



Capricorn Coast  
**Landcare**  
Group

# Envirolink Newsletter

## March 2016

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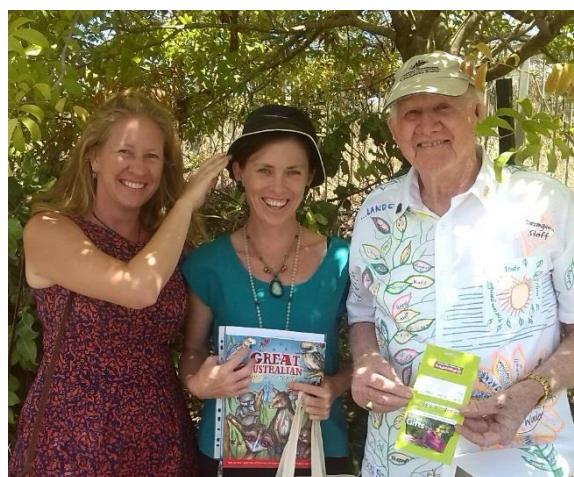
<b>Tues 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Business Clean Up Day</b>
<b>Fri 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Schools Clean Up Day</b>
<b>Sun 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9am-12pm: Capricorn Coast Landcare Group - CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY</b> Meet Figtree Creek Rehab Site (opp. Yeppoon Central). <i>More info call Jo on 4939 1002</i>  <b>1pm on: Native Plants Capricornia – NATIVE NURSERY PLANT ID &amp; CLEAN UP</b> Meet 1pm @ Northside Plaza, Rocky for lift or 1.45pm at LSC depot Cordingly Street, Yeppoon
<b>Mon 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30am-12pm: Livingstone Shire Council – INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY EVENT</b> Bell Park, Emu Park. Entertainment, activities & refreshments. <i>More info call 4913 3840</i>
<b>Tues 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7-8.30pm: Capricorn Coast Alliance – 2016 COUNCIL ELECTION CANDIDATES FORUM</b> Indoor Sports Centre, Yeppoon State High School. <i>More info Willy 0417 392 874 or Paul 4939 4401</i>
<b>Thur 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8.30am-4pm: Capricornia Catchments – FREE GET TO KNOW YOUR GROUNDWATER WORKSHOP</b> Meet Allentown Hotel, Rocky. Meals & morning tea. <i>More info and RSVP to Janeen 4921 0573</i>
<b>Sat 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8.45am on: Capricornia Equine LC Association – SUSTAINABLE GRAZING FOR HORSES WORKSHOP</b> 140 Howes Rd, Farnborough. Guest Speaker & refreshments, BYO chair. <i>Bookings 0413 483 850</i>  <b>3.30pm on: Emu Park Bushcare – TREEPLANTING</b> Meet at Marine Parade revegetation site. <i>More info call Julianne Weekers</i>
<b>Tues 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>4-6pm: Cap Coast/Rocky Reef Guardian Networking – ANNUAL MEETING</b> CQU Rockhampton Campus. Students invited. Refreshments. <i>RSVP <a href="mailto:southern.region@qbrmpa.gov.au">southern.region@qbrmpa.gov.au</a></i>
<b>Sat 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8.30-9.30pm: SWITCH OFF 4 <a href="#">EARTH HOUR</a> – Get your candles and dinner ready!!</b>
<b>Coming up in April:</b>	<b>27-28<sup>th</sup> National Conference: <a href="#">PRIMARY INDUSTRIES – STRIVING FOR CLIMATE RESILIENCE</a></b>

### A BELATED WELCOME TO 2016!!

It's been a busy and bumpy start to 2016, but we are happy to say no cyclones so far! Firstly I'd like to apologise for our slow response to enquiries over the last month – our Coordinator Jo has been away getting a new neck, so we have fallen behind a little!

That being said we've been extremely busy behind the scenes. Junior Landcare has resumed and we are about to launch the Junior Landcare Passport Program across all Capricorn Coast schools, Clean Up Australia Day is organised and set for Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March, and we are preparing ourselves to launch Capricorn Coast Landcare Group into a new financial future. Amid this we have welcomed 3 new volunteers, and are also planning for a new community edible garden in Yeppoon. So without further ado, onto the news!

– *Alby Wooler*  
President



Congratulations to last year's CCLG Christmas Surprise Draw winner – Amanda Hardstone. We hope you enjoyed gardening Amanda!  
Photo courtesy of Mark Binnie



## SUNDAY 6<sup>th</sup> MARCH IS....

That's right folks – it's that time of year again. This year we have St Ursula's, Friends of Lammermoor Native Gardens and Keppel Coast Girl Guides helping clean up the coast.

HOWEVER more hands are always welcome!

