



**25 November 2024**

### **A special invitation to members and friends**

We look forward to celebrating with everyone at the Christmas party on Friday 6 December.

The party is an opportunity to down tools and enjoy the friendships that come with the shared effort of caring for our island.

Thanks to the generosity of Carolyn Brammer we'll be enjoying good times again on the verandah of "Mudlo" with members and friends. Jose Garcia will provide the music for easy listening then dancing. Dinner includes appetizers, choice of beef, chicken and vegetarian options with salads followed by dessert. Please secure your tickets with online payment and delivery or pick-up at the Coastcare stall at the Christmas markets on Sunday 1 December or pay & collect earlier. Please ring Secretary Jane on 0479139527 with any query.

We have a lot to celebrate! The recent announcement of a Capital Infrastructure grant by Redland City Council was an early Christmas present that will allow us to complete the building of our environmental hub in one hit. (further detail in newsletter).



### And the next day – our last Dunecare of the year!

The day after the party, Saturday 7 December we'll be back on the dunes at Norfolk beach celebrating National Coastcare Week with our final working bee for 2024.

The week is a reminder that we're part of an Australian-wide volunteer association of thousands who care just as passionately as we do about the protection and management of our coastal and marine environments.

Please meet at the southern entrance to the Melaleuca Wetlands, James Street where the flags fly at 2-4pm.

Wear closed shoes, long pants, hat and insect repellent. Equipment will be supplied but feel free to BYO gloves and special implement if you want. There's plenty of weeds to share and we might undertake some plantings if there's rain about.

Looking forward to winding up the year with our partners, Conservation Volunteers Australia and any newcomers, especially families.

We'll be finishing with the usual refreshments afterwards at 4pm

Please ring Bryan on 0487 054 127 or Graeme on 0413352511 with any query.



### **An early Christmas present from Redland City Council**

Christmas arrived early for Coastcare recently with advice from Redland City Council that we'd been awarded a Capital Infrastructure grant.

The grant of \$44,450 will allow us to complete the construction of the Environmental Hub on the corner of Elizabeth Street and the gravel track to the community shed in the Laurie Burns reserve.

A 10 by eight metre Colorbond shed with a three-metre-wide verandah facing west will be built across a 340 sq metre site and over the existing concrete slab of the old fire station.

The Hub will be used to safely store two trailers, the saturated steam weeder, equipment and administration area while the spill-out zone offers space for ancillary infrastructure including water tanks, recycling containers and on-growing of native plants

The funding complements the \$35,000 grant received in June from Queensland's Community Benefit Gambling Fund and ensures Coastcare will have a functioning home base in 2025.

Building is scheduled to start early in the New Year.



Redland City Council is proud to provide funding for **Coochiemudlo Island Coastcare** as part of the Capital Infrastructure Grant Program to assist the Redlands community.

*"With funding support from the Gambling Community Benefit Fund"*

### **Tickets now available in Coastcare's multi-draw raffle**

Coastcare's annual wheelbarrow raffle has become a well-supported fundraiser with islanders over the years and we look forward to launching sales this week.

The red barrow donated by Bunnings, is filled with a multitude of festive goodies and a dozen of The Australian Wine's best. We've started loading the barrow with donations from Coles, Harvest Café and there's more to come. At this early stage, barrow & goods are valued at over \$600.



The building fund has been boosted with the generous sponsorship by Remax on Point real estate agent, Rita Suters who has provided a Weber prize package valued at \$591.

First prize winner will be offered the choice in the multi-draw raffle.



Above: Prize includes Weber Baby Q, Pizza Stone, Weber BBQ tools, Peroni imported beer, Piper- Heidsieck Champagne

Third prize is beautiful framed lino print donated by local artist, Jenny

Adermann and an award-winning gold medal wine.



Tickets for the multi-draw raffle will be on sale for \$5 each or three for \$10 at the Christmas Markets on Sunday 1 December or, if you'd like to purchase early please call Denise on 0439988201

An advertisement for Lions Christmas Cakes &amp; Puddings. At the top is the Lions Australia logo. Below it, the text reads 'Support your community with Lions Christmas Cakes &amp; Puddings'. A large red ribbon is draped across the middle. Below the ribbon, there are images of cake and pudding boxes with their prices: '1.5kg Cake \$20', '1kg Cake \$16', '900g Pudding \$16', and '400g Pudding \$10'. At the bottom, it says 'Available here! lions australia' with the logo and 'WE SERVE'.

Coastcare will be selling cakes and puddings at the markets Sunday 1 December to support RedVic Lions. Please contact Denise on 0439988201 for early orders

### SAVE THESE DATES

<b>Sunday 1 December</b>	Christmas Markets Coochiemudlo Island
<b>Friday 6 December</b>	Coastcare's Christmas Party at Mudlo from 6.00pm
<b>Saturday 7 December</b>	Dunecare 2- 4pm at Norfolk Beach



### Annual memberships for 2025

#### 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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