



Newsletter
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BCC funds to keep Moreton Cane toad free

Following the finding of a toad on the 16th December 2018, on Moreton Island the Brisbane City Council asked MIPC to submit a proposal with costs for MIPC to undertake activities which would reduce the risk of cane toad introductions to Moreton.

The funded proposals included;

- Reducing the risk of cane toads stowing away on freight going to Moreton by capturing toads from the MICat terminal on the mainland at the Port of Brisbane.
- Searching for toads after rain within townships and campsites by MIPC volunteers
- construction of a toad barrier around the MICat terminal

We were unable to proceed with the cane toad perimeter fence at MICat terminal due to lack of organisational resources to enable planning and construction.

MIPC is very supportive of the BCC approach to

allocate resources to actively decreasing risk of cane toads reaching Moreton Island.

CTD takes up residence on Moreton

Luke Howarth, Federal Member for Petrie, arranged for a grant to provide a Trevor Hassard, a Tangalooma manager/ long time resident with a cane toad dog Reggie on Moreton Island. Trevor and Reggie are able to check freight coming to Tangalooma targeting any high risk materials such as landscaping supplies.

Trevor and dog also check high risk locations where toads are likely to find refuge such as the North Point nursery. The automatic watering system provides a regular water supply for any toads brought to North Point with campers at North Point campground.

Annual General Meeting

1 pm Saturday 9th November 2019

Toowong Community Meeting Place, Josling St, Toowong.

Doors will open at 10 am to set up. Bring a plate to share before the meeting. Tea and coffee provided (note there is no street number – east of Perrin park in BCC depot)

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Statement of Aims

1. To promote the preservation of Moreton Island as a natural area to be managed for public recreation and enjoyment provided always that the recreational uses are consistent with conservation aims.

2. To foster the conservation of the vegetation, fauna and natural features of Moreton.

3. To facilitate public awareness and appreciation of Moreton Island as a natural area and encourage support for its preservation and management in accordance with these objects.

4. To co-operate with, or promote co-operation by any means with and among persons, trusts, corporations, firms, associations, institutions, governments, instrumentalities or government, municipal authorities and other bodies in the Commonwealth or its Territories or elsewhere for the purpose of carrying out any object of the organisation.

5. To oppose any development or usage of Moreton Island which is contrary to the preservation and good management of the island in accordance with these objects.

6. Generally, to take such lawful action as it considers necessary or appropriate in the interests of promoting the preservation and good management of Moreton Island in accordance with these objects.

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Little Sandhills closure

The Restricted Access Area declared in October 2018 remains. There is an unofficial report that skeletal remains were found by a walker. Unofficial reports date the material before European settlement.

Extract from letter from Minister dated 3rd December in the previous newsletter.

“The Restricted Access Area (RAA) is currently temporary for up to six months and until further investigations can be done to refine the scope of the RAA”

Goulds Goanna survey

The BCC has flagged populations of Goulds Goanna as potentially threatened by the establishment of cane toads on Moreton. To validate the spending of resources to decrease risk of cane toads establishing on the Island, the BCC funded MIPC \$10 for each photo of a Goulds Goanna with a geographical location.



A total of 7 Goanna photos and sightings by Chris Adams, Alan and Greg.

Cape Info Centre

13th to 20th January.

Michelle, Judith, Leonie and Helen staffed the Information Centre from 13th to 20th January.

As well as staffing the Centre volunteers worked at the North Point nursery for 26 hours.

Email List

MIPC now has a functioning email list courtesy of Google groups. If you received a hard copy of this newsletter but not a recent email, then advise us by email to

mipcc@moretonisland.org.au

We will continue to send members a hard copy as this the best format to keep members and their friends informed. Two newsletters a year is now the aim, so costs will be nominal. We print extra hard copies to distribute on the MICat, as it is important to get our messages out.

Membership list. The expiry date of your membership according to our records is printed on the address label of your newsletter.

