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COOLUM &amp; NORTH SHORE COAST CARE



## From The President

### Leigh Warneminde

From the veranda listening to the rain.....

As 2018 comes to an end, I would like to thank everyone for the collective effort of caring, not only for the natural environment but also each other. It is delightful to see the many friendships that have been forged that is the social fabric of Coolum and North Shore Coast Care (CaNSCC). We are so much more than 'an environment' group.

It is on that note that I would like to acknowledge Bev Quinn who has been part of the fabric of CaNSCC since inception. Bev is relocating to Ballina and will be sorely missed by myself as well as many others.

Bev has worked tirelessly with her now late partner Alan and Deb and Darryl Voss, to transform a weedy wasteland into a magnificent riparian corridor and wildlife haven along Stumers Creek, which is situated behind her home at Springfield Avenue in Coolum. The outcome of this work is a wonderful legacy to CaNSCC, the environment and community. We will continue to look after this area with the respect it deserves.

Bev's skills in identifying, propagating and showcasing Wallum continues to inspire. Her talents came to the fore in the days of Wallum translocation and the Wildflower Shows that CaNSCC hosted in the early years of the group. This knowledge has been passed on to the Coolum Community Native Nursery (CCNN). Bev's dedication to the functioning of the CCNN has been of great benefit to us all.

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Over this time Bev has become a good friend to many of us and I am sure I can say from all her CaNSCC friends, our doors will always open for her when she comes back to visit. It has been a privilege to share this journey with Bev and I wish her all the best in her new home. Our loss is Ballina's gain. It is comforting to know that Ballina isn't that far away.

To all our volunteers and their families, please have a well-earned break over the Christmas period, recharge the batteries for the year to come, stay safe and think of the Turtle Team when you are sleeping in. If you go to the beach keep your eyes out for turtle tracks.

One last note: Our junior Eco-Leaders have been nominated for an Australia Day Award I wish them all the best- what a great way to start the New Year - Bring on 2019!

*Leigh Wannemunde*



## CaNSCC 2018 Christmas Party

### Robyn Manners and Estelle Blair

On December 13, over 40 members and friends gathered for the annual CaNSCC, informal Christmas Party. This year's venue was at 'Veggie Village', the community garden at Peregian Beach, near the sports facilities behind the business centre.

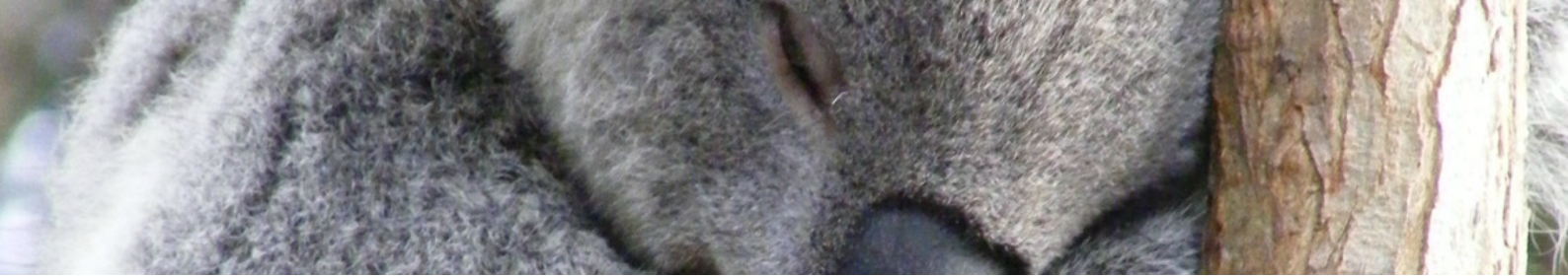
The weather gods smiled on us and we enjoyed a balmy summer afternoon/evening in and around the undercover area beside the garden plots. The fairy lights, coloured candles, bright tablecloths and flowers fresh-picked from the garden completed the festive atmosphere.

After everyone had arrived and had some nibbles, Karen, a CaNSCC member who moonlights as the President of Veggie Village, kindly showed interested folk around the facility, explaining its history and operation. Given that a community garden was in the redevelopment plans for the rear of Jack Morgan Park in Coolum Beach, it was good to get inside information on practical aspects of managing such a community facility.

