



Capricorn Coast  
**Landcare**  
Group

# Envirolink Newsletter

## October 2016

### Date Claimers!

7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>

**Fri-Sun: Yabba Capricornia** – [Native Plants Capricornia](#) Register for 'a wonderful few days of botanising and socialising!' bus filling fast. Various field sites; central location: Parkhurst Hall, Rockhampton. Contact Neil Hoy 0439 943 281, or SMS to Bob Newby 0477 492083.

8<sup>th</sup>

**4pm: Wild Time at the Capricorn Coast** – CQ Biodiversity Project. Art exhibition ('what nature means to me') and activities 4pm. Movie screening '*Project Wild Thing*' 6.30pm. Big 4 Capricorn Palms Holiday Village, Mulambin. Contact/RSVP Marnie Augusteyn: [biodiversity@cqnet.com.au](mailto:biodiversity@cqnet.com.au) or 0412 426 796

9<sup>th</sup>

**10am: AGM Capricorn Coast Landcare Group** – Figtree Creek project site, Park Street, Yeppoon. Walkabout with Alby 10am; AGM 10:30am, Free sausage sizzle following. BYO chair, plate to share (salad/sweet). RSVP Envirolink (07) 4939 1002 or [envirolink@cqnet.com.au](mailto:envirolink@cqnet.com.au)

17<sup>th</sup>- 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Aussie Backyard Bird Count** – Participate in one of the largest citizen science opportunities in Australia and rediscover the birds in your backyard. Find out how to get involved and register [here](#). Or contact Allan Briggs at **Birdlife Capricornia** [abriggs@irock.com.au](mailto:abriggs@irock.com.au) Ph. (07) 49354645

19<sup>th</sup>

**6-8pm: Renewable Energy Expert Panel Forum** – regional consultation forum to discuss draft report investigating credible pathways to achieving a 50% renewable energy target in Qld by 2030. For info and registration go to: [Renewable Energy Public Forum Rockhampton](#). Empire Hotel, 5 East Street, Rockhampton.

19<sup>th</sup>

**10.30am: FBA AGM and lunch** Invitation to members. Empire Apartment Hotel, 5 East Street, Rockhampton. RSVP by 12/10/16. Contact [Katrina.Edwards@FBA.org.au](mailto:Katrina.Edwards@FBA.org.au) or ph. (07) 4999 2803.

21<sup>st</sup>

**9:30 – 1pm: Community Centre Open Day & Urban Landcare Day** at CDC, John Street, Yeppoon. Landcare will host a display and take-home info on low-cost, practical ideas on recycling, composting, growing your own food. Contact Envirolink 4939 1002.

22<sup>nd</sup>

**10am: Book launch 'The Story of the Capricorn Yellow Chat'** – Allan Briggs. Yeppoon Library. Allan will give short presentation followed by a book signing. Contact [abriggs@irock.com.au](mailto:abriggs@irock.com.au) or (07) 4935 4645.

23<sup>rd</sup>

**10-12am: Great Northern Clean-up – Are you in?** (Please note, this date has changed from 16<sup>th</sup> due to Pine Fest). CapCoast Landcare will clean up Fig Tree Creek. Join us! Meet at Park Street (opp. Central Shopping Cnt) 10am. Enquiries: [envirolink@cqnet.com.au](mailto:envirolink@cqnet.com.au) 4939 1002

**COMING UP  
IN NOVEMBER**

**7-13 National Recycling Week**

## Volunteers on the go

Cap Coast Landcare is in a fortunate position to have so many dedicated volunteers. These are the guys that turn up week after week in all kinds of weather to pick up rubbish, weed, water, prune, saw, dig holes, plant – all sweaty, monotonous tasks! Without them we would not have reinstated Fig Tree Creek (the lifeblood of Yeppoon) to the natural showpiece it is now for the benefit of the whole community. The good news is that this work and the Enviro Trail will continue for another year! Thanks to continued funding from the Australian Government through the Fitzroy Basin Association, vital support from Livingstone Shire Council, Capricorn Catchments Inc, Centrelink, Yeppoon Primary School, other local groups, and in particular, all our terrific volunteers.

~ *Alby Wooler*

President & Junior Landcare



Alby and volunteer Barry discuss 'what's next' for the Enviro Trail at the Yeppoon Primary School.

Come on Tropic of Capricorn – Let's Go!

# The Great Northern Clean Up

Yeppoon &  
Capricorn Coast  
Communities

Sunday  
23 October 2016

Fig Tree Creek  
Yeppoon

9.00 - 11.30am



*For those of us living north of the Tropic of Capricorn, The Great Northern Clean Up is timed to occur just before the wet season and after the tourist season to help prevent rubbish being swept into our creeks, rivers, and the Great Barrier Reef.*

**Capricorn Coast Landcare Group** invites you to be part of the action and help clean up Figtree Creek. All volunteers must register on the day. For more information contact the EnviroLink office: Ph 4939 1002 or email [envirolink@canet.com.au](mailto:envirolink@canet.com.au)

**MEET:** Fig Tree Creek Landcare site, Park Street, Yeppoon (opp. Shopping Centre)

**BYO:** hat, closed shoes, sunscreen, water bottle

Cold water for refills and morning tea will be provided on the day.