We invite YOU to join us **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March**

**8.30-11.30am at the Figtree Creek Rehabilitation Site**  
(opp. Yeppoon Central)

**BYO gloves, closed-in shoes and sun protection.**

*Bags, drinking water and smiles provided!*

## JUNIOR LANDCARE NEWS – PASSPORT PROGRAM LAUNCHED

This year will be the first year all Capricorn Coast primary schools are invited to participate in the official Junior Landcare Passport Program. Over the next 2 weeks, Alby is visiting each school to introduce the program which encourages youth to commit at total of 10 hours at 5 yearly events that support local environment and community.

On successful participation in Clean Up Australia Day, National Tree Day, Weedbuster Week, National Landcare Week and a Nature Discovery Day, students will be awarded the official Capricorn Coast Landcare Group Passport Stamp and Badge of Honour. For more information call 4939 1002 or email us at [envirolink@cgunet.com.au](mailto:envirolink@cgunet.com.au)



Warragul Community Gardens, Victoria.  
Photo courtesy of Jo Kurpershoek.

## CCLG OUT & ABOUT

If you've heard the rumours, then yes, they're true!

We've started talks with Livingstone Shire Council to establish a Community Garden at John St, Yeppoon.

We're talking about a

## DELISHIOUSLY EDIBLE LANDSCAPE!

If you have ideas, skills and know-how to contribute, then we look forward to you dropping us a line at [envirolink@cgunet.com.au](mailto:envirolink@cgunet.com.au);

Better yet, drop in to the Envirolink Centre in John Street.

## WE ARE SEEKING SPONSORS

Many of you would have heard via the grapevine that funding for the Envirolink Centre and programs we deliver each year is spread well... thinner than thin this year (we know we're not alone but we have started losing a little sleep over things!). After quite some consideration and deliberation we've decided... we're going to ask the big kids in to play. Yes... we're chasing corporate sponsorship and we'd love your help.

**Is your workplace looking for the ENVIRONMENTAL EDGE?**

**Do you know somebody who knows somebody who's looking to invest?**

*Get in touch! We now have a Sponsorship Prospectus that outlines what we offer and how we can work together to keep Livingstone Shire Beautiful!*

**Brief overview:** CCLG offers a fantastic line-up of yearly events and programs that engage young and old throughout our beautiful Shire – all they need to really hum is some business backing. In return for sponsorship (which can be big or small!) we offer customised packages ranging from the usual bells and whistle to tour placements and private workshops. The best part is onground outcomes feed straight back into our community and therefore local business!

## BirdLife Capricornia are calling all birdos

Allan Briggs from BirdLife Capricornia advises us that that they have launched

### Birds in Capricornia

And the group is now calling volunteers who like to watch who's tweeting about the backyard to help gather data. that can be used to understand the local dynamics of our birds.

"The idea is to get as many people as possible to spend 20 minutes once a month to record the species and numbers in their local back yard. Anyone can participate and assistance will be provided to identify species that people are unsure about," Allan says.

"The data will be used to help understand the local dynamics of our birds."

Volunteers will be provided with a simple spreadsheet to use that automatically calculates and tracks data so you can see at a glance who's been visiting your property and any changes over the year. For more info, contact Allan Briggs at [abriggs@irock.com.au](mailto:abriggs@irock.com.au)



Olive-backed Sunbird.

Photo courtesy of Allan Briggs.

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## ENVIROLINK NEWS IS GROWING BIGGER AND BETTER!

We'd like to introduce you to 3 new faces who've joined the Envirolink team this year to help bring you CCLG's monthly Envirolink Newsletter. THANKS guys for your support – we think you're grand!



You may know local artist **Steph** for her amazing [pet portraits](#)... in fact she's got a soft spot for our native critters and enjoys writing about them too. We look forward to reading what Steph uncovers in our backyard bush blocks and manicured front gardens as every month she shares:

- A 'Lil Word on Wildlife



Passionate about all things community and environment, you may know **Malcolm** as one of The Morning Bulletin's weekly columnists and a [Guest Blogger on ABC Open](#). With a background in bush regeneration we are excited to welcome Malcolm aboard to bring you:

- Native Plant of the Month

- Weed It Out Now! and a

- Top Gardening Tip



Having lived on the Capricorn Coast and been involved with the Keppel and Fitzroy Delta Alliance for some time and an active member of Gen Yadaba, **Lou** is passionate about learning and looking after our local environment. So now she'll be bringing us a monthly expose on:

- Pest Critters that Cost Us

## LIKE WHAT YOU'RE READING?

...then support our work by becoming a PAID UP CCLG MEMBER (membership form at the end of this newsletter).