Back at the shelter, CaNSCC President Leigh welcomed everyone and gave a brief wrap up of the year's highlights, thanking members and friends for all the hard work over the year. Honorary member Barbara embellished the talk with some delightful reminiscences and Chad filled us in on Terracycle and other recycling projects operating in CaNSCC. Leigh then introduced Sharyn Kerrigan who spoke of the Ocean Life Saving Foundation and their hope to broaden its goals to include not only water competence and lifesaving, but also to develop a broader program to impart an understanding and love of the ocean environment.

Dinner was buffet-style with ham, chicken and Leigh's pulled pork, complemented by several delicious salads and quiches brought by members. We finished off with luscious desserts (thanks for the pavlova Edwin!) including cheese cake, tartlets, fruit platters, followed by tea and coffee for those who could fit it in. As usual, the organisers couldn't get near the sink to wash up afterwards! Our junior members did a great job in helping to clear the tables and hand out the "Secret Santa" gifts.

Thanks to all who volunteered with providing food and helping to clean up afterwards. Thanks also to Veggie Village for allowing us to use their venue, and to Karen, and Lis and Robyn from Veggie Village, who set up and decorated the dining area beforehand. It was a great way to end the year!



## 2018 Eco-Discovery Workshops Facts

**Diane Goodwillie**

***More than 450 people involved in 2018!***



- Three workshops were held: Taking Action for Turtles (May 27) at Mudjimba Beach, Exploring Rockpools (June 10) at Point Arkwright and Tree Day and Bug Hunt (July 29) at Cinnamon Park in conjunction with Sunshine Coast Council's Tree Day.
- 282 children attended the three workshops. Taking Action for Turtles attracted 81 children, Exploring Rockpools, 90 children and 111 children attended the Tree Day and Bug Hunt. This is an increase from 169 children who participated in workshops in 2017. Most children attending were between four and nine years old. At least one parent accompanied the children, so including junior eco-leaders, volunteers, parents and children, more than 450 people participated in the 2018 Eco-Discovery program.
- Participants praised the Eco-Discovery events and indicated the best features were the expertise of the leaders including the junior leaders, along with the hands-on activities and interactions of the leaders with the children.
- The Junior Eco-Leaders program consisted of an orientation planning day April 29, where junior eco-leaders were oriented to topics and helped suggest activities for the three programs to be run during the year and a final debrief and presentation of certificates was held December 17 2018.

## Monthly Group Weeding

**Erin Horkings**

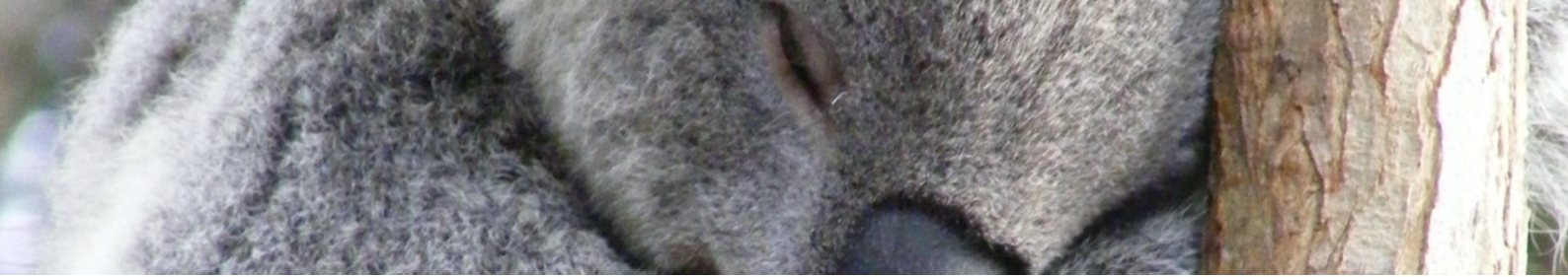
On the first Thursday of each month a Group Weed is organised at one of the key weeding sites. All members are welcome to attend this wonderful morning of weeding and socialising! Our next Group Weed will be on Thursday February 7, 2019 from 8am. Watch out for the Group Weed Email with all the details coming out in January 2019! For regular weeding groups see page 11 for all the information!

We thank all our members who have participated in weeding events throughout the year!



This year's program was planned and organised by Renee Fletcher, Lyn Graham and Diane Goodwillie.

All three will have less time available next year, so we appeal to members and friends to offer help with the organisation/planning of 2019 events.



# Small in Number Big in Impact

## Edwin Hammet

Once again thanks to Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS), in late October some of our 'weeder's' made our base the Ranger's Headquarters on Heron Island to 'make a difference' by removing weeds on the Island.

