



30 May 2023

Celebrate World Environment Day this Saturday on the island's north



Please join us for a special working bee from **2 - 4 pm this Saturday 3 June** where the Coastcare flags fly along the foreshore at the intersection of Victoria Parades North & East.

We'll be tending this fragile corner of the island, weeding, planting and enjoying a chat over a cuppa.

Conservation Volunteers Australia from Brisbane are providing a couple of trays of dune grasses, ground covers and trees to help fill bare patches along the foreshore of the iconic "Trees Graveyard."

Newcomers, especially families, are always welcome.

Volunteers are reminded to wear hat, covered shoes, comfortable clothes, sunscreen, insect repellent and bring water. Annual membership which includes insurance is \$2 for singles and \$5 for families.

Please call **Graeme** on **0413352511** or **Bryan** on **0487054127** with any query

You're invited to Coastcare's Annual General Meeting on 25th June

Join us for the Annual General Meeting of Coochiemudlo Island Coastcare Inc on **Sunday 25 June at 11am at the Community Hall**, followed by a guest speaker and light lunch.

We encourage newcomers and existing members who'd like to play a more active role in the environmental management of the island to consider joining the committee. All positions will be declared vacant.

Nominations are invited for the following positions - President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary and three committee members.

The [Agenda](#) is available for download.

You can also download the [Nomination Form](#) for office-bearing positions which should be received by 5pm Friday 4 June via scanned email to coochiecoastcare@gmail.com or delivered to Secretary, Jane Caldwell C/- 94 Victoria Parade East, Coochiemudlo Island.

A [Proxy Form](#) is available for those unable to attend.

After formalities, we'll welcome guest speaker, former Queensland Environment and Heritage Minister, the Honourable Patrick Comben.

In February, 1992 Minister Comben announced Cabinet's decision to include Moreton and Bowling Green Bays as Queensland's first nominated "Wetlands of International Importance" under the RAMSAR Convention.

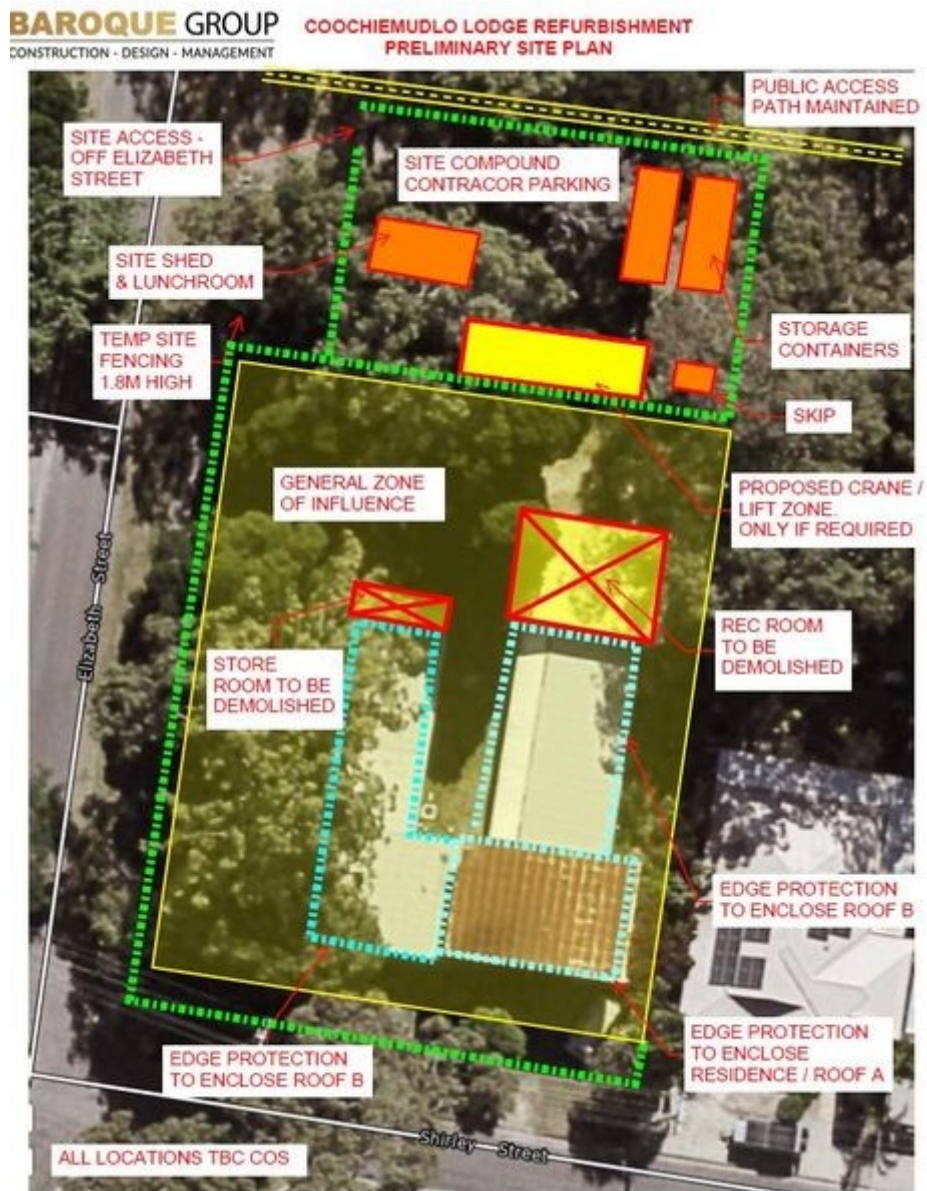
Just months earlier, the Coochiemudlo community had rallied against a draft Moreton Bay Strategic Plan which had earmarked the Melaleuca Wetlands as "island residential." The environmental organisation of the day, Friends of Coochiemudlo Island (FOCI), organised a public meeting attended by 100 residents and prepared [a submission](#) to State Government challenging the mapping.