**All cleanup gear will be supplied.**

*OR alternatively, we encourage groups and local businesses to register their own site and get involved – creek, park, street, beach, school. For more information go to: [Great Northern Clean Up](#)*

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## NATIVE PLANT OF THE MONTH

### Archer Cherry *by Malcolm W*

The Archer Cherry (*Aidia racemosa*) is a member of the Rubiaceae family. It is a shrub to small tree with drooping branches and glossy green leaves, and it grows to a maximum of ten metres. It produces dense panicles of attractive white flowers at any time of the year. These have a strong fragrance that has been likened to that of Jasmine. The fruit appears as clusters of red or black edible berries that are favoured by Fruit Doves and other species of native bird.

The Archer Cherry occurs naturally in W.A. and N.T, and in Queensland it grows from Cape York and south as far as Central Queensland. It is usually found in dry or riparian rainforest areas. For more information click [here](#)

**A FREE Archer Cherry** is available for all CCLG members from the Envirolink Office courtesy of Livingstone Community Nursery

## The fascinating world of MINI BEASTS

### The humble Dung Beetle *by Rosemary M*

Dung beetles have a very down-to-earth role – they eat dung! There are more than 350 native species of dung beetle in Australia. They can generally be classified into three categories: rollers, tunnelers or dwellers. They are one of nature's best processors and most efficient recyclers.

There's no doubt that these beetles have had significant environmental and economic benefits for the grazing industry, but they are also mighty helpful with waste management in our parks and backyards with doggie-do's and other faecal remnants. They work by rolling, tunnelling and burying dung. These tunnels result in soil aeration, quicker return of nutrients to the soil and roots, and greater water retention. Many species of beetle establish their nests beneath the dung mass and lay eggs in brood chambers.

They also reduce fly breeding sites and fly numbers. They spread by flying between dung pads but do not take on pads older than a day or two, although they do continue to bury pads for weeks after arrival. Check out the species found in Central Queensland and their various quirks at Landcare Australia's [Dung Beetle Dictionary](#)



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## WEED IT OUT! *by Malcolm W*

***Sigesbeckia orientalis* (Indian Weed)** is a herb with distinct hastate leaves and tiny flowers that have creamy white petals and a yellow central disc with numerous protruding stamens. It is commonly found on roadsides, waste ground and in open spaces.

In my twelve years working in bush regeneration in NSW I found opinion to be evenly split as to whether the plant was introduced or is an Australian native. The plant is widely spread through Africa and Asia, and has become naturalised in many parts of the world. It is found all up the Australian east coast and in scattered locations elsewhere. It is used for medicinal purposes in many countries; a good



Photo source: Malcolm Wells



reason why it would have spread so far. It is used in China as a remedy for ague, rheumatism, and renal colic; in Britain it is used in a cure for ringworm; and in Mauritius Islands for syphilis, leprosy, and various skin diseases.

I have always tended to treat it as a weed, and found it last year growing in a council area that I am regenerating below our garden. It died back after summer and is just beginning to appear again. I am using it to keep out more aggressive perennial weeds and to suppress the rampant Guinea Grass that originally covered the area. Once it has served its purpose and I can replace it with native groundcovers or grasses, I will eradicate it permanently. For more information go to: [Brisbane Rainforest Action & Information Network](#)

## TOP GARDENING TIP – *dealing with woody weeds*



Photo source: Malcolm Wells

By Malcolm W

Woody weeds can be hard to remove at the best of times. They are often difficult to pull out, and trying to dig them out when it hasn't rained for a while can be almost impossible. Spraying is not a viable alternative for most people; as the poison can drift onto the wrong target even with no apparent breeze. As a bush regenerator you are taught to use what we call the cut & paint method, whereby the poison is directed directly on to the target.

When attacking the target plant, you need the herbicide close at hand. I keep mine in the type of small bottle favoured by hairdressers, with a tiny hole in the nozzle for applying a

minimum dose. I keep it in a container of the type used to sell fruit juices. (At least one plastic container gets to be used in a good way). Cut out a panel in the container and attach it to your tool belt, and be sure to label both the container and the bottle.

Cut the stem close to the ground with secateurs or hand saw, depending on thickness, and place a drop or two of the neat herbicide onto the cut stem. This must be done within ten seconds before the plant shuts down and won't take in the poison. Be sure to wear gloves when doing this job, empty any leftover herbicide back into its original container once you finish work.

