



Dear friend,

Welcome to your mid-month edition of *Paperbark*! With so much activity and urgent calls to action, it just couldn't wait until the end of the month.

...Also, I'm heading off on a road trip on Monday, and wanted to leave you with a good read and actions to take as a parting gift.

It's always a delight to greet new members, and this month we welcome Amélie, Adam, Andrew and Scott! It's great to have you on board.

We look forward to gathering with our members at our AGM in late September (you'll have to read on for the details), but we've got a choc-full calendar of events and campaign actions before then to keep us busy!

Expect to hear less from me in the second half of August as I explore the NT! I'll be back in action on Friday 4th Sept.

Thanks for all that you do! Please enjoy the read.

- Crystal, NQCC Coordinator



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HIGHLIGHTS



Kids Speak Up

The highlight of the past few weeks has been our screening of *Future Council*, which wrapped up our youth workshop series around the environmental issues closest to their hearts.

The film itself was inspiring, but the best part was seeing just how committed kids are to building a better future! Their [letter to decision-makers](#) currently has 21 youth signatures - can you help us get more??

READ MORE & TAKE ACTION



Thanks, Maddie!

Over the past few months, we've enjoyed having Madeline working with us, as she completed her JCU work placement.

Throughout her 100 hours, she's sharpened skills in science communication, report writing and community engagement, and improved her understanding of environmental approvals processes.

She's also contributed to our projects and events, trying her hand at a wide range of tasks. We wish her the best of luck with her final exams!

TAKE ACTION!



Fight the Bill!

Very soon, Qld MPs will vote on a Bill that would give the government power to fast-track major projects. This would:

weaken environmental protections, reduce community consultation, and threaten cultural, agricultural and property rights.

It's the last thing we need in a biodiversity crisis.

Please help us put pressure on MPs! We've compiled some [useful information here](#) and QCC has a template to send your message.

EMAIL YOUR MP!

Sea Dumping



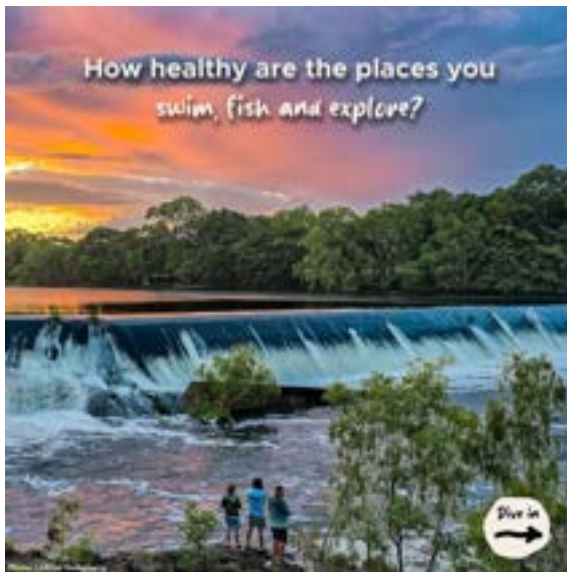
The Port of Townsville is seeking community feedback on an application for a new 10-year sea dumping permit to allow the continued placement of maintenance dredged material at the existing area in Cleveland Bay.

You can have your say until **Tuesday 25 August**.

MINCA holds a wealth of knowledge on this matter, and their concerns and talking points can be found [here](#).

LEARN MORE & HAVE YOUR SAY

COMING UP



Green Drinks

Our upcoming Green Drinks features the [Healthy Waters Partnership for the Dry Tropics](#), who are keen to dive into the details of their latest *Waterways Report Card*!

It's always a great discussion, and we hope you can join us! Newcomers always welcome. Why not [invite a friend](#) via Facebook?

Green Drinks Networking Event
6-8pm Tues 11 August
Grill'd South Townsville

RSVP HERE



Garden Fair: Help Wanted!

Volunteers are taking our Greening for Shade campaign to the [Bluewater Gardening Fair & Flower Show](#)!

Help us connect with the community through friendly conversations in beautiful Bluewater! Could you lend a hand for a few hours this Saturday?

Greening Market Stall
8.30am-2.30pm Saturday 15 August
Bluewater State School, Buckby St

SIGN UP FOR A SHIFT

Stand Together



Join members from all across our community as we hold decision-makers accountable for the common good! Our key issue areas are:

Housing
Resilience in extreme heat
Community connectedness

We'd love it if you could come wearing an NQCC t-shirt or something that helps identify you with our organisation.

Community Alliance Assembly
6.30-8pm Thursday 3 Sept
Mount Louisa Community Church

LEARN MORE & REGISTER

AGM Date Saver



Our AGMs are always a delight - we've even been told they're the best in town!

Please save the date and join us for an evening to celebrate our achievements, connect with each other and plan for the future.

Non-members are welcome to attend as guests, so if you want to dip your toes, please come along!

Annual General Meeting
5.30pm Tuesday 29th Sept
114 Boundary St, Railway Estate

RSVP

OTHER COOL STUFF



Bush Alchemy

Celebrate Science Week with Bush Alchemy – Exploring Indigenous botanicals and bushtucker in spirits.

You're invited to join a 90-minute deep-dive into the science, culture, and flavour of Australia's native botanicals with Clair Ryder and special guest Uncle Russell Butler.

Science Week Event

Sat 22nd August, 11am and 1pm
Riverside Gardens Community Centre

REGISTER FOR FREE



Vote for NQCC this September!

We're delighted to have a Local Matters fundraising jar at Grill'd in Palmer St, South Townsville for the month of September.

If you needed an excuse to take friends or family out for a burger (or salad) next month, look no further! You'd be doing it for a good cause.

Did You Know...?

NQCC membership is pay-as-you wish. That's right - you choose your annual contribution!

We even have a no-fee option to recognise financial hardship.

Signing up is easy and secure, and your membership strengthens our voice!

After signing up, you'll land on our donation page where you can make a secure one-off (or monthly!) tax-deductible donation. This is entirely optional, and we appreciate support in all forms.

BECOME A MEMBER

Do you have something you'd like to see in our next edition of *Paperbark*? Reply to this email with all the details!

We work on the lands of the Wulgurukaba and Bindal Peoples, and acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of all North Queensland nations. First Nations sovereignty was never ceded. North Queensland always was and always will be Aboriginal land.

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