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Every week volunteers from Coolum and North Shore Coast Care take to the beaches and dunes to weed and look after our dunal foreshore areas, and currently they have their sights on eradicating the invasive Asparagus Fern. Recently the group held a big morning of beach and dune weeding and Coast Care members were joined by State Member for Ninderry Dan Purdie and over 30 bags of invasive weeds and debris was collected during the three-hour exercise. Full story on page 2. Photo: Contributed.

Community members called on to form Biosphere reference group

VANESSA BACON-HALL
EDITOR

EXPRESSIONS of interest are now open for members of the Sunshine Coast to nominate for one of the 12 places that will make up the Biosphere Community Reference Group (CRG) which will advise the UNESCO Biosphere nomination for the Sunshine Coast.

Sunshine Coast Mayor Mark Jamieson said a UNESCO Biosphere was a special place.

"Our objectives in pursuing a Biosphere nomination are focussed on preserving our natural landscapes and community liveability; harmonising our economic, social and environmental,"

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ROD STRINGER

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near the bridge, which flanks Stumers Creek as the David Low Way passes overhead.

If you happen to take a stunning pic, or a pic of something you think the community should know about – on either your smart phone or DSLR from anywhere in the region, we would

love to see it. Please send in your ‘pic of the week’ to, editor@coolumadvertiser.com.au and don’t forget to include your name, where the pic was taken and what it is of. tiser.com.au and don’t forget to include your name, where the pic was taken and what it is of.

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IN A BID to continue to improve the recycling habits of Queenslanders, Return-It is providing trailers, free-of-charge to community groups, sporting teams, schools and commercial organisations, to help them raise funds through the Containers for Change scheme.

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“At Return-It, we are always looking for ways to support the community in making a change for good by recycling eligible drink containers and raising much needed funds,” said Return-It Managing Director, David Singh.

“Since the launch of Containers for Change in November 2018, we’ve seen community organisations

including schools, sporting teams and commercial organisations collect large numbers of containers, however they don’t always have the infrastructure to deliver the containers to our Depots.”

“Through our trailer booking program, we wanted to provide access to trailers, Return-It bins and Bulka Bags to make it as easy as possible for our customers to return bulk eligible containers to our Depots, enabling them to access refunds quickly, so they can put the money towards services and goods to support their work and the community,” said David.

The CEO of the not-for-profit which runs the Containers for Change scheme welcomed Return-It’s announcement.

“All operators should provide community infrastructure to help build social enterprise once their turnover reaches five million containers a year,” Ken Noye said. “It’s great to see Return-It reach that goal and start providing this valuable public service.”

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The 22nd of June is the Winter Solstice date being the shortest day of the year. This Solstice is at the height of the yin energy cycle which is a time for gathering energy, rest, renewal, in preparation for the upswing of the yang cycle marked by the coming of spring. The positive energy will become stronger and stronger from the winter solstice on.

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Observations

TONY GIBSON

MARCOOLA RESIDENT WHO IS ACTIVE IN COMMUNITY, BUSINESS, POLITICS AND THE ENVIRONMENT



Life is about contrast

WHAT AWESOME weeks we have been having with sunny and cool days or days of heavy down pours, bursts of sunlight and rainbows. Life is about contrast with the yin and the yang and the hot and the cold and the dry and the wet. It is a mistake to continually make judgements on what is good and bad.

I regularly work with other Coolum and North Shore Coast Carers at Mudjimba and Marcoola pulling out weeds in the

winter sunshine this time of the year. This helps sustain our native plants and animals in our coastal strip. The rain, warmth and sunshine particularly help the native vegetation and wildlife maintaining the wonderful biodiversity.

The coastal rehabilitation work at Mudjimba will be right under the flight path of the proposed new runway at Sunshine Coast Airport, however you have to believe that somehow development and

our natural world can be balanced. Our Coast Carers have been working under the existing flight path at Maroochydore for many years and we get excited when we see a wallaby or turtle tracks.

The impact of an expanded airport operation requires continual monitoring and the input of the entire community. The airport master plan was recently released for consultation and we need to have a say on the plan and future development of

the airport precinct.

Unfortunately, many people will choose not to get involved in major planning decisions like the airport expansion or the proposed biosphere nomination and we will rely on activists who are passionate and who try their best to advocate for community interests.

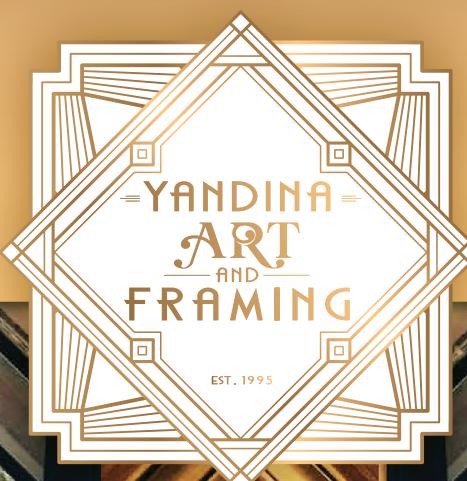
The recent celebrations for World Environment Day at Cotton Tree Park saw many of the activists come together. This is for many activists within the environment an annual opportunity to share and support so many other people with hopes and dreams.

We need people who tend to be dreamers as much as we need people who are more practical in their orientation, with the coming together of peoples being the key.



Tony Gibson (far right) and other Coolum and North Shore Coast Carers at Mudjimba and Maroochydore who volunteer their time pulling out weeds in the winter sunshine. Photo: Contributed

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