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Dunecare this Saturday 1 August from 2 - 4pm in the Melaleuca Wetlands

We'll be taking advantage of recent soaking rains to head back to the Melaleuca wetlands on Saturday to weed and plant dune grasses.

Meet for sign-on where the Coastcare flags fly at the southern entrance closest to Norfolk Beach.

There's always plenty of opportunity for social distancing along the conservation foreshore & feedback from volunteers last month was it was just great to be outdoors and together again, even a few metres apart.

There's a bit of extra documentation to be signed with sanitising guidelines and the usual precautions to be followed. Anyone with a sniffle, headache, sore throat or feeling generally unwell needs to stay at home. Coastcare will still provide gloves to those who need them, but we'd encourage you to bring your own, including your favourite tool, (although these too, can be provided) For now it will be BYO refreshments only.

Newcomers are always welcome and there's jobs for all abilities from manning the "reception" table, to photographing activity.

Please call Graeme on 0413352511 for further information.



Vale Bruce

We're saddened by the loss of Coastcare stalwart, Bruce Wollstein who died on island last week.

Bruce was such a knowledgeable gentleman who'll be missed by all those who worked alongside him. His willingness to share that knowledge was always welcomed while his calm demeanour and sense of humour highly valued.

Bruce's family will keep us posted on plans for a memorial service.



Save the date

Coastcare's Annual General Meeting is scheduled for **Saturday 12 September from 3pm** at the Community Hall. Previously postponed due to COVID-19 restrictions, we're keen to look beyond the meeting and plan for the year

ahead.

Keep an eye out for paperwork which will be circulated shortly along with reminders for memberships renewals.

We'd love to welcome new faces on the committee so now is the time to raise your hand and show interest. There's a role for anyone with a few hours to spare a month and all positions will be declared vacant.

Please have a chat with any committee member or call current President, Vivienne on 0411226363 with any query.



New phase of Environmentally Friendly Moorings Program launched in Moreton Bay

Expressions of interest sought from Coochiemudlo boat-owners

Local boat-owners can help make Coochiemudlo one of the first mooring sites in Australia to be completely environmentally-friendly with actively recovering seagrass by taking up a free offer to replace traditional moorings.

The island has previously seen 37 Environmentally Friendly Moorings (EFMs)

installed with only 15 sites left to be replaced.

Healthy Land and Water (HLW) is currently seeking expressions of interest from local boaties to finalise the program supported by the Queensland Recreational Boating Council, Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Corporation and the Queensland Government, as the island has been declared a priority area.

HLW is able to replace (supply and install) your existing block and tackle mooring with an EFM at no cost.

<http://hlw.org.au/project/environmentally-friendly-moorings/>

If you'd like to participate in this free program please register your interest with Rachael Nasplezes email Rachael.n@hlw.org.au or phone 0459213477. If there's enough local interest Healthy Land & Water will organise an information workshop on-island.

The Management Committee welcomes your queries and suggestions to improve operations so please feel free to make contact.

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