For those of you who have not had the opportunity to do this, you 'work' for four to five hours, largely hand weeding, on all parts of the Island. The 'nasties' include; painted spurge, fleabane, crows foot grass, cudweed, nightshade and caustic weed. Our small group of four concentrated on painted spurge, which we judged as being the most invasive. Thanks to Robyn and her keen eyes, we went to places on the Southern side of the Island which she remembered from last year. There was evidence of work by a previous group, dead stalks, however what we found were small just emerging 'seedlings'. Very enjoyable sitting under the Pisonia trees whilst the Noddy's were chortling above us. The rest of the day is then your own, swimming, reef walking, snorkelling, paddling around the island or going on one of the resort outings.

Birdlife. Of course there was plenty of the ever-present Black Noddy Terns, some of which were sitting on egg/s, lots of Bridled Terns sitting on one egg in a 'nest' near the heliport. Silver Gulls nesting almost 'anywhere', Reef Egrets, some with newly hatched chicks, various other Terns and an occasional Brown Booby, Buff Banded Rails mainly around the resort area, and glimpses of Sacred Kingfisher.



The White-Bellied Sea Eagle's nest just gets bigger. It appears two chicks were successfully raised this season and we saw them taking some 'early' flights. This year, for me, it was the first time I'd experienced Wedge-Tailed Shearwaters and their 'moaning' throughout the night. Of course anyone who has been there weeding would have fallen through one of their burrows.

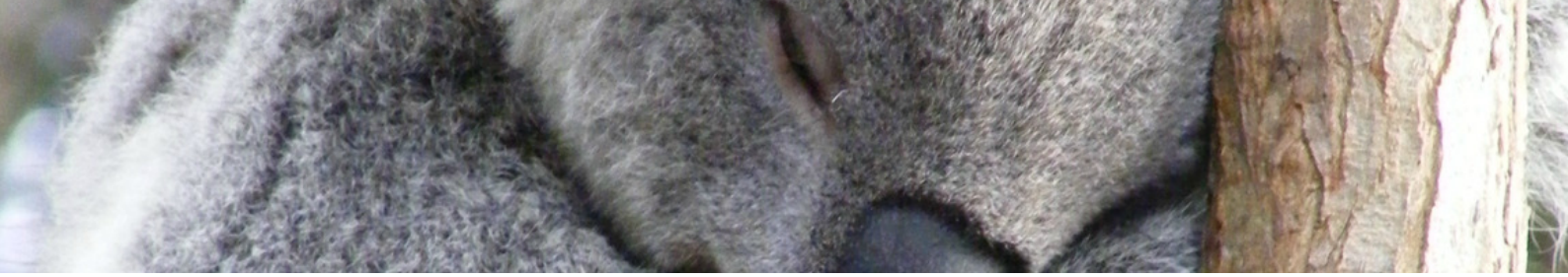
Three activities of which we are particularly pleased with are worth a mention. The first being our efforts to make the gravel area around the helipad weed free. Clearing weeds from around the radio tower enclosure, and after we'd cleaned our accommodation, thanks to Robyn's urging, we cleaned some of the signs scattered along the walking tracks.

As usual, we enjoyed 'sundowners' in the shelter on the northside of our accommodation, overlooking the reef. This was followed by our evening meal, simple but wholesome, as we did not have 'Master Chef' Lutz with us. Evenings were spent chatting, reading or playing Rummikub.

To Robyn, Estelle and Silva. Thanks for putting up with me.

PS: Bliss without Wifi or mobile phone reception!





