



News Update

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Celebrating our Quandamooka heritage on Coochiemudlo

A belated, but very special NAIDOC week celebration was staged on Coochiemudlo island last week, led by Quandamooka's, Matt Burns.

The 24 participants, mostly local residents, were welcomed with a traditional smoking ceremony set amongst the majestic eucalypts and callitris trees behind Norfolk Beach.



Matt followed with an artifact display and opportunity to celebrate the history and culture of aboriginal ancestors.



Thanks to Conservation Volunteers Australia who coordinated the day with support from the "Revive the Wetlands" program funded by Chevron Australia.

A barbecue lunch was appreciated by attendees following the NAIDOC celebration.



225th Anniversary of Flinders landing draws crowd

Flinders Day again drew a big crowd to the island to celebrate the 225th anniversary of the landing of explorer Matthew Flinders.

The re-enactment on Norfolk Beach was well-organised by the Heritage Society and the Markets ably run by the Progress Association supported by local businesses and organisations

For Coastcare, it was a great opportunity to engage with the general community, encourage new memberships, and discuss work being undertaken in Council-approved workzones over 11/2 kilometres of conservation shoreline that is the Heritage-listed, "Emerald Fringe,"

Discussions were also enjoyed about the Environmental Hub and the benefits it will bring our group.

There was also some strong interest from mainland attendees undertaking similar work around Brisbane.



Landcare is for everyone

Did you know that Coochiemudlo Island Coastcare Inc is just one of more than 500 Coastcare groups that operate under Landcare Australia?



Join us at our next working bee Saturday 3rd August

From 2 - 4pm we'll be weeding the back of Flinders or Outriggers Beach, working east from the "Table of Knowledge," opposite the Beach Bar to the Outrigger canoes.

New volunteers, especially families are most welcome.

Sign-on where the Coastcare flags fly & afterwards relax over a cuppa and chat.

Please BYO water, wear covered shoes, long pants, hat, sunscreen and insect repellent. Tools and gloves provided, however feel free to bring your own.

Any queries please contact Bryan on **Mob 048705412**





Passing fisherman intrigued by naturalists studying galls

Queensland Naturalist Club visits Coochiemudlo Island

by Susan Nelles QNC

It was perfect day on Sunday 14 July when our group of 14 set out to enjoy a day of naturalising. The group included six Toowoomba Field Naturalist Club members who were staying on the island, two young visitors from Canberra who had just joined QNC and local members.

It was decided not to record all plant and other obvious sightings, as there are comprehensive plant and bird lists and inaturalist records from previous visits.

<https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/qnc-2022-july-coochiemudlo-island>

This link gives all of the observations on iNaturalist for Coochie and the surrounding waters:

[Observations · iNaturalist](#)

There are currently 959 observations for 399 species.

We explored the eastern shoreline at low tide and found several white hammer oyster shells *Malleus albus* and coral looking pieces. Libby, a marine scientist, said they were coralline algae, with calcium deposits.

It seemed appropriate to be learning about galls on Bastille Day.

Penny has studied and knew this genus of scale insect, *Apiomorpha pedunculata*. The female and male insects provoke a specific shaped gall reaction by the eucalypt. A fisherman passing by joined in learning Galls 101.

We saw several fungi on dead wood and few small gilled species in the dry leaf litter,
and enjoyed the diverse bird sightings and sounds.

It was a most convivial time together exploring the various habitats, with more to see on another visit to this special island.



Malleus albus, white hammer oyster shell

male scale insect *Apiomorpha pedunculata* in gall on leaf

Annual memberships are now due

Membership fees

- Single annual membership \$2
- Family annual membership \$5
- Life Membership Single \$50
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