



News Update

26 January 2022

Happy New Year to members and friends as we launch another year of caring for our island.

We thank-you for your support for on-ground environmental efforts over challenging COVID times and look forward to catching-up with many of you at our first working bee of the year on **Saturday 5**

February. We'll be celebrating a belated World Wetlands Day in collaboration with Conservation Volunteers Australia and Healthy Land and Water, see details hereunder.

Coastcare's annual end-of-the-year celebration at the community hall last month was a special occasion for more than 40 people who attended, thanks to the live music by Damon, the camaraderie and that superb backdrop over the bay.

It was a great opportunity to relax with like-minded souls and reminisce on the year that was.



During the evening the raffle was drawn and congratulations go to Grace Gallagher of Brisbane, who won a wheelbarrow of Christmas goodies with green ticket T57.

Second Prize of two bottles of wine and a Lions Christmas cake went to Max Moran with purple ticket T 69 while the Blaikie family took third prize of a bottle of wine and Coastcare cap with purple ticket T 58.

The raffle raised just over **\$1100** thanks to the generosity of our donors - **The Australian Wine, Bunnings, Coles, Woolworths, Fable Ladle and Dan Murphy's.**

Thanks to local Greg Mouy pictured below who collected the wheelbarrow for Grace.



New lease of life for shore bird signage at local jetties

Over the holidays new shorebird information signs were erected at both Victoria Point and Coochiemudlo jetties thanks to sponsorship by Kim Richards, Member for Redlands.

With support from Cr Hewlett, Coastcare facilitated the project and Redland City Council installed the anodised aluminium signs.

Raising public awareness of the importance to preserve shorebird habitat and not disturbing migratory shorebirds is the key to their survival.

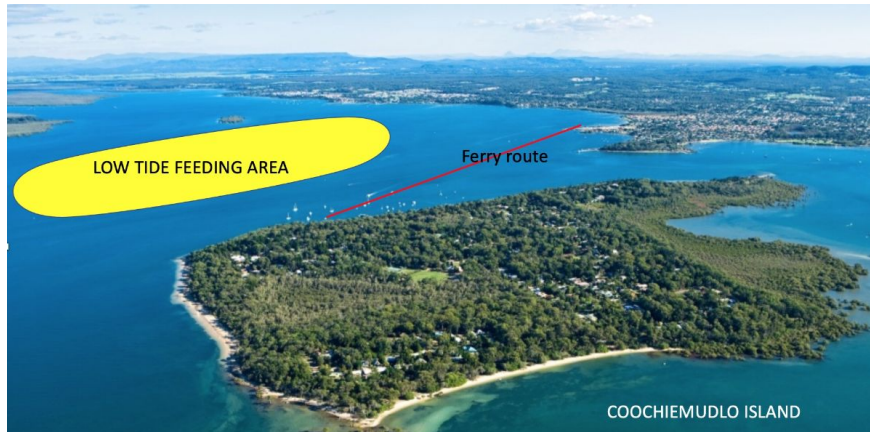
Coochiemudlo island is surrounded by important shorebird feeding mudflats including feeding areas for the critically endangered Eastern Curlew. You can help by observing quietly from a distance, reducing boat speed near shorebirds and avoiding flocks. Dogs can frighten shorebirds so keep dogs on a leash and under control. Disturbance of shorebirds or habitat can attract an on-the-spot fine.

It was many years ago that Ivell Whyte, one of the founding members of QWSG created the original concept and design for the metal signage. The signs have withstood the harsh sunlight and weathering for more than a decade in many places along the Queensland Coast.



Above - Launching the signage at Coochiemudlo, from left Dr Robert Bush, Qld Wader Study Group, Kim Richards MP and Cr Lance Hewlett

Below – shorebird feeding site monitored by QWSG.



Celebrate World Wetlands Day on Saturday 5 February from 1-4pm

Join us for the official launch of our working year & Conservation Volunteers Australia “Revive the Wetlands” project at Norfolk beach. It’s a time to celebrate the strength of collaborative relationships to care for our sensitive wetlands.

After formalities, at the picnic area, contractors, Bushtekniq will join us on the Wetland track and frontal dunes tackling weeds and sharing the finer art of chem-free bush regeneration. We’ll also bring you up to date on progress of the Melaleuca Wetlands Project, supported by Healthy Land and Water through funding from the Australian Government’s National Landcare Program.

Volunteers are reminded to wear hat, covered shoes, comfortable clothes, sunscreen insect repellent and bring water. New members are always welcome.

There’s plenty of space for social distancing, however everyone is encouraged to bring a mask and wear it if necessary. There’s no obligation to volunteer if you are concerned or do not feel comfortable doing so.

Remember, if you have any COVID-19 symptoms, no matter how mild, get tested, stay home and isolate until you get the results and your symptoms resolve.

For further information please contact Vivienne on Mob 0411226363

Join the Backyard Garden program and create a wildlife haven



Redland City Council's **Your Backyard Garden Program** attracted a new local participant, Jay Lima last month. Mim Skelly from the Environment and Education Unit met Jay onsite and provided expert advice and assistance to create a wild-life friendly environment on her property. It included tips on environmental weed control, beneficial indigenous plants for the garden and thoughts for encouraging wildlife. Council will be sending invitation letters to targeted properties on Coochiemudlo this year. For a free information pack visit the Redland City Council website and enter **Your Backyard Garden** in the search bar or contact the Environmental Partnerships team on 38248611

Keep up on the latest for an independent EPA for Queensland

The Environmental Defenders Office invites you to an expert panel on Tuesday, 1 February 2022 to discuss the importance of strong environmental governance in Australia that is grounded in environmental and First Nations justice, where we are failing currently in state, territory and national environmental governance and how we can improve.

They will also be launching EDO's new report, **Implementing effective independent Environmental Protection Agencies in Australia: Best practice environmental governance for environmental justice**.

Registration details to come shortly – please see [EDO's Facebook page](#), or register your interest with: Brisbane@edo.org.au.

Date: Tuesday, 1 February 2022

Time: 6pm to 7.30pm AEDT (East Coast Daylight Savings Time)

Location: Online via Zoom

PANEL OVERVIEW

A number of states and territories are currently looking at changes to their EPAs and environmental departments, including Tasmania and Queensland. Changes to bring in more independence in environmental governance was also a key recommendation of the Samuel's review of federal environmental laws. In response to these recent developments, EDO has prepared a report providing key recommendations for what strong, independent EPAs should look like to best protect the environment and human health, particularly for those most vulnerable to the adverse impacts of pollution, environmental degradation, and climate change.

PANEL SPEAKERS

Dr Gerry Bates - Academic and former member of the Board of the NSW Environmental Protection Authority from 1998 to 2010

Emma Garlett - Academic at Curtin Law School and a proud Nyiyaparli-Yamatji-Nyungar woman

Mollie O'Connor - Solicitor at EDO

Chair: Revel Pointon - Managing Lawyer at EDO

Coastcare caps now available



These caps are well made and very comfortable according to Bryan. You can own one for \$20. Please contact Jane on 0479139527 if you'd like to buy one.

A reminder 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.
(If paying electronically, please include your full name as the reference.)

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