



# News Update

**2 October 2025**

**Join us at the Outriggers Beach Saturday 4 October 9 - 11am**



Paddlers and newcomers are especially welcome to help weed and tend the dunes along this favourite stretch of beach.

Enjoy the camaraderie of a working bee followed by a luscious morning tea.

All equipment will be provided. Please wear covered shoes, long pants, hat and BYO water.

Any query please call Graeme on 0413352511 or Bryan 0487054127.

## **Flying the flag for Coochiemudlo Island at the 2025 National Landcare Conference**

by Bryan Dyball, Vice-President, Coochiemudlo Island Coastcare

I was fortunate enough to attend the 2025 Landcare conference held on the Gold Coast last week. The conference was MC'd by the very popular Costa Georgiadis from the ABC's Gardening Australia who did a stellar job keeping the conference going with a genuine interest and enthusiasm.

It was great to be surrounded by so many groups caring for and restoring our great country's land and waterways.

Good on Costa for his initiative to share this inspirational message to Coastcare

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Presentations were given by various dignitaries with the keynote address provided by the President of the Farmers Federation, Fiona Simson. There were various panel groups and presentations provided, addressing numerous topics throughout the event. Topics discussed ranged from Carbon Capture , Restoration and Regeneration works, pest control and general inspirational work performed by Landcare groups throughout Australia.

There was a common unity evident throughout the conference with Farmers, Environmental groups and First Nations people working together to improve the nation's land and waterways. Of particular interest was the uptake of partnerships between Farmers, and Environmental groups to learn from our First Nations people and their historical methods of managing the environment.

Also rewarding was the large contingent of the younger generation, to not only get involved but to lead in ways older generations are finding inspirational.

There were many interesting exhibits to visit and gather information from throughout the event and the final night held the National Landcare awards where two Queensland groups were successful.

In closing, it was a great conference and uplifting to see so many local groups, many of them volunteers throughout Australia undertaking critical restoration work throughout the country. Something the Coochiemudlo Island Coastcare community can take inspiration and support from.

## News Round-Up

**Next** week sees the construction start on Coastcare's Environmental Hub, facing Elizabeth Street, between the Energex building and the Moreton Bay Environmental Education Centre. The leased zone was marked with orange mesh and signage prior to vegetation works undertaken by both Council and Coastcare to remove dead trees and branches to enable Hub construction on a new concrete slab.

Coastcare plans to rehabilitate the frontage and surrounding area with the most attractive and resilient native species from the island's Native Nursery and Indigiscapes following extensive

weed removal.



**Thanks to Rebecca Young MP** for discussions on island last week. In the face of Redlands population growth and increased visitation, Coochiemudlo Island needs strong advocacy from elected representatives to preserve our unique natural environment.

We were pleased to hear that the Queensland Ambulance Service has paused plans on the Ministerial Infrastructure Designation for the drainage-constrained block in 5 Williams Street and has confirmed it is seeking an alternative solution with a new location to include the Health Hub, GP and other health-related services. Good news for Coochiemudlo!

**Coastcare is awaiting further detail** on the recent announcement of a Queensland Government Community Sustainability grant for Litter and Marine Debris Clean-up and Prevention to the Seaworld Foundation for \$32,000

We've been advised it wasn't confined to Coochiemudlo alone and will be shared across nine locations in five state electorates and two local government areas - Redland City and Gold Coast City.



## The contribution of corporate volunteers to sustained environmental effort on Coochiemudlo Island is highly valued

Last week a motivated team from **PwC** Brisbane helped Coastcare tend a fringe workzone.

Led by Alec Patten, Project Officer of Conservation Volunteers Australia, the group tackled weedy vines at the southern entrance to the Melaleuca Wetlands before concentrating on a new outbreak of Mother-of-Million.

Sincere thanks to **PwC** management. Your support was greatly appreciated.

### Beware



#### **Coral creeper (*Barleria repens*)**

It looks pretty but it is an extremely invasive weed. There are a number of areas on the island where the weed has been noted especially on the road verge north of the entrance to the waste transfer station.

### Save the Date

**Dunecare - Saturday 4 October 9-11am**

**Dunecare -Saturday 1 November 2-4pm**

**November - Lions Christmas Cakes and Christmas Raffle sales**

**Saturday 29 November Christmas markets**

**Friday 5 December Coastcare Christmas party and raffle draw**



## 2025 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 –  
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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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