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**June Norman**, a 72 year-old great-grandmother with a passion for the Great Barrier Reef, is walking 1,200 kilometres from Cairns to Gladstone to raise awareness of the urgent need to protect the Reef for future generations. June and her fellow walkers arrive in Rockhampton, via The Caves, on **Tuesday August 6**, stopping at Kershaw Gardens before continuing to Keppel Sands, Emu Park and Rosslyn Bay for community events. Reef Walk 2013 is a 77 day walking adventure organised by Footprints for Peace<sup>1</sup> and Friends of the Earth<sup>2</sup>. June previously walked the 500k gas pipeline route from Dalby to Gladstone to meet the UNESCO World Heritage Mission. The public is invited to join Reef Walk 2013 or to welcome June to CQ and celebrate our amazing Reef at community events between **August 6<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>**. **Rockhampton and Capricorn Coast** event details are available at [Reef Walk 2013 in CQ](#) . Follow or Join Reef Walk 2013 at <http://reefwalk2013.com/> .

## Village Festival

The **Village Festival** Yeppoon 16-18th August, is hosting a **Greenhouse** venue for environmental displays and talks. CCC will present sessions featuring Biodiversity in Central Queensland. Contact CCC (4927 8644) if you can volunteer to help set up on Friday and help with the CCC stall during the weekend. <http://www.thevillagefestival.org.au/>

## State Government Community Cabinet

Gladstone 25 - 26 August.

CCC has requested a meeting to discuss the implementation of environmental offsets required by the conditions on the Curtis Island LNG and Western basin Dredging and Disposal approvals. Formal meetings by appointment only: [Link/community-cabinet/](#). To book a meeting complete and return the [Formal Meeting Request Form](#) by midday **Wednesday 14 August 2013**. Contact: Department of the Premier and Cabinet - telephone 1800 448 377 or 1800 448 378, or website [www.thepremier.qld.gov.au](http://www.thepremier.qld.gov.au)

## CCC Members Forum

Yeppoon **Monday 16th September**, Community Development Centre. **Topic:** Coastal Development, urban expansion, Coal, Mineral and Petroleum (CSG) exploration on the coast.



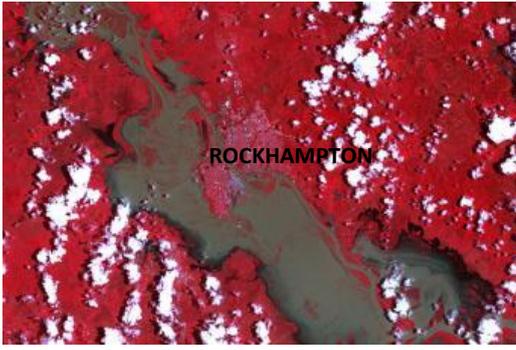
## Food chains at risk - krill threat from heat and acidification

Krill are found in the Southern Ocean in swarms hundreds of kilometres in length. They form the basis of food chains some of which lead to seals, whales and penguins. Research at the Australian Antarctic Division in Hobart has exposed the threat to krill as ocean temperatures rise and acidity increases due to atmospheric carbon dioxide dissolving in seawater. It has been found the eggs of krill will be most vulnerable to the altered conditions. Link: [ABC RN/Science Show/](#)

<sup>1</sup> <http://footprints.footprintsforpeace.net/>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.brisbane.foe.org.au/>

## Can Rockhampton be Flood-proofed?



NASA IMAGE 2011 FITZROY FLOOD:-Major Fitzroy Floods:1918 (10.1m), 1954 (9.4), 1991 (9.3), 2011 (9.2m). Possible Maximum Flood (12.0m) Proposed Depot Hill Flood Levee (9.7m). Climate change prediction (10.6m)<sup>3</sup> Flood Study Report Fitzroy River Flood Study RRC, July 2011

What do you think about spending \$39m on a 9.7m flood levee? [Morning Bulletin link](#) . RRC has climate models suggesting major floods heights will increase by 0.5 metre\*. Based on previous major floods, the levee would be frequently overtopped. Hydrologists predict (Qld. Flood Inquiry) that the maximum possible extreme Fitzroy Flood could reach **12 metres**. Also, how would stormwater gates work during a simultaneous heavy rain event, e.g., post-Cyclone Oswald? What are the ecological consequences of redirecting flood waters to the floodplain and wetland habitats? Contact the Mayor and MPs if you think the money could be better spent. (\*add ½ metre to heights below)

## Your input needed to create draft water resources plan

To have your say on the coastal waterways, visit <http://www.fba.org.au/tell-us-how-you-value-coastal-waterways/> and reply by **September 13**. Link-[Morning Bulletin story](#)

## Ban Helium Balloons



Keep Australia Beautiful wants helium balloons banned in QLD. Balloons are a common source of litter found in waterways being a serious threat to marine and wildlife. When deflated balloons are floating in waterways they can be ingested by marine life such as turtles, fish and dolphins. Vote at: [themorningbulletin/ban-helium-balloons](http://themorningbulletin.com/ban-helium-balloons) and write to your MPs.

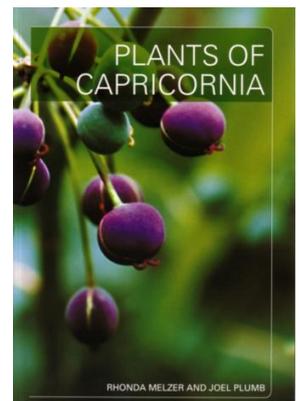
## Don't Speed



High speeds are a **hazard to wildlife**. In Tasmania night time speed limits are reduced to protect nocturnal animals like wombats and Tassie Devils. Fuel consumption + CO2 emissions increase significantly over 90 km/h. At 110 km/h your car uses up to 25 per cent more fuel than cruising at 90 km/h<sup>4</sup> -optimum fuel economy occurs between 50km/h and 70km/h<sup>5</sup> The State Government is conducting a **Speed Limit Review** – Send in your comments on the environmental aspects of speeding. The online survey or written feedback is due by **September 13<sup>th</sup>**. [TMR/Speed Limit Review](#)

## "Plants of Capricornia" by Melzer and Plumb

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<sup>4</sup> [environment/fuelguide/tips.html](#) or [racg/car\\_fact\\_sheets/fuel\\_economy](#)

<sup>5</sup> [http://www.goodyear.eu/home\\_en/tire-advice/safe-driving/driving-tips/fuel-saving-tips.jsp](http://www.goodyear.eu/home_en/tire-advice/safe-driving/driving-tips/fuel-saving-tips.jsp)