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26 November 2020



Coastcare Christmas Party, Saturday 5 December

We look forward to celebrating the end of 2020 with members at this year's Christmas Party on Saturday 5 December 4 - 8pm.

Due to COVID-19 uncertainty we're holding the break-up in the grounds of the Community Hall, Victoria Parade South.

Tickets will be available at the Coastcare stall at the island markets on Sunday 29 November or you can call Graeme on 0413352511 to arrange pick-up.

Members and friends are requested to BYO chairs, food and beverage and we'll supply the music and hand sanitiser!

The annual raffle, a wheel-barrow filled with Christmas goodies valued at over \$300 will be drawn on the night.

Many thanks to Bunnings, Woolworths and Coles for their generous support and also to those individual members for their donations.

Join us for the last working bee of the year, 8-10am the same day

Earlier in the day, join us at Flinders (Outriggers) beach for the final working bee of the year. We'll be weeding, watering and tending the dunes between 8-10am.

Sign-on where the Coastcare flags fly at the picnic area. Please wear

comfortable clothes, hat, closed shoes, sunscreen and BYO water. Refreshments follow. All equipment provided. New members are always welcome.

If you have any queries please phone Vivienne on 0411226363.

Bush regeneration opportunity with Bushtekniq on Thursday 3 December



Our four-year grant project continues in the Melaleuca Wetlands. Coastcare, as Project Manager, is working with Healthy Land and Water, supported by Redland City Council to reduce threats and restore habitat in and around the wetlands, part of the Moreton Bay Ramsar site.

<https://hlw.org.au/newsroom/chemical-free-weeding-to-restore-coochiemudlo-islands-melaleuca-wetlands/>

On Thursday 3 December there's opportunity for Coastcarers to work alongside chem-free contractors, Bushtekniq to upgrade their knowledge and hone practical skills. It's a great opportunity for some one-on-one inspirational mentoring. If you'd like to be part of the action please call Vivienne on Ph 0411226363 to book a spot.

This project is supported by **Healthy Land and Water** through funding from the **Australian Government's National Landcare Program**.

Objections to draft plan for Temporary Commercial Use of Public Open Space

Last week Coastcare lodged feedback with Redland City Council on the proposed Draft Land Management plan for the Temporary Commercial Use of Public Open Space.

We objected to the proposal as we believed it was environmentally unsustainable to site four commercial operations between Flinders (Outriggers Beach) to west of the barge ramp.

[Coastcare Submission](#)

Coochiemudlo boasts a proud heritage of community uniting to confront threats to our island lifestyle. This time was no different, as evidenced by the number of Facebook posts objecting to the draft Plan.

Did you know that in 1991 islanders rallied to oppose a draft Moreton Bay Strategic Plan that had earmarked the Melaleuca Wetlands for residential development? Environmental organisation, Friends of Coochiemudlo Island led the campaign to

save the wetlands. It took a public meeting of more than 100 locals, media campaign and petition to see the Plan amended. In 1992, the site was nominated by Council for listing under the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance (RAMSAR convention)

[Moreton Bay Strategic Plan A Community Proposal](#)

There was similar public response in 2003 when locals perceived a threat to the Emerald Fringe after lifesavers sought to build a clubhouse on the foreshore. Objections, including a televised rally followed during community consultation of Council's 2004 Coochiemudlo Land Management Plan.

The Plan, endorsed by the then Redland Shire Council on 11 February 2004 and approved by the Minister for Natural Resources and Mines detailed a practical action plan for conserving and enhancing the values of Reserve land.

It needs updating to include recommendations from the Cultural Heritage Management, draft Shoreline Erosion Management Plan and heritage listing of the Emerald Fringe.

[2004 Coochiemudlo Island Land Management Plan](#)

Funding grant awarded for new computer and first aid training

Coastcare is pleased to acknowledge the awarding of a \$1700 grant to purchase a new computer and cover first aid training, funded by the Australian Government Department of Social Services and supported by Volunteering Queensland.

The funding was made available through the 2020 Supplementary Volunteer Grants Activity as part of the Australian Government and Volunteering Queensland's work to support the efforts of Australia's volunteers.

The 2020 Supplementary Volunteer Grants Activity provides grants of between \$1,000 and \$5,000 to eligible volunteer-involving organisations which they can use to help their volunteers.



This weekend's Christmas markets provide ideal opportunity to renew contact and all-important memberships. Your continued support makes such a difference and ensures you are covered by volunteer insurance for any activity.

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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