



# News Update

27 May 2024

## Celebrate World Environment Day on Coochiemudlo Island

Join Coastcare for a working bee next **Saturday 1 June from 2-4pm** in our northern most zone, bordering the "Trees Graveyard" on the corner of Victoria Parade's East and North.

Enjoy the camaraderie, being surrounded by a resurgence of native vegetation and help tackle the weeds, especially corky passion vine and Mothers of Million.

We look forward to Conservation Volunteers Australia joining us again on the day.

Please wear long sleeved shirt, long pants and covered shoes. All tools will be provided.

Afterwards we'll enjoy a cuppa and chat.

Any queries call Bryan on 0487 054 127



Despite a gloomy forecast the sunshine drew a great group of volunteers to the Outriggers Beach last month.

Thanks to the paddlers and new members, we enjoyed one of our best working bees across this popular foreshore. Twenty-five people collected 49 bags of weeds before settling in for a cuppa and Coastcare general meeting.



## An invitation to the 2024 Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of Coochiemudlo Island Coastcare Inc will be held on Friday 21 June at 6pm at the Community Hall, Victoria Parade South.

We encourage newcomers and existing members to consider how they might like to contribute to the operation of Coastcare. Please don't be shy to chat about the possibilities with any member of the committee and put your hand-up for a role. All positions will be declared vacant.

An [Agenda](#) is available for download and nominations are invited for the following positions:

- **PRESIDENT**
- **TREASURER**
- **SECRETARY**
- **FIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

You can download the [Nomination Form](#) for office-bearing positions which should be received by 5pm Friday 7 June via scanned email to [coochiecoastcare@gmail.com](mailto:coochiecoastcare@gmail.com) or delivered to Secretary, Jane Caldwell at 19 Moonah Street, Coochiemudlo Island.

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

After formalities, we'll welcome guest speaker, Dianne Aylward, Principal of the Moreton Bay Environmental Centre. The Coochie Lodge is now part of the Centre's campus.

RSVPs are encouraged to assist with catering on the night and a gold coin donation appreciated. Please email [coochiecoastcare@gmail.com](mailto:coochiecoastcare@gmail.com) or contact Jane on 0479139527 or Vivienne on 0411226363 or with

any queries.



## Islanders advised not to self-treat suspect fire-ant nests

Islanders have been told by the National Fire Ant Eradication Program to be vigilant checking properties for infestations and report any suspect nest immediately.

Anyone can report fire ants at <https://www.fireants.org.au/look> or by calling 132523.

Coochiemudlo has been deemed high priority and Program specialists want to treat identified nests themselves as it is believed this will provide the greatest chance of eradication.

At last weekend's workshop at the Recreation Club, German Perlaza, Senior Industry Liaison Officer, Department of Agriculture and Fisheries said the advice for islanders is different to the mainland where home-owners are encouraged to self-treat.

The first fire ant nest was reported by a local in April and treated within 24 hours. Another two nests were found in close proximity last month.

Fire ants can fly up to 5 km. They can also be spread through human-assisted movement in materials such as soil, mulch, hay and other landscaping or construction materials. Residents and businesses are urged to search for and report suspect fire ants immediately, as well as check the fire ant biosecurity zones to ensure any material they're carrying or receiving has been produced and stored in accordance with the Biosecurity Regulation 2016.

Penalties can apply for individuals and businesses seen or reported doing the wrong thing.

Thanks to the Recreation Club for hosting the event at such short notice.



## Annual memberships

### 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](mailto:coochiecoastcare@gmail.com).

(If paying electronically, please include your full name as the reference.)

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