# Record Breaking Calendar Sales

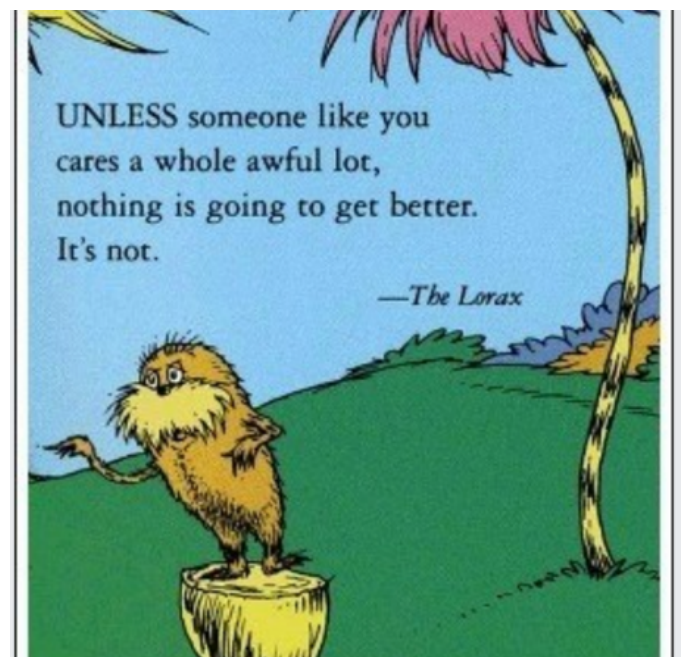
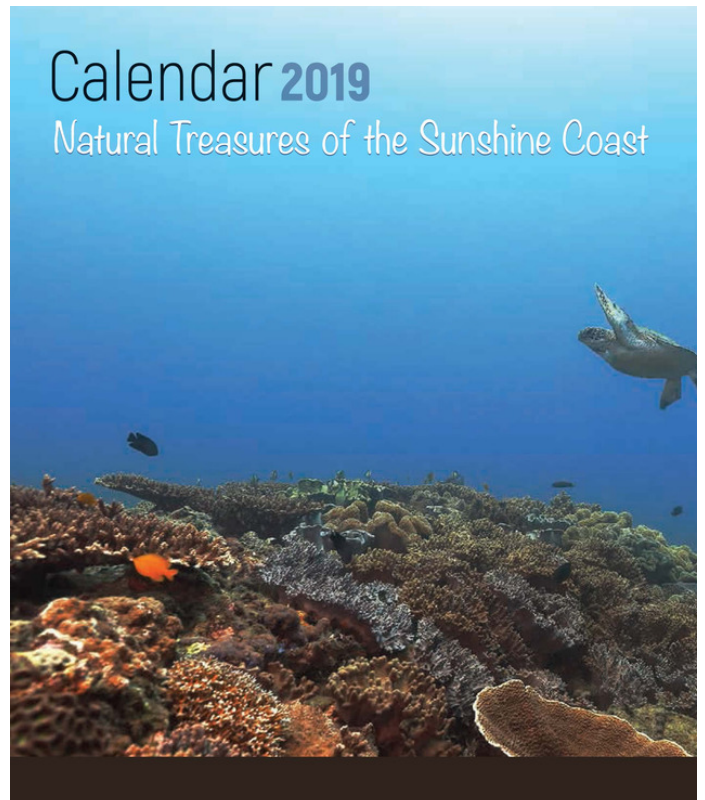
## Diane Goodwillie

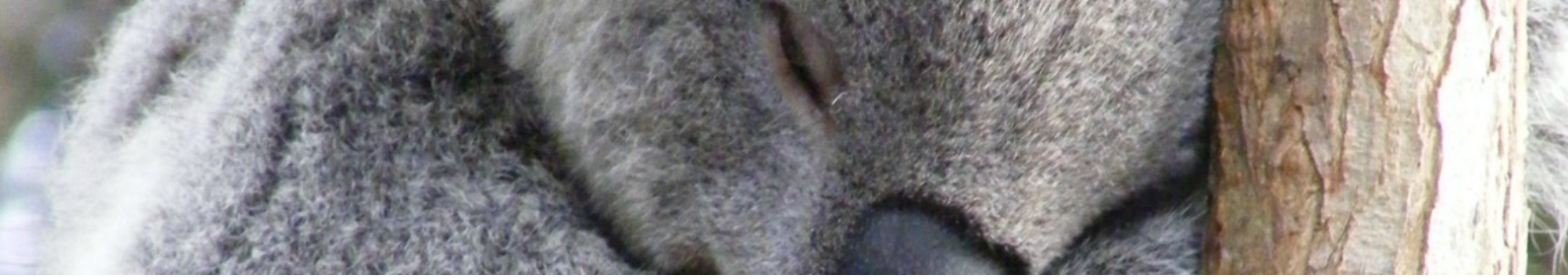
Many say this year's calendar is the best yet and record sales have been noted with only 150 unsold calendars left as of December 11 2018. Karen Sell has masterminded the sales outlets, which stretch from Marcoola to Noosa. The Coolum Community Native Nursery (CCNN) has sold 110 copies, but not far behind is the 91 sold by Noosa Parks Association Friday Forum and Coolum Beach Mitre 10 is third at 71 calendar sales. Thank you to all the vendors who sell adding no markups for their businesses.