Donations to MIPC

MIPC welcomes your tax deductible donations. These are used solely for conservation activities. Membership is not tax deductible. If you would like to contribute more please add a tax deductible donation with your membership payment.

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Brisbane City Council cane toad detector dog campaign

April 12–17, 2019

Supported by Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS), Tangalooma Resort, MICAT/Moreton Island Adventures and Moreton Island Protection Committee volunteer.

The 6 monthly campaign is undertaken by dog trainer Steve Austin, using specialised Cane Toad Detector Dogs (CTDDs) Becky, Emma, Tommy and trainee, Ziggy. Searches were done through the bulwer, Cowan, Koorinal, camping grounds, Waste Transfer Stations and Tangalooma.

For the first time, with co-operation from the police, cars were checked by the CTD dogs for presence of toads while drivers were waiting to be breathalyzed. This proved an effective way to inform visitors of

the cane free status as well as checking cars and campervans on arrival, before they left the beach.

Promotion, involvement and cooperation from the public in maintaining the “Cane Toad Free Status” of Moreton Island is a big part of the Campaign. During the survey water samples are collected from sites around the Island to be tested for presence of cane toad DNA even after the cane toad has left the water body.

Toads removed from MICat terminal

A total of 154 toads were collected at the MICat terminal, Port of Brisbane on 7 nights from 5th January to 5th June. On the 5th June toads were inactive due to winter and none were found. The collectors Alan and Allan Wright felt that the number of toads correlated with rainfall.

Plantings at Cape carpark

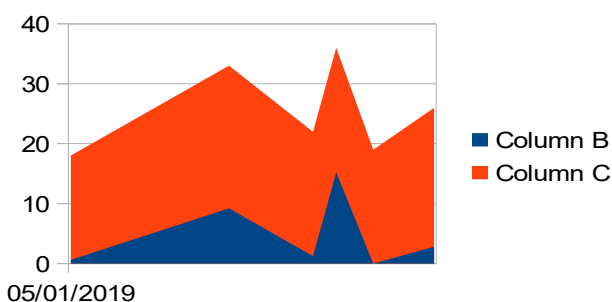
	Casuarina equisetifolia	Pandanus tectorius	Bsnksia integrifolia	Gound cover	Total
2016	120	40			160

Plantings at North Point

2019	Casuarina equisetifolia	Pandanus tectorius	Bsnksia integrifolia	Tuckeroo	Total
1 Mar	57	10		8	75
29 Mar		40			40
1 2 May				25	25
2018	329	39	1	4	373
2017	167		25	10	202
Total to date	553	89	26	47	715

Park Volunteers Hours Jan to Jun 2019

2019	No persons	Weeding hours	Rubbish hours	Propagation hours	Total hours
13-20 Jan	4	1		27	28
1 – 3 Mar	9	4	78	12	94
15 – 17 Mar	11	45	3	85	133
29 – 31 Mar	6	21	1	33	55
10 – 12 May	15	100	4	50	154
Jan to Jun	45	171	86	207	464
2018 totals	108	405	27	426	909
2017 totals	149	750	101	788	1304
2016 totals	130	429	121	491	1041
2015 totals	118	507	0	646	1153
2014 totals	101	277	28	635	1041



Blue: mm of rain for the day of the collection plus the day before.

Red: number of toads collected.

Toads collected 5 Jan–24 April 2019

Total Plantings at The Big Gully plus

2019 nil	Casuarina equisetifolia	Pandanus tectorius	Other	Total
2018	54		58	112
2017	66			66
2016	29	100	148	277
2015	230	134	192	556
2014	487	28	74	589
Total to date	866	262	472	1600

Plantings at Casuarina Grove

2019	Casuarina equisetifolia	Pandanus tectorius	Bsnksia integrifolia	Gound cover	Total
29 Mar	41				41
2018	124				124
2017	37				37
2019	105	14	55		174
Total to date	307	14	55		376

Whats on ... !!!!

