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Next Meeting – Friday 22nd June

Meeting is at 7:00pm at the Frenchville State School Activity Centre. Turn up hill at the traffic lights on Frenchville Road through the car park. We hope to see you there. Bring along your specimens to identify and any extra native seedlings. Shirley Hopkins will be raffling local native plants so bring along your spare coins.

Maryanne Smith – Project Officer, Greening Australia

We welcome guest speaker, Maryanne Smith, Project Officer for Greening Australia. In her few short weeks in Rockhampton, Maryanne has been saving the endangered Fitzroy River Turtle in the croc-infested Fitzroy, survived the crowds at EcoFest, checked out the vigorous guinea grass at Mount Etna and our project at Plover Street as well as trying out a tube planter for direct-seeding Pandanus and cabbage palm seeds into dunes on North Keppel Island.

Next Outing – Sunday 1st July

Woolwash Lagoon. Meet at 2pm at O'Shanesy Park, South Rockhampton. Chris Hooper has recently purchased a 4.6 ha property front the north west tip of the Woolwash Lagoon. In a largely cleared ecosystem of Coolabah on river floodplain, Chris's block appears very well vegetated – and he is seeking advice on what else he can plant to withstand the 3 m inundation every flood! Bring a chair and picnic for afternoon tea on the bank of the Lagoon. If we are lucky we may see the local family of White-winged choughs digging up and cracking open the muscles – there doesn't appear to be any photos / videos of this activity on the internet, yet! Time permitting, we may drive east along River Road around the loop of Gavial Creek to the 90 ha of mangroves on the bank of the Fitzroy, roughly west of Swift's Meatwork's. Contact Neil Hoy on 0439 943 281 or email hoynd@optusnet.com.au to register your interest in attending.

Last Meeting – Friday 25th May

A well-attended meeting heard a most engaging presentation by historian John Fletcher bringing the botanical history of our region to life. Congratulation and thanks John.

Last Outing – Sunday 3rd June

Ecofest. Another fantastic day well spend supporting Ruth Crosson and her crew at Gladstone Branch of Native Plants Queensland. Ruth packed out the magnificent tent with an amazing array of exhibitions. Our branch has quite a few different plants on offer, supported by full colour flyers and several other displays. Fellow Rocky-based Native Bees and Greening Australian joined the flurry. Thanks to our wonderful volunteers.

Upcoming Events

Wed. 20th June 9am to 7pm	Plant Fair. Tondoon Botanic Gardens are holding a Plant Fair from 9am to 7pm. This is a free event that is incorporated with the Markets at Tondoon on the same day and will involve Nurseries, grower groups and Tondoon Botanic Gardens selling plants, along with the food stalls and market stalls.
Thurs 21st June 10am to 12pm	Official Opening of the Alby Wooler Park. Please join Mayor Cr Bill Ludwig to celebrate the naming of Alby Wooler Park and share a sausage sizzle afterwards in the park. It was thanks to community support that LSC agreed to rename the park and Landcare site opposite Yeppoon Central Shopping Centre in honour of Capricorn Coast Landcare Group's previous and longstanding president Alby. RSVP to Livingstone Shire Council for catering numbers at engagementandevents@livingstone.qld.gov.au .
Fri 22nd June 7pm	Native Plants Capricornia June Meeting (see above) - (Committee meeting at 6:00 pm – all welcome)
Sun 1st July 2:00 pm	Native Plants Capricornia July Outing – Woolwash Lagoon and environs.
Sun 8th July 10am	Gladstone SGAP Outing to Jan and Ivan Stiller's Permaculture Garden, Boyne Valley. Arrive at 10am. BYO Lunch. For more information, contact Paula Wallace on 0407 638 238 or 4978 2488.
Sat 21st July 8am to 12pm	Orchid Exhibition. The Tondoon Botanic Gardens in Gladstone will host local orchid growers and societies exhibiting a vast array of orchids. Purchases will be available. For more information, contact the Tondoon Botanic Gardens on 07 4975 8500.
Sat 28th July 11:30am to 1:30pm	Gladstone Harbour Water Quality and Industry Barge Tour. Join Port Curtis Harbour Watch in a free barge tour of Gladstone industries and investigate water quality and life in Gladstone Harbour. Listen to Curtis Ferry commentary of the industries in Gladstone Harbour. Learn how to test and record water quality in various locations throughout the Harbour. The barge departs from the Gladstone Yacht Club at the bottom end of Goondoon Street, Gladstone. Cost is free with light refreshments supplied. This event is proudly sponsored by Gladstone Healthy Harbour Partnership. Bookings are essential. To find out more information or to register your interest contact Harbour Watch at Boyne Island Environmental Education Centre on 07 4851 0333 or at harbourwatch@boyneisleec.eq.edu.au . Online booking is also available at EventBrite
Sat 4th Aug 10am to 3pm	Fundamentals Propagation Workshop. The Tondoon Botanic Gardens in Gladstone will host this workshop at the Tondoon Art Gallery. Theory of propagation by seed, cuttings and division is covered in the morning, then lunch is provided by Savour the Flavour Café. In the afternoon, you will propagate plants to take home from techniques learnt. Cost is \$50 with payment to be made at time of booking on 4971 4444.
Sat 18th to Sun 19th Aug	BirdLife Capricornia Outing to Blackdown Tablelands. Stay tuned for more information on this and other BirdLife Capricornia events on their website . Contact Allan Briggs on 4935 4645 to register.
Sat 1st and Sun 2nd Sept	Rare Wattle Outing at Chinchilla. A group will be heading out around Chinchilla on this weekend to see many of the rare species that persist in the area including the long phyllode variety of <i>Acacia rigens</i> , <i>A. lauta</i> and <i>A. lineata</i> . Saturday Trip: Meet at the park in Kogan at 9am. Sunday Trip: Meet at the Tourist Information Centre at Chinchilla at 8:30am. For more information, contact Len and Joan Hubbard on 07 4662 7065.