Sales at markets (Peregian Beach, Coolum and Yandina) can be slow (about five to 10 per market), but the stalls also provide the opportunity to promote membership and community engagement activities within Coolum and North Shore Coast Care (CaNSCC). The calendar is a prime fundraising initiative for CaNSCC with funds supporting Bush Care and Turtle programs. The calendars showcase the natural assets of the Sunshine Coast and encourages photographers to take a closer look at our unique environment. Here's some behind-the-scenes calendar info:

- Two of the fungus photos have been used for the Australia Fungi-Map Database.
- More of Clinton Blair's wonderful photos featured in the January beach scene and October Lake Weyba night scene and can be seen on 'Our Coast Life' Facebook page, Instagram or blog.
- It has taken six years for the Yandina Creek Wetlands habitat (February) to be established. The artificially created wetlands will closely resemble what was there naturally before it was developed for cane farms in the 1920s. BirdLife International is arranging bird watchers to help monitor bird species and numbers in the area.

- Lizzie, the koala featured in July, can often be seen at the Maroochy Botanical Gardens. It's a great place to visit for a picnic or to explore with children or visitors.
- Don't forget to look at the back cover which features the wonderful work of the CCNN.





## Rocky the Detector Dog

**Karen Sell**



On a very hot humid day Julie, Fred and Rocky the detector dog were having a well deserved break with our weeding group at Birrahl Park.

Rocky and his handler Tom were looking for fox dens along the dunes at Yaroomba Beach. It is amazing watching the team of fox detectors in action, bush "bashing", up and over hills, looking up drains, dodging snakes and ticks, and on they go chasing fox scent!

They did find evidence of a fox which lead up a drain which are used as a highway to their hunting grounds!

***Please report any fox sightings or dens to the Sunshine Coast Council on 5475 7272.***

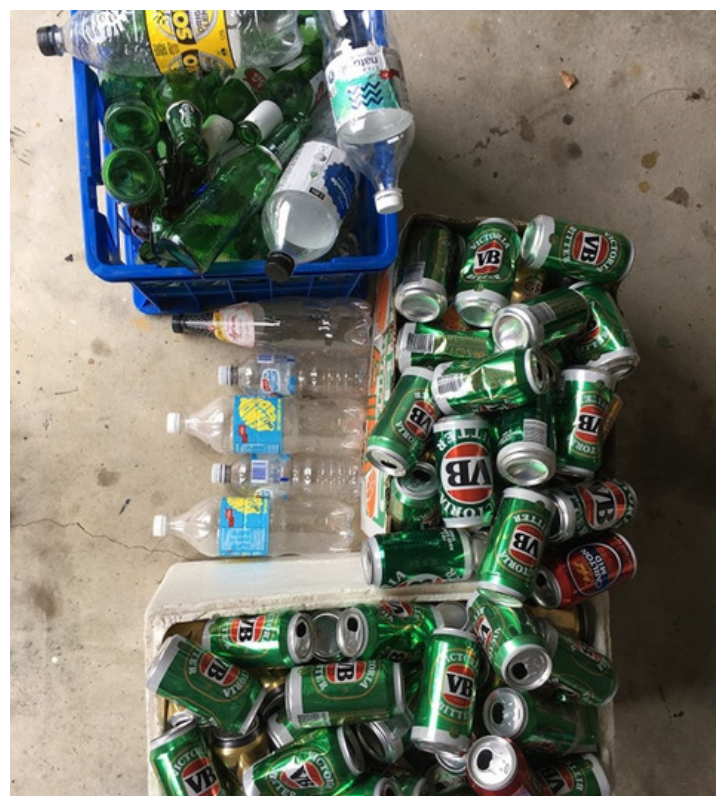
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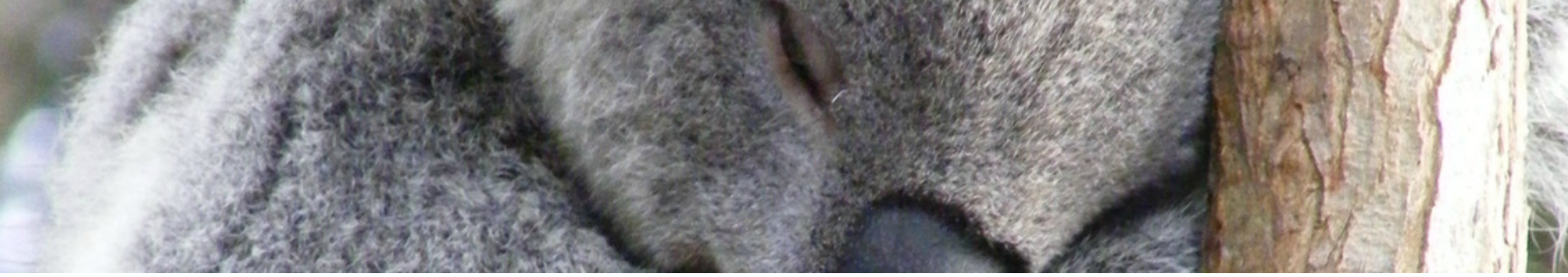
**Edwin Hammet**

Coolum and North Shore Coast Care (CaNSCC) is registered with Containers for Change so that anyone can choose to make a donation when they return their containers to a refund point.