## Got a question or suggestion?

...then email us – [envirolink@cqnet.com.au](mailto:envirolink@cqnet.com.au)

## A 'LIL WORD ON WILDLIFE

These small, cute creatures can grow to the size of a rabbit and are omnivorous marsupials. They are commonly confused with rodents with their thin tail, pointy snout, strong forepaws, large sized hind feet and many teeth... in fact these are long-nosed bandicoots!

There are about 20 different species of bandicoot found throughout Australia in a variety of different habitats including coastal areas, rainforest and dry bushland. These guys are ground dwellers who like to nest in shallow holes which they line with leaf litter and they're well known for leaving cone shaped holes in lawns.

They're also nocturnal critters and can be a great help to those of us lucky to live near scrub as they help keep down populations of spiders, cockroaches and other creepy-crawlies. In return you can help them out by keeping your pet cats inside at night, driving slow around areas where you've seen road kills, and if you have a pool, making a wildlife ramp from some wood so if a bandicoot falls in, it can get out again.

If you find an injured bandicoot you can contact [Wildlife Rockhampton](#) on 0429 469 453.



Photographer: A Glynne © [Australian Museum](#).



Photo courtesy of Native Plants Capricornia.

## NATIVE PLANT OF THE MONTH – WADSWORTH'S TUCKEROO

This slender, multi-stemmed shrub grows to about 3m and is hardy but slow growing. It needs little water once established, making it a desirable and environmentally friendly garden plant.

*Cupaniopsis wadsworthii* produces small cream flowers in pendulous sprays; and bright orange fruit that ripens between October and December and attract many bird species. The glossy bright green leaves are wedge-shaped, with a small notch at the end, their distinctive shape giving rise to the common name of **duckfoot**. This plant is normally found in semi-arid scrub and dry rainforest, and makes an attractive talking point in any garden as well as bringing in native wildlife.

**FREE Ducksfoot** are available for all CCLG members from the Envirolink Office courtesy of Livingstone Community Nursery.

## WEED IT OUT NOW!

Whilst eye catching, *Helianthus argophyllus* or the **silverleaf sunflower** is a native of the coastal areas of the USA. The mass of silver leaves and large sunflowers make it an attractive garden plant. For this reason, it is cultivated in many countries for use in gardens. The fact that it readily self-seeds (often with the help of wind and birds) also makes it a weed risk.

The plant grows to about 2 metres or more, and the National Sunflower Association of the US actually describes it as 'an annual miniature tree'. It is a drought tolerant plant that thrives in arid areas which explains why it is becoming a pest in disturbed areas in Yeppoon's foredunes.



Photo courtesy of Malcolm Wells.

Next time you're heading to the beach, pack your secateurs; cut yourself a lovely bunch of table flowers and you'll be saving us weeding hours down the track!

## TOP GARDENING TIP

As a contractor we were regularly asked to treat or remove woody weeds in regeneration areas. When treating small trees and shrubs such as Privet, Camphor Laurel, Lantana etc, we usually used the cut and paint method, whereby we left a tiny stump that had been poisoned.

***This method works well, but can leave you with other problems.***



Controlling weeds and revegetating a site on a steep slope requires careful planning to avoid erosion.  
Photo courtesy of Malcolm Wells.

Often the weeds are growing on creek banks or in other areas subject to erosion. If natural regeneration is not occurring, and there is no immediate plan to plant the area out; then you risk losing valuable soil as the soil holding feeder roots are the first to die.

My solution was to bag any seed on the weeds, prune the branches ruthlessly and mulch them to place around the worked area. This left the plant alive, but unable to do any harm by producing seed. Once regeneration had occurred, or new plantings were established, we would return and finish off the woody weeds.

## PEST CRITTERS THAT COST US - TILAPIA

Described as the '**cane toads of the waterways**', Tilapia is declared a noxious fish in Queensland.

**WHY?** They outcompete native fish, disturb natural aquatic ecosystems, are terribly good breeders and have the ability to live in a variety of conditions with simple food requirements.

Interestingly, Tilapia can move downstream into highly saline waters during drought and return upstream as conditions improve. Native to the warm waters of Africa, America and India, the aggressive pest has been confirmed in some waterways of Central Queensland.

You can help stop the spread of Tilapia by learning to identify the fish and report any sightings. There are two identifying features to remember:

1. a single complete dorsal fin with no dent or gap and
2. pointed dorsal and pectoral fins (native fish that have rounded fins)

**DID YOU KNOW?** it is illegal to keep or release a Tilapia or move them from one waterway to another.

To report sightings contact Fisheries Queensland on 13 25 23.



*Tilapia mozambique: a mouth brooder and declared noxious.*  
Photo courtesy of [Department of Agriculture and Fisheries](#).





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## MEMBERSHIP FORM

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).

Your email will be automatically added to our Envirolink Newsletter and CCLG membership mailing lists.  
Please tick the box if you do not wish to receive them.

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**New member**

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