FOCI invited Minister Comben to the island to undertake an inspection and subsequently the Melaleuca Wetlands designation was amended in the final Plan to "Preservation" along with the western mangroves.

In 1993 our Wetlands were included in the Moreton Bay site, recognised as "Wetlands of International Importance" under the RAMSAR Convention.

REMINDER Your RSVP by Tuesday 20 June for catering purposes (gold coin donation) is appreciated.

For further detail contact Vivienne MOB 0411226363 or Bryan MOB 0487054127.



Work on Education Department's Lodge starts tomorrow


by Toni Cannard

Last year notification about work commencing at Coochie Lodge was circulated in a letterbox drop (see photos, ignore the dates - also note work won't start until 7am each day and is expected to finish by 6pm). Work will commence this Wednesday with Construction site fencing and the project management exclusion zone will be set up in our back paddock (top of James street). Works including re-roofing, painting, etc are expected to run to the end of July.

Tomorrow **Wednesday** May 31 and **Thursday** 1 June there will be **No pedestrian access** through the back paddock for safety while fencing, skips and containers. There may also be times during the construction period where pedestrian access may need to be closed for a few hours again for safety reasons. We will try to give a couple of days' notice if we can. Any queries, please email Infrastructure.HaveYourSay@qed.qld.gov.au

The future of the Lodge on Coochiemudlo Island

Providing facilities to support the delivery of quality education in South East Queensland



The Queensland Government is investing in infrastructure to build, maintain, improve and renew education facilities across Queensland.

As part of this investment, the Department of Education (the department) is proposing to refurbish the Lodge on Coochiemudlo Island to be used as a local campus of the Moreton Bay Environmental Education Centre (EEC).

The Moreton Bay EEC is a departmental day visit centre at Manly. Its education programs are delivered to Prep to Year 12 students (primary, secondary and special), and offer unique opportunities for young people to explore and connect to their environment through authentic hands-on experiences.

By refurbishing the Lodge on Coochiemudlo Island for use by the Moreton Bay EEC, the centre would grow its programs to provide additional place-based learning opportunities for students.

It is proposed that the refurbished lodge would allow for a range of day visit programs including Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM), with the future possibility of providing small overnight programs, curriculum-based camps and staff professional development workshops, subject to approvals.

Proposed project scope

Infrastructure enhancements are required to ensure the Lodge on Coochiemudlo Island is fit for use by the Moreton Bay EEC.

The proposed work includes:

- Replacing the roof and gutters
- Some structural demolition
- Vegetation management
- External painting
- Internal maintenance and upgrades.

Work is expected to begin around the start of the 2023 year and is planned to be complete by the middle of the 2023 year.


All work will be undertaken in accordance with Redland City Council regulations, with construction beginning no earlier than 6.30am and concluding no later than 6.30pm, Monday to Saturday.

Have your say

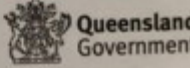
As a member of the local community, the department welcomes your feedback on the proposed Lodge refurbishment for use by the Moreton Bay EEC.

A map is provided overleaf, showing the location of the Lodge on Coochiemudlo Island.

To provide feedback please email Infrastructure.HaveYourSay@qed.qld.gov.au until 27 October 2022.



Building Education



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