



19 January 2025

Happy New Year to Members & Friends!

This year, we're excited to come together with renewed environmental purpose and after years of planning, oversee the construction of a homebase in the Laurie Burns Reserve fronting Elizabeth Street. January is always a time for reflection, growth, and setting meaningful goals, so as you make your resolutions this year, why not add a few green goals to the list & keep the island's environment in mind? Now, more than ever, with the heavy visitation, an unintended consequence of 50 cent fares, our natural areas are under heavy pressure.

The beauty of Coastcare is that it's powered by people just like you — locals who care, take action, and inspire others to do the same.

There's plenty of opportunity within our volunteer organisation to follow your passion, whether it be bush regeneration, weeding, planting, or monitoring wildlife. The recent expansion of the turtle monitoring team is a prime example, see story below.

By becoming more active in caring for our island and Marine Park surrounds, we can all play a vital role in its future.

As always, we're grateful for your continued support, and look forward to working alongside you to make 2025 a year of positive action and growth.

Please drop by the Coastcare stall at the Australia Day markets for a chat with a member of the Management Committee and discuss the opportunities.

It's a great chance to catch-up on the latest news, renew dues or upgrade to life membership, collect your free sticker or purchase merchandise. There's always plenty of information available on weed control and vegetation management.



World Wetlands day to be celebrated on Coochiemudlo Island

Join us for a celebration of World Wetlands Day hosted in partnership with Conservation Volunteers Australia on **Saturday 1 February 2 – 4 pm**. our event will be a curtain raiser to the official day. We'll meet where the flags fly near the southern (James Street) entrance to the Melaleuca Wetlands for an afternoon of weeding and great company followed by refreshments. Volunteers are reminded to wear a hat, covered shoes, long pants, sunscreen, insect repellent and BYO water. All equipment will be provided however if you have a favourite tool or gloves please bring along. Any queries please contact Bryan Mob 0487054127 or Graeme Mob 0413352511

**World
Wetlands Day**
2 February 2025



**Protecting wetlands
for our common future**

Raffle raises over \$1500 for building fund



Congratulations!

Thanks to everyone who participated in the annual raffle including popular winners Gene and Darlene Young who claimed the red Bunnings wheel-barrow filled with over \$500 worth of festive cheer with Red ticket P55.

Sincere thanks to long-time sponsors The Australian Wine and Coles and also this year, Harvest Café. This year the holders of the first ticket drawn were able choose between the Bunnings wheelbarrow and Weber prizes.

Second draw winners with Red ticket P50, Menke and Neve Brook took out the Weber Baby Q package generously donated by **Rita Suter from Remax on Point**.

Debbie Blaikie won third prize, a framed lino print donated by local artist Jenny Adermann and a magnum of award-winning wine with Green ticket C66.

Thanks to everyone who supported our annual raffle, including MC Damon Riley who drew the winning tickets & Coochie Progress for hosting such a great Christmas Eve celebration on Morwong Beach.



Christmas Party 2024

A night to remember



Another memorable Christmas party at "Mudlo" marked the end of our working year and was attended by more than 60 people.

Congratulations to the caterers ably supervised by Jane and all those who assisted on the night. Thanks to Carolyn Brammer, Coastcare's founding president who generously welcomes us back each year.

Please note the date has been set for 2025 and the party will be held on Friday 5 December!

Help protect our bush-stone curlews



Coochie Curlew Count

Saturday 8 February 2025



Photo credit: Shari English

Join us for the Coochie Curlew Count and contribute to 25 years of data on the local curlew population.

Saturday 8 February 2025 | 4pm to 8pm | Pioneer Park, Coochiemudlo Island

What to bring: Insect repellent, water, snacks and a torch.

What to wear: Comfortable shoes, hat, sunscreen and your curlew spotting eyes!

We supply: A sausage sizzle after the survey is completed.

RSVP: Please register by Monday 3rd February. Bookings are essential for survey and catering.

[Register by opening this hyperlink](#)

Welcome aboard to new turtle monitors

Our dedicated turtle monitoring team has been boosted with new recruits this year. New responders will be helping when we receive a call-out that we have a marine stranding which is mostly turtles found on the beach. Sadly most call-outs are for dead turtles either caught in crab pots or those struck by fast moving boats or jet skis.

Local monitors who collect data on the breed, size and injuries sustained send the information to the Queensland Marine Parks database

If you see a dead or injured turtle or dugong please do not attempt to interfere with the animal.

Contact one of the following volunteers.

Andrew Ross 0400774606

Chris Leonard 0478176540

Annie Jamieson 0403702451



L to R . Andrew Ross, Graeme Roberts-Thomson, Tom Lima, Chris Leonard, Neil Oldham, Max Moran, Annie Jamieson, Kate Barker.

Save the Date

Sunday 26th January 2025. Island markets - an ideal time to catch up at the Coastcare stall

Saturday 1 February 2025 2-4 pm Dunecare at James St entrance to the Melaleuca Wetlands.

Saturday 8th February 2025 4pm Curlew Count followed by Barbecue at Main Beach

Saturday 1 March 2025 Dunecare details in next Newsletter.



2025 memberships are now due

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.

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

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