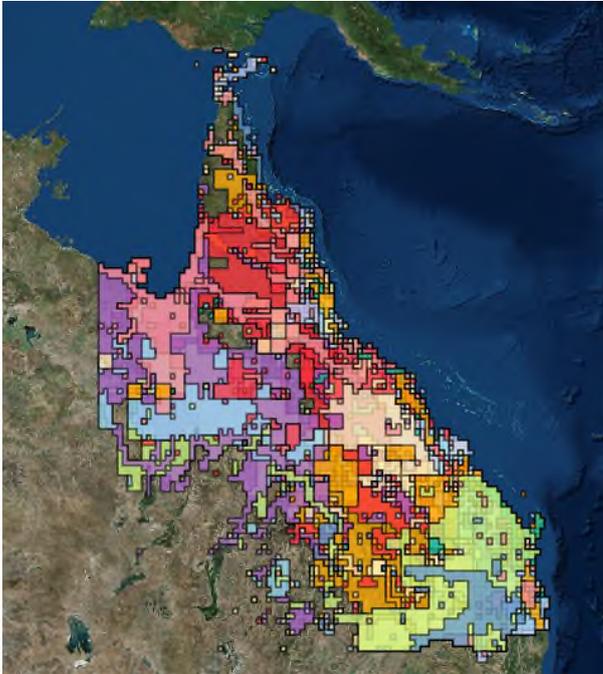
Sat 15th to Sun
16th Sept

Native Plants Queensland Spring Flower Show and Plant Market. This annual event will be held at the Brisbane Botanic Gardens, Mount Coot-tha Road, Toowong from 9am to 3pm on both days.

Fri 21st to Sun
23rd Sept

Date Claimer for *Yabba 2018!* will be held in Warwick this year, so pencil it into your calendars now! We hosted *Yabba Capricornia 2016*.

New Queensland Online Weed Mapping



Biosecurity Queensland recently released a new online weed mapping tool. The mapping overlays grid squares on imagery to show the distribution of various weed species across Queensland. Weed species are arranged by common name which is useful for landholders and the general public to utilise and identify weeds in their patch. The tool allows you to toggle on and off one or more of the listed species to find out what may be present in your local area. The user can also find out what species are in a particular areas for using the 'Species Near Me' icon and typing in the desired location. All species found in that area will display on the map, and as a list. You can click on a species name to view photos and more detailed information.

Despite the overlaid grid squares being large in size and not very accurate, the mapping application provides a useful tool for landowners, environmental practitioners and the general public to gain a better understanding of what weed

species are in their area and species that pose a risk to their area. The online mapping is available [here](#) and I would encourage members to get online, have a look and spread the word about this new application.

NEW BOOK: A field guide to native plants of Bribie Island and nearby coastal south-east Queensland

Allan Carr's new book, a field guide to the native plants of Bribie Island is due out on the 30th June. After 10 years of photographing these plants on various Native Plants Caboolture field trips, Wallum and Coastal Heathland Study Group outings and other excursions, Allan has finally put together this field guide after close to three years of researching and compiling descriptions. Following the addition of 'and nearby coastal south-east Queensland' to the somewhat lengthy title in order to include a couple of species found at Sandstone Point, Allan was surprised to find so many of the species are also found in the locations listed above. Contact Neil Hoy on 0439 943 281 or email hoynnd@optusnet.com.au if you would like to purchase a copy.

