

Maroochy Wetlands Sanctuary Support Group Inc.

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Wetland Sanctuary News



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DATES TO REMEMBER

July meeting: Thursday 12th July 2012

Next Bird Observers' Group Outing. 0800am start.

On Sunday 19th August we will commence our day at the Maroochy Wetlands Sanctuary, Sports Road Bli Bli, and conclude our day at the Harris property Lefoes Road, Bli Bli.

Meeting Agenda July 2012

Reports

Display Trailer

Water mouse

Small Grant

Boat Cruise

Promotion/ Marketing

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From the President

Hi Folks,

Well it certainly has been a busy first month of the season. Bookings for the cruises are going well with the August cruise now fully booked with ten people on the wait list. The July cruise has over forty booked so far so it is also looking good.

Enquiries about the photographic competition have begun to come in and I am sure that there will be some spectacular photo entries.

We had a great time at the night walk and saw a few interesting things including a Common Pike Eel feeding under the boardwalk.

On Wednesday 4th July we had forty young people from the Bli Bli Holiday Care Group join us.

Katie-Anne Beale put together a fabulous programme for them. Their artwork is currently on display in the Mangrove Room.

As I am writing this, whilst on duty, I have had a continuous flow of children bringing their parents back to show them what they did and where they went on Wednesday.

Our pens, stickers and fridge magnets will be here soon. Linda Morrell is working on our brochure so that will be available as well.

If anyone is interested in helping out with the cruise days please give us a call. We would love to hear from you.

Soon there will be a call for anyone interested in helping to plant some trees and shrubs that the Regional Council has given us. Keep your eyes out for this. We will probably have a planting barbie event.

Regards to all.

Derek.



Yellow Striped Hermit Crab.



Fungi on Grey Mangrove. photo R Howard June 2012



Eric and Judith checking revegetation following the completion of the new section of Boardwalk.

World Environment Day 2012 Report

After debate about should we; could we; will we; won't we go because of the rain, we decided to attend and put up a modified display so that our resources would be at minimum risk of being damaged.

The weather did improve and although it was a disappointing day from the organizers point of view, we had a very successful time. Sincere interest was shown from visitors to our display which was, according to the W.E.D. committee, the best display at the event!

The watermouse display was an added benefit to our site and thanks to Nina and Les for this.

Thanks also to John Tealby, Derek and JoAnne Foster, Terry O'Toole, Anne Ridd, Judy Alce and Robyn Howard for their valuable assistance on, and in preparation for, the day.

Deb Wedmaier



World Environment Day. photo R Howard

BIRD OBSERVERS GROUP

Outing Sunday June 17th, at the Stone property Eumundi, and the Whish-Wilson property at North Arm. Eleven attended.

Considering the weather we have had in the last week or so, we were very lucky to get such a good day. On the Stone property, we walked through the cow paddocks, down to the creek and rainforest. Thanks to Elizabeth Stone for assisting us, especially through the couple of muddy crossings.

We then travelled onto the Whish-Wilsons property at North Arm, had morning tea and a bird count for the previous walk.

Janet Whish-Wilson walked us around their property and back for lunch and bird count.

Thankyou Janet and Morris for allowing us on your property.

BIRD LIST FOR STONE`S PROPERTY

Cattle Egret, White-faced Heron, Australian White Ibis, Straw-necked Ibis, Black-shouldered Kite, Whistling Kite, Masked Lapwing(H), Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo, Galah, Rainbow Lorikeet(H), Laughing Kookaburra, Rainbow Bee-eater(H), Red-backed Fairy-wren, Large-billed Scrubwren, White-throated Gerygone(H), Striated Pardalote, Lewin`s Honeyeater, Little Wattlebird, Scarlet Honeyeater, Brown Honeyeater, White-throated Honeyeater, Blue-faced Honeyeater, Little Friarbird, Eastern Whipbird(H), Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike, Varied Triller, Golden Whistler(H), Australasian Figbird, White-breasted Woodswallow, Pied Butcherbird(H), Australian Magpie, Pied Currawong(H), Rufous Fantail, Grey Fantail, Australian Wood Duck, Pacific Black Duck, Brown Cuckoo-Dove, Crested Pigeon, Peaceful Dove, Bar-shouldered Dove, Wompoo Fruit-Dove(H), Willie Wagtail, Torresian Crow, Magpie-lark(H), Eastern Yellow Robin, Golden-headed Cisticola, Tawny Grassbird, Silveryeye, Welcome Swallow, Double-barred Finch, Red-browed Finch.

