



Dear Friend,

It's been a full timetable of action since the last edition of *Paperbark*, with everything from protests, assemblies and submissions, to stalls, networking events, volunteer meetings and even a tilapia takedown!

Thank you to everyone who contributed along the way!

A particular highlight of course was our AGM, where we shared our achievements and our plans, and elected the Management Committee for the year ahead. Couldn't join us? [Read about it here!](#)

October is shaping up to be another exciting month indeed. Whether you're keen to remove rubbish from a local waterway, support our fundraising, connect our community with our campaigns or make submissions to government, we've got something for you this month!

Thank you for whatever action you take this October. It all matters!

- Crystal, NQCC Coordinator



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Welcome to our new members:

Emma, Jacqui, Greg, John, Sarah and Claire!

And thank you to those who signed up in the latter half of September, to be officially endorsed this month!

RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

Exploring Waterway Health at Green + Blue Drinks



Putting Power Grabs in the Media



Campaigning in Bluewater



Standing with our Community





Creating More Coral Sea Sanctuaries



Scheming for Greening



Strengthening the NQ Regional Plan



Strategic Planning for NQCC's Future



Adding Colour to the Tilapia Takedown



Connecting at our AGM



GET INVOLVED!

Trivia is Coming!



Our famous Trivia Fundraiser is locked in for **Saturday 21 November** and we need volunteers to pull it all together!

Maybe you're a logistics whiz, or can connect us with some great prizes. Perhaps you have a creative flair that we could use? If you have time, we have a role for you!

Don't worry, volunteering doesn't necessarily exclude you from playing!

What: Volunteer meeting
When: 3.30-5pm Friday 9 Oct
Where: NQCC office

RSVP TO THE VOLUNTEER MEETING



Renewables Workshop

How do we harness our region's exceptional renewable energy potential while respecting Country and community?

We hope you can join us for this interactive workshop, where we'll be sharing what we've learned through our [*Mapping our Energy Future*](#) project - and seeking your thoughts on what comes next.

What: In-person workshop

When: 8.45 - 11am Friday 16 Oct

Where: Arcadian Surf Club, the Strand

LEARN MORE & REGISTER

GBR Clean Up



Tangaroa Blue Foundation's *Great Barrier Reef Clean Up* is back - and we're excited to get in on the action!

Spend a Sunday morning in nature with community-minded locals, removing litter from the edges of Ross Creek in Lou Lister Park, opposite Officeworks.

All rubbish collected will be sorted, counted and weighed, contributing to vital citizen science data!

What: Community clean up event

When: 8 - 10am Sunday 18 Oct

Where: Lou Lister Park

REGISTER FOR THE CLEAN UP

Green Drinks



Did you know that only 8.3% of our beautiful state is protected? We want to see this number doubled, and we know it's possible!

Come along to Green Drinks to meet Matt Prisk - Queensland Conservation Council's Outdoor Community Campaigner. Matt and his colleagues have been building momentum to **Protect Beautiful Queensland** in SEQ, and now we're kicking things off up here in tropical North Queensland!

What: Green Drinks

When: 6-8pm Thursday 22 Oct

Where: Grill'd, South Townsville

RSVP TO GREEN DRINKS

PBQ at Cotters



If you're inspired at our October Green Drinks, join us the following Sunday at Cotters Market!

We'll be sharing our love for North Queensland's beautiful places and garnering support for their protection. And yes - all volunteers will be provided with their very own Protect Beautiful Queensland t-shirt!

SIGN UP FOR A SHIFT

TAKE ACTION



State Planning

Nothing sexy to see here, but this is quite important - particularly as Queensland adapts to a changing climate!

Submissions to the Draft State Planning Policy are due on the 26th of October. We're drafting a submission that calls for stronger considerations for extreme heat, social equity and nature-based solutions. If you'd like to help, we'd love to hear from you!

DIVE ON IN!



Mining Objections Matter

In another blow to community rights to defend nature, culture and heritage, the State Government wants to reduce objection rights for those who live 125km or more away from a mining project.

NQCC represents a mineral-rich region that spans 900km, and our right to object to mining projects on behalf of the environment is at risk. **Can you take action today?**

[EDO's Briefing Note](#) is helpful if making a submission!

SIGN THIS PETITION

CALL YOUR MP

MAKE A SUBMISSION

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Read: [Queensland Critical Minerals Bill 2026: What You Need to Know](#)

Read: [Ecohydrology Factors in the Environmental Degradation and Restoration of an Urbanised Lagoon on Magnetic Island \(Yunbenun\), a World Heritage Area Fringing the Great Barrier Reef](#)

Explore: [Reef 2050 Catchment Water Quality Strategy](#)

Watch: [State of Seagrass Restoration](#)

Register: [First Nations Craft and Yarn](#)

REMEMBERING



NQCC mourns the loss of former member, donor and volunteer, Jo Wieneke, who passed away last month. Renowned as one of the north's most knowledgeable birders, Jo was passionate about conservation and active in many campaigns to protect habitats and landscapes from rampant and damaging development. Her knowledge, experience and the connections she built with local agencies and decision-makers were invaluable in promoting conservation in our region.

READ MORE ABOUT JO HERE



From our friends at NQ Wildlife Care:

Council has finalised a memorial for Jenny Sebba at Anderson Gardens. It consists of a very comfy bench with a plaque, a tree and some lovely landscaping situated in a very nice and accessible spot in front of one of the ponds. Jenny would have loved it!

Jenny's friends will be meeting there on **Wednesday 7 October at 10am.**

Please come along and bring a small plate to share. If you are not available, make sure you take a stroll around the Gardens any time and sit on Jenny's bench to reflect on the life of this extraordinary woman.

[Read Townsville City Council's article here.](#)

BECOME A MEMBER

DONATE

VOLUNTEER

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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