Aug 23–25 2019: MIPC hosts QUT Nature Society Volunteers at Blue Lagoon.

Sept 6–8: MIPC hosts Doctors for the Environment at Blue Lagoon. (NB. Fri and Sat departure)

Sept 20–22: Volunteers at Blue Lagoon

Oct 18–20: Volunteers at blue Lagoon

Sat Nov 9: AGM in Toowong

DEPART from 14 Howard Smith Drive, Port of Brisbane **Friday 8.30 am.** Arrive by 7.50 am for orderly loading of luggage. Meet at the back of the Caltex truck stop in Howard Smith Drive, where your luggage can be transferred into a vehicle.

If you are departing Sat 8.30 am, your luggage will travel on the deck of the MICat.

RETURN: departure from The Wrecks: **4.30 pm Sunday.**

BYO sleeping bag, food, plates, mug, cutlery and esky. Camp kitchen and tents with stretchers provided.

Volunteer contact and bookings

****Please book at least 1 week in advance****

Alan 0428783781 (text only please) *or email*

alan@moretonexperience.com

or call MIPC's answering service on 33211463.

Volunteer work at Blue Lagoon

This season work, to be done by volunteers and MIPC, will include planting out at the Cape, propagation at the North Point nursery; weeding Prickly Pear and Mossman River Grass, and collecting rubbish.

Doctors for the Environment, Australia

DEA are returning to volunteer on 6–8 September. Medical students, lecturers and GPs attend, and over the years they have put in a huge voluntary effort. The group is also active in the environmental lobbying of government from a medical perspective.

QUT Nature Club

MIPC volunteer Josie Duigu is bringing the QUT Nature Club on 23–25th August.

Too busy to volunteer? A tax deductible donation to support volunteers is great way to contribute.

Volunteer Costs

Volunteers for 3-day trips pay an annual fee of \$50 as a contribution towards ferry fares for the year. The one-off annual contribution is required when nominating for your first trip. Volunteers who return within 12 months can do so free of charge.

Volunteers attending for 3 days work for 9 hours.

Volunteers for the two-day trip are required to pay a one-off annual fee of \$80. Subsequent trips within the year will require payment of \$40 for each trip. MIPC asks 2-day volunteers to pay a larger portion of their transport costs because volunteers attending for just two days can only complete only 6 hours of work. A 90-minute return trip is required to transfer volunteers arriving on Saturday.

Recreational weekends, Blue Lagoon

Prefer not to volunteer? You are welcome to come on a volunteer weekend. A trip to the Cape is included. Cost: \$180.

Membership form

<p>Name</p> <p>Address.....</p> <p>..... Post code</p> <p>Email</p> <p>Phone..... Mob</p> <p><i>I consent to my photo, taken during MIPC activities, and my name being published in the public domain (cross out if you do not wish photo of you to be published)</i></p> <p>Signed _____ Date ____ / ____ / ____</p>	<p>Annual fee \$10 Household \$15 Pens./Conc. \$5</p> <p>\$..... for years membership.</p> <p>\$..... as a tax deductible donation;</p> <p>Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.</p> <p><small>The MIPC Public Fund is a public fund listed on the Register of Environmental Organisations under item 6.1.1 of subsection 30-55(1) of the <i>Income Tax Assessment Act 1997</i></small></p> <p>Circle method of payment;</p> <p>EFT transfer cheque money order cash</p> <p>BSB 633 000 Bendigo Bank Acct # 141368456</p> <p>Acct Name Moreton Island Protection Committee.</p> <p>Please enter your name in the EFT reference box.</p> <p>Please report EFT payments by email or mail</p> <p>Ph: 3321 1463 answering service only</p> <p>mipc@moretonisland.org.au</p> <p>PO Box 2182 Ashgrove West 4060</p>
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