posted in the next News Update.

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## **Join us this Saturday 6 August on the island's north-east**

Coastcare's northern-most zone, the "Trees Graveyard" beach will be targeted this Saturday for a working bee between 2-4pm.

Join us where the flags fly at the corner of Victoria Parades North and East, see top photo.

We'll be weeding before enjoying a chat over a cuppa.

Volunteers are reminded to wear a hat, covered shoes, comfortable clothes, sunscreen and insect repellent. We'll provide the equipment but if you have favourite tools or gloves please bring them along.

New members, especially families are always welcome.

Please call Bryan on 0487054127 or Vivienne on 0411226363 with any query.



### State of the Environment Report 2021

## Healthy Land & Water position statement

The 5-yearly Australia State of Environment 2021 report (the report) provides new insights into how environmental deterioration is impacting the wellbeing of Australians and urges leadership and a coordinated response to halt and reverse this trend.

As the official natural resource management body for South East Queensland, Healthy Land & Water is releasing a 10-point position statement in response to the recently released report, and outlining the actions needed to create strong, resilient, liveable regions.

[Download the full position statement](#)





Picture-perfect weather on Flinders Day drew a big crowd to the island for the re-enactment on Norfolk Beach.

Welcome to all our new members who signed-up at the markets.

## A reminder is your annual membership is due?

### 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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