A FIELD GUIDE
NATIVE PLANTS
BRIBIE ISLAND
nearby coastal South-east Queensland

Recommended
retail price
\$22.50

Allan Carr

Have your say on the draft Rockhampton Regional Council Sustainability Strategy

We know that the future isn't just somewhere we're going... it's something we're creating.

At its heart, environmental sustainability is about taking care of the environment so that our environment can continue to take care of us, both now and indefinitely into the future.

The proposed Environmental Sustainability Strategy provides a vision, shared objectives and pathways to advance sustainability across our Region. It also outlines the actions required for Council to integrate sustainable practices into its operations, as well as its community programs and services. Realising this vision will require Council to work in partnership with the community, private sector and other levels of government to ensure that we continue to protect and enhance our environment for current and future generations.

This proposed Strategy will deliver on our vision for a sustainable future through four interconnected pathways. Together the pathways will help guide our approach to protect our natural environment, empower our community to live more sustainably, enhance the liveability of our Region, ensure that we use our resources more wisely and much more. The pathways identified in the draft Strategy are supported by a range of strategic actions that Council will lead over the next four years.

View Council's proposed Environmental Sustainability Strategy

Rockhampton Regional Council's proposed [Environmental Sustainability Strategy](#) has been released for community consultation. The Strategy sets the vision, objectives and pathways to advance sustainability across our Region over the next four years. It also outlines the strategic actions that Council will lead to meet this vision. You are invited to provide feedback on the proposed Environmental Sustainability Strategy with submissions closing 5pm Friday 13 July 2018.

We welcome your feedback

We cannot implement this sustainability vision on our own. Only together can we create the sustainable future we want to see for our Region. Provide your feedback on this proposed [Environmental Sustainability Strategy Feedback Form](#). Have your say by lodging a formal submission via the feedback form, via post, by emailing sustainability@rrc.qld.gov.au, or in person at Council's Customer Service Centres. For more



information, please call 4932 9000.

BirdLife Capricornia

BirdLife Capricornia has a membership from the Capricorn Coast, Rockhampton, Gladstone and out to the far west towns of Longreach and Winton. We focus on local bird activities such as field trips throughout the area, conservation actions to protect bird life, education activities to inform the local population and joint projects with local conservation groups to reach a wider audience. We also encourage family involvement with junior activities and family friendly day trips.

Special birds of the region

The Capricorn Yellow Chat is a Critically Endangered endemic species that has been the subject of much research and conservation effort. The Eungella Honeyeater is the other endemic species that occupies a habitat niche on the Clarke Range behind Mackay. The Capricornia region is at both the southern edge and the northern edge of the range for many species and this makes it a unique place where they can all be seen.



BirdLife Capricornia members on an outing.



The Capricorn Yellow Chat. Photo: Fitzroy Basin Association.

Contacts and more information

For more information, contact one of the committee members or download the quarterly newsletter [here](#).

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Aileen and Milton Moorhead - heading south

On Sunday 27th May, Ann McHugh, in great SGAP style, hosted an afternoon tea to wish Aileen and Milton Moorhead all the best on their move south to be closer to family. A large group of members shared a range of goodies, including some bush tucker of course. While not too cool, the wet weather forced proceedings indoors but did not dampen the spirits as we enjoyed a billy tea and a yarn or two!



CQUniCares Annual Appeal

Last year, Professor Scott Bowman, Vice-Chancellor and President of CQUniversity Australia, launched the CQUniCares Annual Appeal. The generosity and support towards the appeal in its first year was astounding and together our CQUni community raised more than \$116,000 to significantly support students in undertaking their studies in 2018. Businesses and individuals from around our CQUni footprint dug dee and gave to this very important fund – a fund that simply changes lives.



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The appeal began with a dream to raise \$25,000 in 25 days, but what transpired was simply fantastic. The funds raised will now assist 25 students in need to receive life-changing scholarships. This enables these students to embrace their education opportunity and without the financial struggles that can sometimes accompany the decision to pursue further education. Read more about the students who have benefitted from the scholarships [here](#). If you would like to make a donation, visit the [CQUniversity website](http://cqu.edu.au).

Every dollar donated will go directly to deserving students in 2018, providing them with the opportunity to reach their full potential.

Discover how we can create change together:
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