



## Members Forum - Wednesday, July 24th 7:00PM,

CCC Environment Centre. Guest Speaker **Nathan Johnston**, Executive Officer, Fitzroy Partnership for River Health: <http://riverhealth.org.au/>. The 2010-11 Report Card for Fitzroy Basin ecological health indicators gave a '**C Grade**' and our marine waters were rated as '**Poor**'. Come to hear about how waterways are monitored and grades are determined. R.S.V.P. Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July to [ccc@cqnet.com.au](mailto:ccc@cqnet.com.au), (07) 4927 8644

## Reef Walk 2013 - *Walk to Save the Reef with Footprints for Peace & June Norman*



Join June Norman, a 72 year old great grandmother on Reef Walk 2013 a community walk from Cairns to Gladstone to highlight the value of the Reef and farming and the threats from industrialisation of our Queensland coast from coal and gas exports. The walk started June 1 in Cairns, reaching CQ on 6-9 August and Gladstone 14-15 August. The 1,200 kilometre walk will bring people together from all over the world

and local communities as an effective way to educate ourselves and the public on different environmental, political, social and cultural issues associated with the Reef. For more info, how to get involved, and to register to join the walk: [www.reefwalk2013.com](http://www.reefwalk2013.com) or follow <https://www.facebook.com/Reefwalk2013>

**Local organisers need your help with: Accommodation** for walkers in areas from St Lawrence to The Caves and Bajool to Mt Larcom. This can be a paddock for camping or a local hall. **Community engagement event** in your district or town to share information, stories and meals between walkers and locals. This could be a BBQ, dinner or breakfast hosted by a community group, club, business, school or individual. **Organising community representatives & individuals to join the walk or to walk yourself** (even for a short distance). **Food donations for walkers or sponsorship or any other way you would like to help.** **Local Contacts:** Chantelle 0407 847 327 or Janet 0429 477 985 or [janet-b@hotmail.com](mailto:janet-b@hotmail.com) Organizers for the walk can be contacted by email [reefwalk2013@gmail.com](mailto:reefwalk2013@gmail.com) Enquiries can be directed to: June Norman 0438 169 414 and Karen Allen 0404 965 393

## New Federal Environment Minister

Mark Butler MP (Port Adelaide) has been appointed to federal Minister for Climate Change, Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Water Coordinator Michael McCabe is meeting Mark Butler at the Community Cabinet meeting in Rockhampton on July 16<sup>th</sup> to discuss the *Natural, Cultural & World Heritage Values of Curtis Island* (prepared by John McCabe, Chantelle James) and provide a summary of CQ environmental concerns. Ginny Gerlach also has a meeting with the Minister to impress upon him the critical need to stop port development in the Fitzroy Delta and Keppel Bay. Please write to/email the Hon. Mark Butler with you thought on how the federal government needs to step up to the plate to prevent the Queensland Government onslaught on environmental protections. [Link: Senators and Members.](#)

## CCC 2013 Management Committee

CCC's very busy year was reviewed at the 2013 CCC AGM. Here's a summary of the annual report. Our membership remains strong with 150 current members with diverse interests from throughout the region. CCC supported formation of Gladstone Conservation Council and will continue to support them with the enormous environmental matters confronting that region. Our Biodiversity Education project has been established and resources featuring the special bioregions in CQ are currently being

finalised by Andrew Dinwoodie and Marnie Augustyn. CCC facilities used for various events throughout the year amount environmental awareness attended by over 1000 people, e.g. *Bimblebox* screening, *Richland Waste Land* book launch as well as use by community interest groups like Frog Society of Qld and Birdlife Australia (Capricornia). There were five editions of *Topic of Capricorn* and 50+ articles and interviews in the media last year. CCC prepared 22 reports for proposed projects throughout the state. Much of our activity has continued the push for better assessment of cumulative impacts of projects. The volume of projects and more recently the Queensland Government's roll-back of environmental laws have necessitated a re-prioritisation of our activities.

A stronger focus will be put on engaging the community in valuing and appreciating nature and understanding the threats to our remaining habitats and species. Unless we can inspire individuals and the broader community to speak up about nature conservation, healthy waterways and the Great Barrier Reef our governments and corporations will figuratively and literally 'bulldoze' projects straight through what's left.

Congratulation to the following members elected to the management committee:

**President** - Paul Bambrick      **Vice President** - Bethlea Bell  
**Treasurer** - Ian Herbert      **Secretary** - Lauren Hunt  
**Committee** - Janet Barratt, Kim Bedwell, John McCabe, Stephen Heyer

## Bum breathing turtle helps teachers with literacy

Fitzroy Basin Association Inc. is helping teachers do what they do best, educate children, with the release of a literacy pack to accompany FBA's new children's book, 'Oh Dear, That's My Rear'! This cleverly written and beautifully illustrated book tells the tale of a Fitzroy River Turtle, a vulnerable species found only in the creeks and rivers of the Fitzroy Basin with a very unique ability – it can breathe through its bum! 'Oh Dear, That's My Rear' was written with direct Australian Curriculum content in mind and will be an excellent addition to Science Units delving into endangered animals, human impacts on habitats and animals, local area study and features of animals. Literacy Packs include a set of six high quality hard cover books and two sets of literacy activity cards for only \$79.99. The turtle tale will appeal to students from seven to 10 years of age and older, with the literacy packs scope from Grade three to 10. Literacy packs are only available through [CQUni Bookshop](#) (including online shop), and Capricorn Educational Resources and FLOW Visitors Centre

## National Tree Day activities on Sunday 28th July

Mulambin Beach ( Opposite Blue Water Boulevard ). This is a fantastic opportunity to display and promote your group/agency. The event starts at 9am ended with a sausage sizzle at midday but would suggest that if your group wishes to attend come a little earlier to set up. This year we intend to install 1000 native plants grown at the Council Community Nursery in Yeppoon. In addition to the sausage sizzle there will be light refreshments, give always and entertainment ( Men of Country ). The event is proudly supported by Planet ARK, Ian Weigh Toyota and Rockhampton Regional Council. Please wear covered footwear, hat and gloves. Hope to see you all there. Paddy Delalande Vegetation Rehabilitation Officer Rockhampton Regional Council Phone: 1300 22 55 77 Fax: 1300 22 55 79 E-mail: [Paddy.Delalande@rrc.qld.gov.au](mailto:Paddy.Delalande@rrc.qld.gov.au)

*Want to help our environment? Join up for Beachcare! -Volunteer Now!*

## CCC Membership form attached if you haven't yet renewed for 2013-2014



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If you wish to help CCC projects by regular tax deductible donations (EFT, payroll), please contact us.

Signature: .....

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Please post or email (e.g. for EFT payments) to:

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