## A WORD ON BIRDS *by Allan B*

There have been good reports about the arrival of the Eastern Koel and the Channel-bill Cuckoo across our region and now we need to be on the lookout for the Dollarbird (*Eurystomus orientalis*). This is a summer-breeding migrant from Papua New Guinea and Indonesia which arrives in late September and travels down the east coast as far as Victoria. It has a distinctive pale blue spot under each wing which gives it its name. It also has a distinctive 'kak, kak, kak' call and has a habit of sitting at the top of a tall tree and calling out to proclaim its territory.

If you go to the [Birds in Backyards](#) website, you can listen to its call (look down the right hand side of the page and you will see a recording of the call by Fred van Gessel, just click on the >arrow and it will play.

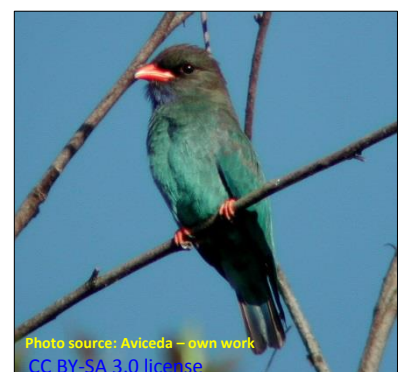


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Dollarbird (*Eurystomus orientalis*)

Our winter migrants such as the Grey Fantail and Scarlet Honeyeater have mostly left and travelled south for the summer, and we now have our summer migrants who we will see and hear until March/April next year.

For more information visit [Birdlife Capricornia](#) or contact Allan Briggs ([abriggs@irock.com.au](mailto:abriggs@irock.com.au)) if you'd like to take part in monthly surveys. Don't forget to register for the [Aussie Backyard Bird Count](#)!

## The story of the Capricorn Yellow Chat:

Discovered in 1859, overlooked for 75 years and  
then found again in 1992

ALLAN BRIGGS



## BOOK LAUNCH

Yeppoon Library

Saturday 22 October

10am

The book outlines the history and discovery of the Capricorn Yellow Chat and the various people involved in its discovery and highlights the problems involved with the conservation of endangered species.

Allan will give a short presentation followed by a book signing.

Contact [abriggs@irock.com.au](mailto:abriggs@irock.com.au)  
or (07) 4935 4645.



## Annual General Meeting

Sunday, 9 October 2016 - 10 a.m.

Figtree Creek project site, Yeppoon

**All welcome!** RSVP 6/10/16

Site tour with Alby starting at 10 a.m. AGM at 10:30 a.m.  
Free sausage sizzle following. BYO chair, plate to share.

## "THIS FILM WILL CHANGE YOUR LIFE" - THE GUARDIAN

Please join us under the stars for  
a special community screening of

## PROJECT WILD THING

This film explores the emerging issue of  
"nature deficit disorder" in kids. It's humorous  
but shocking—a powerfully motivating reminder to bring more  
"wild time" to our homes, schools and community.



**When:** 6:30pm, Saturday 8 October 2016

**Where:** Outdoor theatre, BIG4 Capricorn Palms (Yeppoon)

**Entry:** Gold coin donation appreciated

**Film classification:** PG (some coarse language)

**More info:** [biodiversity@cqnet.com.au](mailto:biodiversity@cqnet.com.au)

**Arrive early:** Display and discussion from 4pm

**Stay late:** Tea/coffee/conversation to follow

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## Winners!

### Weedbuster Week Weed ID Competition:

**Category 1 (adults):** Hayley Hopkins, Warren Buttershaw, Kara Martin, and Dennis Cook.

**Category 2 (school age):** Kayla – Taranganba State School, Hugh – Yeppoon State School, Aleisha – St Ursulas.

*Congratulations winners! If you haven't already done so, please call into the Envirolink office and pick up your bag of promotional goodies.*



REMEMBER TO PICK UP YOUR  
NATIVE PLANT OF THE MONTH!

**Archer Cherry**

## Welcome!

### New Landcare members during September

Clyde Schipke, Kelly McCosker.



### Hardwood plant stakes

(900mm length)

**Bundle of 25 - \$15**

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*All profits fund the Envirolink Centre and local landcare programs and projects.*

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## Urban Landcare Day 2016

**Friday, 21 October**

**At Yeppoon Community Centre Open Day– John Street**

**9:30 – 1pm: Capricorn Coast Landcare Group** will host a display with take-home info on low-cost, practical green ideas for your home: recycling, composting, growing your own food. Want to reduce your rubbish? Find out how to buy local? Start to reduce your food miles?

**Swing past our Urban Landcare stall and get excited about a greener future!**



The Capricorn Coast Landcare Group Inc

**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL is now DUE!**

Please see the renewal form with payment options on page 7

Thanks for your support



# Capricorn Coast Landcare Group Inc.

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*Landcare – a partnership between the environment and sustainable production*

General meetings are held on the 1st Tuesday of every second month at 7.30 pm at the Envirolink Centre, 3 / 78 John Street, Yeppoon. All memberships are due for renewal at the October AGM (one (1) vote per membership).

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