This presents CaNSCC with an exciting opportunity to improve our financial position by being the recipient of members and supporters donations when they take eligible containers to the various collection points. **This is done by quoting our registration number C10042916 with a system that operates throughout Queensland.**

Members are encouraged to be our 'ambassadors' with neighbours and friends. Linese was creative in taking up this challenge, by asking people in her unit block to set aside containers (see photo). The result was \$16.70 being put into our account.





# The Butterfly Effect

## Chad Buxton

Chevallum State School is a special place where there is an emphasis on thinking play and passion projects. In these projects, the learning journey is facilitated by the children who consider an issue or theme and design all aspects of their projects; from planning, research, creation, engagement and ultimately culminating in a display or performance.

This term the children of Family B had a theme 'The Butterfly Effect', where they had to consider and implement some form of action that would help make a positive difference in the world. There were many ideas and approaches by the groups, such as; raising money for charity groups, raising awareness of environmental issues, donating items, helping kids that are lonely at the school, and making the hospital stays of children better by making teddy bears and colouring packs. They engaged community groups such as Wishlist, Fight for our Reef, Plastic Free Noosa, and FAME.

Each project group made displays about their learning to present. Some groups made educational I-movies, some petitions, some letters to businesses or the mayor; others made items to sell for fundraising. Two groups chose to focus on researching marine turtles and potential ways to prevent the impacts of plastic on these animals. They then chose Coolum and North Shore Coast Care (CaNSCC) to be the recipient of the donations to support their ongoing work with turtle monitoring and beach clean-ups.

The displays and information were great and it was obvious that the children were very passionate about their chosen issues. A lot was learnt on the day and parents attending were treated to a wealth of information and delightful videos shot and edited by the children. It can easily be claimed that they were making a positive impact on all present and those they reached in the community.

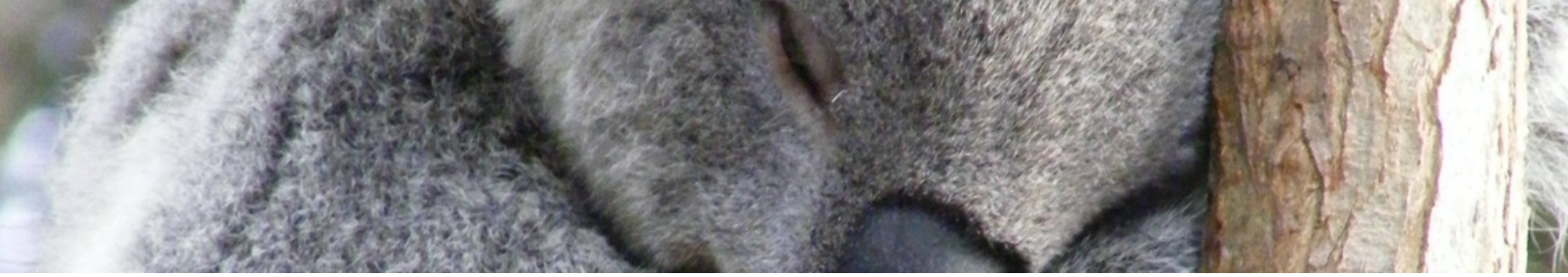
This is the second time Chevallum State School children have raised money for CaNSCC in 2018 and we are deeply thankful for their support and consideration of the group.



# Junior Eco-Leaders Nominated for Environment Australia Day Award

## Diane Goodwillie

To give further recognition to our younger community minded Coast Carers, I have nominated the Junior Eco-Leaders for the Sunshine Coast Environment Award.



Regardless of the outcome to be announced on 25 January 2019, the Junior Leaders, aged 11 to 14 and their parents, need to be congratulated for their enthusiasm and commitment to family orientated environment programs. Over the last three years, Junior Eco-Leaders have contributed over 200 volunteer hours through leadership in Eco-Discovery groups, media production and individual conservation efforts. This has helped them understand the importance of community engagement and the spirit of volunteerism. They have overcome shyness, learnt public speaking skills and helped cultivate young children's knowledge of nature.

