



News Update

4 July 2022.



A light-hearted moment at this weekend's Dunecare on Norfolk Beach when Sydney tourists stopped by to investigate weeding along the conservation foreshore.

Coastcarers were delighted to also involve a young German tourist in the afternoon's activity.



Thanks to members who turned out on a chilly Saturday night to return a new management committee recently at the 2022 Coastcare Annual General Meeting. The Committee includes

President - Vivienne Roberts-Thomson, Mob 0411226363

Vice President - Bryan Dyball, Mob 0448802545

Secretary - Jane Caldwell, Mob 0479139527

Treasurer - Betty-Ann Bellette, Mob 0448802545

Committee - Helen Pickford; Jay Lima, Mob 0413123121; Nici Buirski, Mob 0481865431 and Tom Lima.

Formalities went smoothly thanks to Keith Stebbins JP who officiated over the election of office-bearers. Gaye and Peter Richardson stood down after long-term committee involvement and members welcomed aboard newcomers Jay and Tom Lima and Nici Buirski.

After the meeting, the new committee members, Nici, Tom and Jay spoke about their passion for the environment and wildlife care, see hereunder.

AGM Minutes <https://coochiemudloislandcoastcare.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Minutes-2022-AGM-.pdf>

President's Report <https://coochiemudloislandcoastcare.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/2022-Presidents-report.pdf>

Committee - Dr Nicolette Buirski

"In July 2020, I came to Coochie to visit my sister, fell in love with it, within 10 days I had bought a block on Morwong, and over the next year built a house. Two years later I feel that this island is my Forever Home. I believe that I was well-prepared for island living because I spent quite a bit of time in my life living on islands: I was born in England, did my postgraduate studies over four years while living on Vancouver Island, BC, Canada, lived in Mauritius for three years, spent time on Cousin Island, Seychelles, at the research station amongst the giant tortoises and fairy terns, and lived for 6 years in Byron Bay overlooking Julian Rocks, which is a world class diving island.

I have an Honours degree in Botany and have a great love and respect for the natural environment. My vision for the Island of Coochiemudlo is that we can learn about our great trees on the island. My hope is that if we can all fall in love with Coochie's trees, together we will care for them and let them do their job of caring for us."

Committee - Jay and Tom Lima

"We've been involved with wildlife rescue, transport, and rehabilitation with a number of wildlife groups since 2008. Our primary focus was on all the "Furries": possums, koalas, flying foxes, and micro-bats. There's not much we haven't at least transported: including hawksbill turtle, echidnas, wallabies, a full-size goanna, even a powerful owl.

Since moving here - we've fallen for all the feathers. From the crew of curlews who call our yard home to the extravagant eagles and kites, and everything in-between. What we see is the need for a Wildlife First Responders network to provide aid when our precious wildlife has come to harm.

What we'd like to have is a group of islanders who can be called on to rescue, secure, assess and arrange transportation, in connection with our mainland connections.

We've recently undertaken some basic bird training courses to get a head start, but we don't claim to be experts. We definitely have our L plates on. What we do have is a

network of experts for advice and guidance. We are members of Wildcare and Natalie from PASR (Pelican & Seabird Rescue Inc) at Thornside has very kindly taken us under her wing.

It's very important to us that we stay under the banner of legitimate wildlife groups. This will ensure that we have access to comprehensive training, maintain best practises, and therefore obtain the best possible outcomes.

It is not always easy, and the outcomes are not always happy; but the honour and privilege of providing aid and interacting up close with our amazing fauna is priceless. And when you get to release a healed animal back into its territory - bliss ❤️



Healthy Land & Water is running a photo competition to celebrate the beauty and values of the Moreton Bay Ramsar Wetland. Upload your best photos of plants, animals, or landscapes showing the wetland's beauty and uniqueness.

Anyone can enter, and you can enter as many times as you'd like! Entries close 24 July 2022

By entering this competition, you'll go in the draw to win a glamping experience on Minjerribah with [Minjerribah Camping](#) or ferry tickets to Coochiemudlo Island!

Enter the competition here: <https://survey123.arcgis.com/.../16c7c481bbb3418f91e3d366...>



NAIDOC Celebration Cultural Walk + Weeding - Melaleuca Wetlands

Saturday 23rd July | 09:00AM - 1:00PM

Come and join us to celebrate NAIDOC on Coochiemudlo Island by participating in a Cultural Walk and Talk hosted by Quandamooka representative Elisha Kissick from Yura Tours.

After the tour, we'll enjoy a cuppa and morning tea inspired by native flavours before heading into the Melaleuca Wetlands to do some weeding, so this special environment can continue to do its vital work ensuring we all have clean air, fresh water and safe futures.

Please make sure to wear a long-sleeve shirt, long pants, a hat, enclosed shoes and to bring gloves and a drink bottle.

Meeting location:

Melaleuca Wetlands, 80 Victoria Parade East Lower, Coochiemudlo Island, 4184

Find out more or to register interest:
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A reminder is your annual membership is due?

Catch us at the Coastcare stall at the Flinders Day markets on Sunday 17 July

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 –

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