

Dear Friend,

It's only been three weeks since the last *Paperbark*, but my gosh has it been busy! While NQCC's powerhouse president, Tamara, is advocating for climate justice at COP31 in Türkiye, we've been bringing people together to boldly stand up and take action for our beautiful corner of the world.

Thanks to our strong alliances and a mammoth volunteer effort, we've continued to punch well above our weight this month!

Our presence in the media and in the community have helped connect more people with our mission, while our advocacy has continued behind the scenes in the form of submissions, meetings and workshops.

All of this has been against the backdrop of an increasingly hostile suite of legislative changes that are slowly removing all mention of climate change, First Nations interests and community rights.

If, like me, you've been feeling angry, exhausted and a little hot and bothered, I invite you to our annual fundraising Trivia on the 21st of November. It's guaranteed to lift our spirits! Please don't delay in pulling your team together - we all know how fast the end of the year goes by. 🙃

It really takes a community to do what we do, so thank you.

- Crystal, NQCC Coordinator



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Welcome to our new members:
Isabella, Daniel, Tina, Christine, Amanda and Andrew!

Not a member yet? **Sign up here!**

WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO

Protecting Mining Objection Rights ✊



All over the state, protests and media actions have been staged, drawing attention on the Qld Government's latest attempt to kill community rights and environmental protections.

Thank you to everyone who has signed the petition, turned out in person or supported us online! It's not too late to email your State MP and let them know your thoughts.

Tomorrow, colleagues will provide evidence at a public hearing while protesters stand outside parliament. We stand with them from NQ!

READ THE BULLY ARTICLE

Putting Heat in the Spotlight 🥵



With plentiful information on flood and cyclone preparedness at Townsville City Council's **Get Ready Day,** so many locals were surprised to learn that heatwaves kill more Queenslanders than all other natural disasters combined.

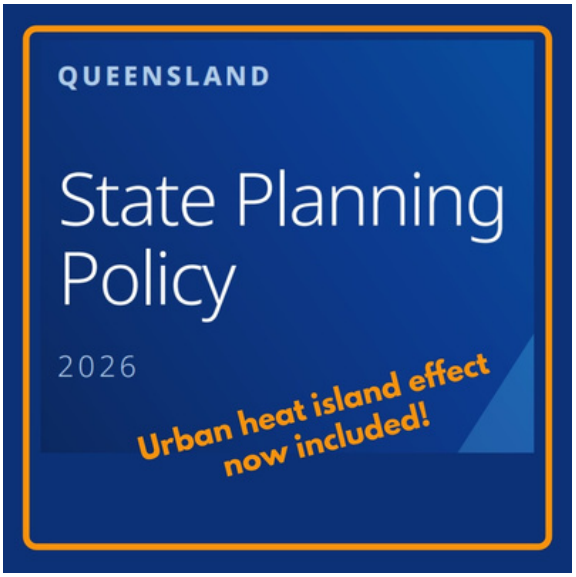
Thank you to Monita, Natalia, Anne and Luna for allowing us to have so many great conversations! We shared information with community members and other organisations, while garnering local support for our **Greening for Shade campaign**.



Several months ago, we talked to an ABC journalist about our campaign to have worsening heat better recognised in planning, with a focus on nature-based solutions for climate adaptation.

The story was released this month, featuring local botanist Chris Kahler and coinciding with the review of Queensland's State Planning Policy.

Watch | **Read** | **Listen**



We've recommended a raft of changes to the Draft State Planning Policy, but one thing we can celebrate is the new consideration that must be given to the adverse impacts of the urban heat island effect!

This comes after years of lobbying, alongside Regional Conservation Councils from across the state, and we're grateful to everyone who has supported this work along the way!

Click here to read more about what our submission entailed.

Protecting Beautiful Qld 🌿



Qld Conservation Council's Matt Prisk joined our October Green Drinks to share why it's so important to double Queensland's protected areas by 2030.

Protect Beautiful Queensland is driven by an alliance of organisations from across the state, and NQCC is proud to be a new member!

Thank you to everyone who turned out to give Matt and the campaign a warm welcome!



The next logical step of course, was to take the campaign a little wider into the community...

Thank you to Monita, Rooka, Carolyn, David and Chris for lending a hand at Cotters Market to inspire locals to join the campaign!

Seven locals agreed to be "interviewed" on camera about the importance of nature and protected areas. Follow Protect Beautiful Qld on Instagram to see the videos as they come out!

Rescuing Rubbish from the Ross! 💪



Our Great Barrier Reef Clean Up saw 15 volunteers rescue 98.7kg of rubbish from Ross Creek! We found...

315 cigarette butts
9 syringes
180 plastic bottle caps
>2000 pieces of plastic
46 bait bags
171 cable ties
114m of fishing line
177 pieces of broken glass
140 scraps of metal... and much more!

Check out this cool video that one of our talented volunteers put together!

GET INVOLVED!



It's Almost Trivia Time!

Tickets for our famousTriviaFundraiserareonsalenow.Thatmeansit's time to get your team together!

Gather a table of up to 8 people for $150, or grab a single ticket for $25 and we'll match you with a team.

Can't join the fun? Support our Mega Raffle!

Raffle tickets are $5, or you can buy a bundle and save. The raffle is drawn on Trivia night. You don't have to be present to claim your prize, but you do need to be in it to win it!

What: Trivia Night Fundraiser
When: 5.30pm Saturday 21 November
Where: Townsville Senior Citizens Hall, Belgian Gardens

BOOK YOUR SPOT!

BUY RAFFLE TICKETS!

VOLUNTEER!

TAKE ACTION

Townsville City Council Community Scorecard

This is an opportunity to uplift the value of our local ecosystems and biodiversity, along with any suggestions you think would make life healthier for its human and non-human inhabitants.

Complete the survey here by Friday 30 October.

Draft Code of Conduct for Renewable Energy Developers

The Queensland Government has drafted a code of conduct to set expectations for behaviour for large-scale renewable energy developers.

Go here to provide feedback by Saturday 31 October.

Rowes Bay to Pallarenda Shoreline Erosion Management Plan (SEMP) Review

Our submission to the first phase of consultation called for better incorporation of climate change projections and a focus on nature-based solutions.

Go here to have your say by Monday 9 November.

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!

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