As President, Leigh Warneminde, stated in her letter of reference, "The future looks bright in the knowledge that local youths, with the support of their families and the local community, have actively embraced the environmental challenges they face with positivity, energy and passion."

# Community Nature Volunteers

## Diane Goodwillie

On the December 2, 2018, 67 community bushcare volunteers, of which 17 were from Coolum and North Shore Coast Care (CaNSCC), joined an end of year bus tour and picnic organised by the Sunshine Coast Council's (SCC) Community Nature Conservation Program.

First stop was the Lower Mooloolah River Environmental Reserve, which is just under 220 hectares. The project is aimed to enhance and maintain part of the 16.64 hectares of the threatened ecological community of 'Lowland Rainforest of Subtropical Australia'. Much of the area is a trade off or "offset" for the Bruce Highway upgrade around Aussie World.

Next stop was Martins Creek Bushland Reserve, in the heart of Buderim where we discovered an oasis of almost 9,000 sq. m. in size and a welcome shady refuge on that very hot day. We heard a familiar story of removing weeds and hacking away at camphor laurel (while protecting existing native vegetation) but the special significance of the area was evident from the Aboriginal scar tree and grinding holes in the rocks around the waterfalls. Quite a gem looked after by six volunteers working monthly.

During the break for a picnic lunch, Sally Watter, co-ordinator of the Bridge Creek Bushcare group at Maleny was awarded the Silver Mattock by SCC officers. Last on the agenda was a tour of the gardens and examination of revegetation work by the Friends of the Botanic Garden. Thank you SCC for a nice day out but please next time can you turn down the temperature !!

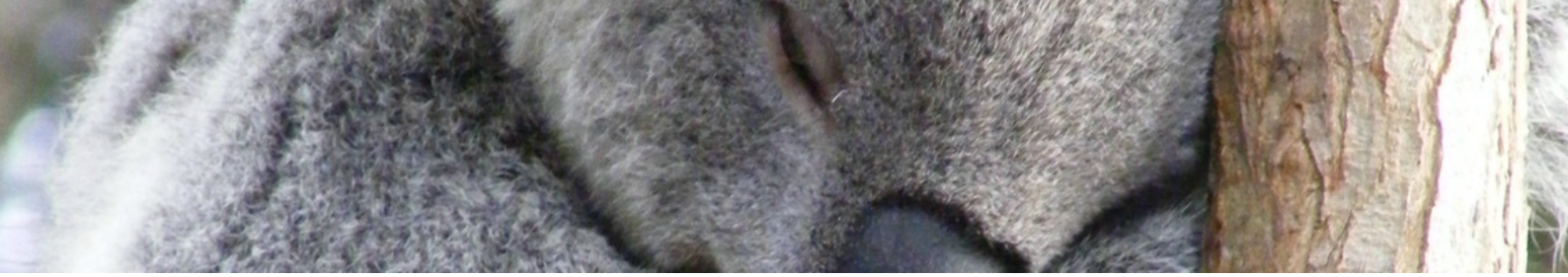


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# Plant of the Month

## Coolum Community Native Nursery

### *Eucalyptus bancroftii* - TUMBLEDOWN GUM

#### *Eucalyptus* (pronounced ewe-cah-LIPT-us) *bancroftii* (ban-CROFT-ee-eye)

Attractive small tree that grows to 10m tall. The attractive crooked twisted trunk, and contorted branches have bark that peels away in bright orange patches gradually becoming grey/brown. Large white flowers in Spring & Summer attract birds and bees. Very large long leaves are aromatic when crushed.

Flowers are white to 15mm across from July to November, followed by a woody cup-shaped fruit. Flowers attract birds, bees and possums.

Naturally growing in the tough, sandy rocky environment around the Eastern and Western sides of Mt Emu, they have a stunted growth habit with multiple trunks due to regular bushfires and predation of new growing tips from wallabies and possums.

