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**A renewable energy future** – a presentation by Brad Shultz, **Beyond Zero Emissions**. Brad is a Mechatronic Engineer who works on improving energy efficiency in large buildings and small scale renewable energy in Nepal. Brad has volunteered with BZE for the last 3 years presenting a vision for a Zero Carbon Australia\*. He was also a contributor to BZE's recently released Buildings Plan. The presentation will be followed by discussion on advancing knowledge and opportunities for sustainable energy options in Central Queensland.

\* <https://bze.org.au/zero-carbon-australia/stationary-energy-plan>

CCC Environment Centre, Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>

6:00 - 7:00PM

**Marine Debris Blitz** There has been a wonderful response from the community with recent marine debris blitz's. Marine debris collected included rope, fishing line, netting, plastic bottles of all sizes and shapes, fibreglass and styrofoam chunks, thongs and masses of small pieces of plastic. FRCC and FBA are planning a regional marine debris challenge from Canoe Point, Tannum Sands to Sandy Point, Yeppoon scheduled for **21**



**June 2014**. To get involved phone 4921 0573 or [admin@frcc.org.au](mailto:admin@frcc.org.au)

About 20 percent of the plastic in the oceans comes from ships or offshore platforms; the rest is blown, washed off the land or intentionally dumped in the sea, big pieces of plastic look like jellyfish or squid, while small pieces look like fish eggs, so marine creatures eat the plastic debris mistaking it for food.

<http://www.projectgreenbag.com/how-does-plastic-get-into-the-ocean/>

## Coastal Environmental Volunteer Call to Action

Julian Reid PhD Candidate CQ University (Noosa) is exploring the leadership, management, culture and community interaction and volunteer experience of voluntary coastal environmental organisations. The focus of his research is driven by concern for the wellbeing of our coastal zone that is at the very heart of our own wellbeing. Increasing coastal population growth, economic growth and a climate of increasing variability will continue to create adverse pressures on coastal ecosystems. Research indicates that most of our population is interested in environmental issues and yet few of us volunteer for coastal restoration, monitoring, education, advocacy and sustainability activities. I wish to improve volunteer recruitment, retention, and local community engagement so as to improve the capacity of these voluntary organisations to tackle future coastal environmental challenges. This online survey is seeking answers about their volunteer experience. By participating in this research volunteers have the opportunity to make an invaluable contribution to all life in our coastal environments. The survey can be accessed now at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CEVSurvey> or you can email [j.reid2@cqu.edu.au](mailto:j.reid2@cqu.edu.au) for a hard copy of the survey. Julian welcome contact me about my research. **Julian Reid**, PhD Candidate, CQ University (Noosa)

## Abbot Point Coal future

<http://www.themorningbulletin.com.au/news/deutsche-bank-pulls-funding-abbot-pt-save-reef/2267609/>

Deutsche Bank confirms it won't fund Abbot Point expansion Last night, Deutsche Bank Co-Chair Juergen Fitschen said the bank would not consider applications for Abbot Point. "As there is clearly no consensus between the Australian Government and the UNESCO, regarding the impacts of the Abbot Point expansion on the Reef, we will not consider financial applications for an expansion of Abbot Point," Mr Fitschen said.

# Coordinators Diary – April-May

## 1. EIS and other Submissions

- EIS and Other Submissions upcoming
  - Boundary Hill Project (Callide)
  - Teresa Coal EIS 4 April
  - Land and other Legislation Bill 4 April
  - Rolleston Coal
  - South Rockhampton Flood Levee briefing
  - Qld Waste Strategy
  - Taraborah Coal
  - Senate GBR Inquiry
  - EHP Water Quality Values Styx to Curtis
  - Ethanol Bill – 30 June
  - Lower Fitzroy Infrastructure Project EIS? Nathan Dam EIS?