BIRD LIST FOR WHISH-WILSON`S PROPERTY.

Cattle Egret, Wedge-tailed Eagle, Buff-banded Rail, Rainbow Lorikeet, Australian King-Parrot(H), Laughing Kookaburra, Rainbow Bee-eater, Green Catbird, White-browed Scrubwren, Brown Thornbill(H), Striated Pardalote, Lewin`s Honeyeater, Noisy Miner, Scarlet Honeyeater(H), Brown Honeyeater, Eastern Whipbird, Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike(H), Varied Triller, Golden Whistler, Little Shrike-thrush, Australasian Figbird, Olive-backed Oriole(H), Pied Butcherbird, Australian Magpie, Pied Currawong, Grey Fantail, Spotted Dove, Brown Cuckoo-Dove, Emerald Dove, Peaceful Dove, Bar-shouldered Dove, Willie Wagtail, Torresian Crow, Torresian Crow, Spectacled Monarch, Eastern Yellow Robin, Golden-headed Cisticola(H), Silveryeye, Mistletoebird

Next outing August 19th 2012

8.00 start, at our Maroochy Wetlands Sanctuary, Sports Road, Bli Bli; and later at the Harris property on Lefoes Road.

Geoff and Elizabeth Laidlaw



MAROOCHY WETLANDS SANCTUARY SUPPORT GROUP INC.

Photographic Competition – Colour of the Wetlands

Important Information for Entrants

Please read the notes below carefully, particularly those relating to the submission of entries.

Entrants are invited to submit a digital photograph, plus a hard copy of the same photo, of an aspect of the Maroochy Wetlands Sanctuary capturing the theme the *Colour of the Wetlands*.

Photos must be taken within the confines of the Maroochy Wetlands Sanctuary from areas of public access only - that is from the boardwalk, the road or the river.

The aim of the competition is to raise public awareness of the Sanctuary through this beautiful and creative medium.

Entry is Free

Eligibility

The competition is open to all visitors and residents of the Sunshine Coast, Queensland.

Entry Categories Entries can be made in one of the four categories:

Open: Prize

Photography Workshop with Andrew Goodall of Nature's Image Photography - value \$235.

Junior – Primary (Years P-6)

Prize: \$50 Dollarmite Account sponsored by the Commonwealth Bank – Nambour Branch

Middle School (Years 7-9)

Prize: \$50 Youth Saver Account sponsored by Commonwealth Bank – Nambour Branch

Senior School (Years 10-12)

Prize: \$50 Youth Saver Account sponsored by the Commonwealth bank – Nambour Branch

Closing Date:

All entries must be submitted by **4pm Friday September 28, 2012**



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ENTRY FORM

Name of Entrant _____

Contact Address _____

Phone _____ Mobile _____

Email _____

Please indicate the category you are entering by ticking one box below

Open *The term 'years' as it refers to entry categories relates to school year levels.*

Primary School - Years P-6

Middle School – Years 7-9

Senior School – Years 10–12

School

To validate your entry please tick that you have completed the following

I have read & agree to the conditions of entry in the **Important Information for Entrants**

I declare that the subject of the photo constitutes part of, or resides at, the Maroochy Wetlands Sanctuary and was photographed in situ at the Maroochy Wetlands Sanctuary.

I agree to allow the Maroochy Wetlands Sanctuary Support Group Inc. (MWSSGI) to use any images and words submitted by me, for display and promotional purposes including any publications it produces. All proceeds from such purposes will be used solely by the Maroochy Wetlands Sanctuary Support Group Inc. (a not for profit organization) for activities and projects at the Maroochy Wetlands Sanctuary, or at community events in and around Bli Bli and other areas of the Sunshine Coast.
(Copyright will remain with you and you will be acknowledged as the creator of the work).

Submit your entry as outlined in the Important Information for Entrants

You will receive an acknowledgement of your entry by email (or phone if no email)

Caption and Location of photo

Signature..... Parent/Guardian (if Under 18).....