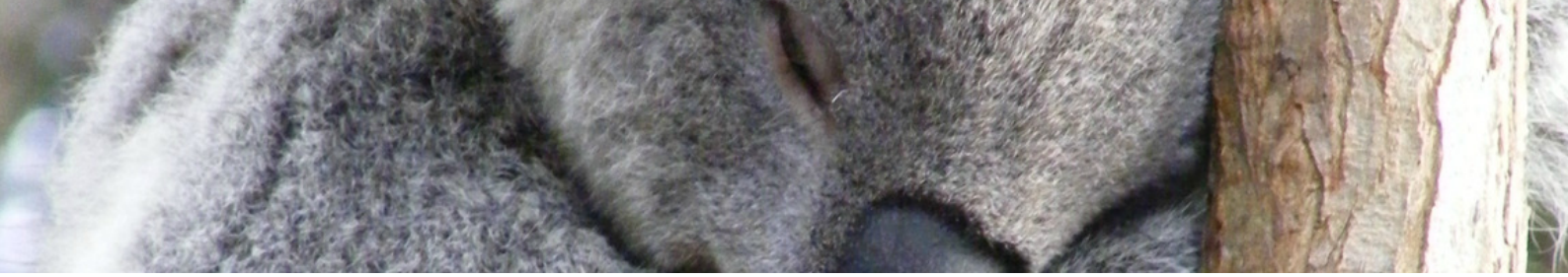
This can be replicated in your yard by removing vertical branch tips when young training and encouraging the remaining side branches to thicken up and not grow so tall.

***We have plenty of healthy stock available at the Coolum Community Native Nursery at 157 Warran Rd, Yaroomba 4573 for just \$2.50 each.***



This project is proudly supported by Sunshine Coast Council's grants program.





# Coast Care at the Christmas Markets

**Tony Gibson**

Coolum and North Shore Coast Care (CaNSCC) has been working with the North Shore Community Centre at Mudjimba for more than seven years. This includes an information stall and wildlife show at the annual Christmas Market.

The market is on the last week of November and attracts thousands of community members with lots of free attractions. Gay and I love this day and we have had plenty of support from other CaNSCC members as we field questions from all ages.

We are able to sell some CaNSCC calendars to help our fundraising efforts. There were more stalls from early childhood education providers this year talking about protecting our turtles and other environmental issues. It felt like the environment was the flavour of the month for many of the young ones.

Our CaNSCC Wildlife Show which is conducted by Geckos and sponsored by the Sunshine Coast Council each year was a great success. The young children got a chance to get up close and personal with our native wildlife like sugar gliders, lizards, snakes, birds and a croc. It is great to partner with the North Shore Community Centre team who are very supportive of CaNSCC and we look forward to the next Christmas Market in 2019.

Wishing everyone a wonderful Festive Season and we will see you planting, weeding and telling some stories about our amazing natural environment in 2019.





MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A  
SAFE AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!



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Weeding Groups	Day	Location	Contact
Lions Park Watercourse	8.30 - 11.00 am <b>Monday, Thursday</b>	Beach Access 71, Stumers Creek Road, Coolum Beach (call to confirm location if new)	<b>Linese</b> 5446 5116
Stumers Dunes	8:00 - 11:00 am <b>Thursdays</b>	Coolum Beach	<b>Birte</b> 0403 752 955
Yinneburra	8:30 – 12:00 pm <b>Thursdays</b>	Yaroomba	<b>Jan</b> 0401 956 150
Yaroomba Bushland Conservation Reserve	9:00 – 11:00 am <b>2nd Monday of the month</b>	Yaroomba	<b>Sherida</b> 0403 370 157 <b>Estelle</b> 0421 679 431
Town Of Seaside/ Boardwalk	8:00 – 11:00 am <b>Last Saturday of the month</b>	BA 98 (end of Merchants Pde, Town of Seaside)	<b>Luke</b> 0428 853 188
Marcoola South	8:30 - 11:00 am - <i>includes Morning Tea</i> <b>First Saturday monthly</b>	Roaming between Beach Access 112 to 117 Top of Mudjimba Esplanade	<b>Tony</b> 0419 791 860
	7:30 - 9:30 am <b>3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday</b>	Beach Access 99 - Orungal Park, Mount Coolum Shores	
Marcoola North	7:30 - 9:30 am <b>2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday</b> (eg: 16/9 & 30/9)	BA 100 -102 BA 104 -108 Marcoola	<b>Alan</b> 0419 526 347
Mudjimba	8:00 - 10:00 am <b>1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month</b>	Mudjimba	<b>Helen</b> 5448 9604
Twin Waters	8:00 – 11:00 am <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month</b>	BA 131 North Shore Road (Twin Waters life-guard headquarters)	<b>Sue</b> 0402 113 375

**CaNSCC Dune & Bush Revegetation and Weeding Groups**



## Coolum Community Native Nursery

Don't forget to visit us at the Coolum Community Native Nursery. Why not stop by, have a chat or ask a question, and pick up a local native or two to plant in your garden or around town!

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Ph: 07 5473 9322

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