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### 3 November 2020



# Working the Melaleuca Wetlands, Saturday 7 November 2 - 4 pm

Join Coastcarers to tend the dunes and weed just north of the Melaleuca Wetlands creek this weekend. It's a great way to make new friends while caring for the environment.

We'll meet for registration and safety briefing where the Coastcare flags fly at the southern (James Street) entrance to the Wetlands. Apart from extra documentation to ensure Covid-safe work practices and social distancing is adhered to, it's pretty much life as normal in the great outdoors.

Afternoon tea follows with boiling water, mugs, tea/coffee supplied but BYO snacks are encouraged.

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

New members are always welcome. Annual membership, which includes insurance is \$2 for singles and \$5 for families.

Please call Graeme on 0413352511 with any query.

**Vale Doug Leaver** Sad to report the passing last week of valued member, Doug Leaver who had been battling a long-term illness. Doug's regular observations of changing beach conditions were greatly appreciated, as was his quiet support.

Doug will be missed by many islanders. His funeral is on Friday. For further information please contact Margaret Anderson on 0423865689.

#### **Farewell Denis and Margrit Lack**

We wish this beloved couple Bon Voyage as they transition to a new life closer to family in Maleny, but do so with regret.

The Lack's zest for life and contribution to the Coochie community over the years has been commendable.

Over a decade as Bushcare convenor, Margrit was also a founding member of Coastcare's management committee and instrumental establishing the island's native nursery. We've been assured they'll visit regularly!



# **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 and catering concerns we're holding the break-up in the grounds of the Community Hall, Victoria Parade South. If it rains, we'll simply move inside.

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

The annual raffle, a wheel-barrow filled with Christmas & Coochie goodies will be drawn on the night. If you'd like to donate please phone Vivienne on 0411226363.

Tickets will be available at the Coastcare stall at the island markets on Sunday 29 November.

#### **News links**

 Healthy Land and Water releases its annual Report card on Moreton Bay's health on Thursday afternoon

https://mailchi.mp/hlw/healthy-land-and-water-latest-news-and-updates-2173065? e=65f5e00b79

 Birdlife Australia, November newsletter with article on Toondah harbour and results of national bird count.

https://birdlife.org.au/images/uploads/e-news/2020/november/



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