



News Update

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Volunteers work to preserve island values

Protecting our unique island environment has never been more important than today with growing pressure of urban development and increased visitation fuelled by 50c fares creating a new urgency.

Careful community-led planning supported by government is needed to preserve the natural beauty of our sandy bush beaches, the Heritage-listed Emerald Fringe, those magical vistas across the Bay and the values we hold so dear.

Judging by conversations from the Easter Markets, the state of our beaches, challenges of shared shorelines and island growth sit high on the agenda.

The issues we face go way beyond the weeds volunteers tackle along with erosion in Coastcare's one and a half kilometres of conservation foreshore and wetlands workzones.

Join the chat at our working bee on Saturday 11th April between 2- 4pm on the island's fragile north-east. Meet where the flags fly at the corner of Victoria Parades East & West, adjacent to the "Trees Graveyard" All equipment is provided. Focus weeds for removal will be Mothers of Million, Corky Passion and ground asparagus. Newcomers, especially families are welcome to enjoy the camaraderie and cuppa afterwards.

Just a reminder to wear hat, long sleeved shirt, pants and covered shoes. Any queries please call Graeme on 0413352511 or Bryan on 0487054127.



Below Chair of Wildlife Tourism Australia, Dr Ronda Green photographed the beautiful flowering shrub, *Sophora tomentosa* on Wednesday. The yellow pea flowers make a striking statement along the north-eastern shoreline where we'll be working on tomorrow. (plants available from the Native Nursery)



Melaleuca Wetlands working bee with a difference

One of the most challenging areas for weed control on Coochie lies between the back of the Laurie Burns oval where the Waste Transfer Station abutts the Melaleuca Wetlands, part of the Moreton Bay Ramsar site. It's a constant challenge with garden escapees and regular maintenance is needed to protect the area's rich biodiversity.

Thanks to a contract with Redland City Council, chem-free contractors Bushtekniq returned

last month to complete financial year works west of the fence.

It was too good an opportunity to miss, so a small group of Coastcarers dived over the fence to our workzone to arrest the spread of runaway Singapore Daisy.

So much achieved in such a short time working alongside such a motivated team, supported by saturated steam weeding reducing the piles of Singapore Daisy to mulch.

We'll schedule a few more visits over the cooler months when the ground isn't as soggy to continue work in our habitat protection zone.

If you'd like to help, please get in touch.



Update on Hub project at 43A Elizabeth Street

We're on the home straight now with Coastcare's Environmental Hub project. It's just a new fence, water-tank and landscaping and we'll be able to welcome visitors.

Thanks everyone for your patience and support through the planning and construction journey and to all those helpers along the way.

If the weather holds and all goes to plan the new fence will replace the construction model next week.

We're so looking forward to organising an official opening for early June and will keep you updated on developments.



Redland City Council is proud to provide funding for the **“Construction of Coochiemudlo Island Coastcare’s Environmental Hub”** as part of the Community Infrastructure grant program to assist the Redlands community.

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Last week we received notification that Queensland Water and Land Carers (QWaLC) had renewed Coastcare’s membership for 2026–2027.

“As part of a statewide network of community volunteering groups, your contribution helps strengthen our collective voice and supports the ongoing protection and enhancement of Queensland’s natural environment. QWaLC proudly represents and supports hundreds of volunteer groups working locally to deliver meaningful outcomes for land, water, and community.

As a renewed member, your organisation continues to be covered under the QWaLC insurance package. This package includes:

- **Public and Products Liability Cover** – Protection for your organisation if third parties suffer injury or property damage as a result of your activities
- **Voluntary Workers Personal Accident Cover** – Coverage for volunteers of all ages in the event of accidental injury or death while undertaking duties
- **Association Liability Cover** – Protection for directors and officers against legal obligations arising from their roles

This important coverage is made possible through Queensland Government funding, ensuring the valuable work of our member groups can continue safely and with confidence.”

Further information on these policies, including current details and updates, is available on the QWaLC website:

<https://qwalc.org.au/qwalc-insurance/current-policies/>

Please contact Vivienne on 0411226363 with any query.

An Invitation from the Heritage Society

You're invited to a fascinating talk hosted by the Coochiemudlo Island Heritage Society on the Moreton Bay Marine Park on Sunday 26 April from 10.30am at the Coochiemudlo Island Recreation Hall.

Who: Moreton Bay Marine Park Duty Ranger Wayne Matthews, Coochie's turtle stranding team, Coastcare and a Heritage Society chat about the Emerald Fringe.

Four commonly asked questions of the Moreton Bay Marine Park Duty Rangers will be answered. Wayne Matthews will cover these topics through a Q&A:

- What we need to know about the Marine Park zoning areas and how rangers patrol and manage these zones, respond to incidents and strandings;
- QWildlife Marine Stranding App;
- Whale season is getting earlier and longer. What does that mean for us?
- Migratory shorebirds in feeding grounds and staging roosts around the Bay Islands.

Coffee/tea provided after the talk. Thanks and appreciation to the Department of the Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation (DETSI) and our local Duty Ranger for giving up his time to help us better understand what goes on in the waters around Coochiemudlo.



Above, Chris and Tom burying a turtle



2026 memberships 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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