## 2. Membership

- 143 current – 98 due for renewal before AGM

## 3. Projects

- *Topic of Capricorn*
- CQ Renewable Energy interest group
- Haigh Park - future carpark?
- Green Corridors (Creek Group revival)
- Review CCC internet plan
- Sustainable energy in CQ – David McRae, BZE Australia (Skype meeting June 10<sup>th</sup>)
- Climate Movement – ‘GoTo’ meeting
- Capricorn Naturally – volunteer support
- Queensland Globe – GIS training
- EHP-QCC Roundtable/ QCC General meeting
- CQU link with CCC; Bret Heath, internships, memberships for students, projects

## 4. Community/Network Engagement

- Earth Hour documentary screening 29 March
- Meet RRC Planning Director (Fri 2 May)

- CQ Economic Forecast, business breakfast
- Cap Coast LMAC: WQ, Tilapia, Plastic Bag Free, Middle Island Underwater Observatory

## 5. Media

- ABC Lateline – GKI Tower Holdings, Greg Norman seeking investors
- ABC Radio – Auditor General criticism of EHP
- Morning Bulletin – CCC Coal policy, community coalition paper
- Fitzroy Terminal Project EIS lapses (ABC Capricornia and Seven Local News); May 7<sup>th</sup>
- Fishermans Landing Bund Wall Inquiry report (Seven Local News, ABC Drive) May 9<sup>th</sup>
- Galilee Basin State Development Area (Seven Local News) May 22<sup>nd</sup>

## 6. Planning/Ongoing-next month and beyond

- Charities Commission report due (end of f/y)
- Biodiversity Education – workshops, publications, web
- BZE sustainable stationery energy options (Tuesday June 10<sup>th</sup>)
- GHHP-Independent Science Panel (June 17<sup>th</sup>)
- GREAN (June 19<sup>th</sup>)
- CCC AGM (June 25<sup>th</sup>)
- Wycarbah Landcare – EHP guest (June 27<sup>th</sup>)
- CCC Budget – beyond June 2015?

**CCC will soon be launching a regular newsletter focussed on sustainable energy options and how Central Queensland can be a leader in adoption**

## CQ Economic Forecast

Global economic trends and implications for the CQ presented by an AICD<sup>1</sup> economist at a recent business breakfast referred to; “continuing market volatility, gas market forces, sagging iron ore prices, loss making coal mines, stubbornly high Australian dollar and a decline in local manufacturing and overseas tourist visitation. CCC asked: *With the resources sector in the doldrums, gas industry yet to be proven, the electricity industry concerned about reduced demand and increasing infrastructure costs, what advice would you give people and regions about investment possibilities in sustainable energy options, associated research and job opportunities?*

**Short answer:** “Tough question: Coal is being mined at below cost price, some coal companies will drop out but iron ore is still OK at ~\$100 per tonne.” The central question about investment in sustainable energy, research and jobs was avoided. We have known the harmful & unsustainable nature of fossil fuel use for over 40 years. The solutions have become more evident and affordable in the past ten, yet our governments and corporate ‘leaders’ are stuck in mid industrial revolution mindsets. The community has greater power to adopt new technology and make energy and consumption choices and demand change. The next 10-20 years are crucial for reducing global greenhouse gas emissions. Be informed and raise your voice against vested interests. Personal choices in energy use & superannuation investments will force market and policy change.

## NOTICE

**Capricorn Conservation Council - 2014 Annual General Meeting**

**Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> June – 07:00PM**

**Committee Nominations Welcome**

2014-15 Membership Form attached – Invite Family and Friends to join the fight to protect nature

<sup>1</sup> Australian Institute of Company Directors

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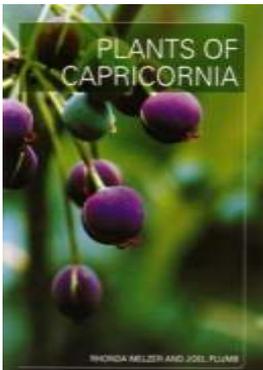
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- Keys to species in each genus
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