

Coolum & North Shore Coast Care Hosts Free Movie Night “Ocean Wonders”

Coolum and North Shore Coast Care (CaNSCC) invites the community to join in a **free movie night ‘Ocean Wonders’ on Sunday 22nd January 2017 in Tickle Park, Coolum Beach, kicking off at 5.15pm.**

The family-fun evening commences with live music by local musicians The Unknowns and Tracey Irwin, along with displays from local community groups including Coolum & North Shore Coast Care. Two films will be shown celebrating some of the wonders our natural marine environment: nesting sea turtles and the secret life of manta rays.

‘The Lost Years - A Sea Turtle Odyssey’ documentary follows the journey of the loggerhead turtle lifecycle and what happens from the moment a turtle nests on the beach to when the turtles hatch, where they go, what hazards they face and when they may return to our beaches to breed. The film’s timely message coincides with the current sea turtle nesting season here on our local Sunshine Coast beaches.

The work of turtle legend, Dr. Col Limpus from the Queensland Department of Environment & Heritage Protection, features in the film. Dr. Limpus has been studying sea turtles for more than 40 years and is internationally recognised for his work in solving some of the mystery about where loggerhead turtles go after hatching on South-East QLD beaches.



CaNSCC have teamed the turtle documentary with the “Project Manta” documentary. The manta ray is one of the ocean’s largest marine animals, yet also one of the ocean’s best kept secrets. They have the largest brain to body size of any living fish and are intelligent, graceful animals that travel vast distances. Project Manta showcases the work of Queensland biologist Dr. Kathy Townsend and her team as they reveal the secret world of the manta ray.

The evening is all about raising awareness for sea turtles and their habitat- our local beaches and oceans. Both loggerhead and green turtles nest locally on our beaches between November and March. CaNSCC encourages the community to report turtle tracks each season if they see them, and any stranded or injured marine turtles or mammals. Marine debris is a major factor in marine strandings and reducing the use of plastics is key to helping reduce the amount of sea life injured or killed by marine debris.

Bring along a blanket and picnic and settle in for a fun, family, summer movie night under the stars.

If you see turtle tracks on your local beach, please call the CaNSCC Turtle Volunteers on 0409 807 110 (Susan) or 0403 370 157 (Sherida) or visit at www.coolumcoastcare.org.au for more information on the turtle care initiatives.