



# MangroveWatch

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June/July  
Monitoring



Propagules of the grey mangrove *Avicennia marina* typically appear from May-October. Some trees in Moreton Bay are in fruit and ready to disperse right now. Look for them at your site.

Photo: Chris Pfitzner

Winter is here and so is monitoring time!

If you haven't already, take a look at the tide times on back page and make contact with your fellow MangroveWatch crew members and book a kit.

Keep a look out during your monitoring this season to see if your *Avicennia marina* are in fruit (see above). I've noticed some propagules ready for release but not very many and in some places I haven't found any. I'd be interested to know if there are any on the trees at your site. Also just a reminder to keep an eye out for albino propagules (they will be yellow or red).

A big welcome to the new volunteers at the Lota site, we had a great training day recently and learnt to appreciate the unique challenges that come with a low canopy. I will be running a refresher training day for the Ormiston crew at the end of July, if you are part of another crew and would like to come along for a refresher, just let me know.

Thank you to everyone who is volunteering their time to take part in the program.

I look forward to seeing you all again soon

*Happy Mangrove-Watching,*

*Chris*

**June and July is MangroveWatch  
Monitoring time. Now is the time  
to:**

- Make contact with your fellow MangroveWatch crew members. Contact Chris if you don't have their details.
- Check the tides on the back page and book your monitoring kit.
- Pass on this newsletter to anyone you think might be interested in volunteering for the program.
- Please photograph anything unusual on your monitoring visit with the camera provided.

NOTE: Photos taken on the monitoring camera may be used for promotional purposes. Please contact Chris if you don't wish your photo to be used.

- If you come across injured, stranded or dead marine animals, please call 1300 130 372 to report.
- Pick up kits from QPWS office  
34 Trafalgar St, Manly, via Fairlead Cr. Beside Moreton Bay Trailer Boat Club.

**Bookings essential.**

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# Volunteer Profile Maureen Tottenham



**'for some reason I always end up the dirtiest on the team'**

I've always been a busy person. Growing up on the southside of Brisbane, I was always into sports - netball, tennis, indoor cricket to name just a few. Actually I was a pretty good goal shooter back then and represented Queensland in the Queensland Catholic Netball team. I now live in the eastside of Brisbane and have been there for 19 years.

Over the years I've been involved in lots of community volunteer work and fundraising. Although helping out following the 1974 floods was a memorable time, my best experience as a volunteer would have to be Expo 88 where I worked in the China Pavilion for 504 hours. These days I'm involved in many groups, all associated with environmental protection. I think we all need to take a personal interest in and responsibility for the environment to ensure that we appreciate what we have and leave a better place for future generations.

***'Reduce, Reuse and Recycle and think about what goes into landfill'***

For the past seven years, I've been Treasurer for the Wildlife Preservation Society Queensland- Bayside Branch (WPSQ BB). I'm also a member of the Eprapah Enviro and Luke Street Thornlands Bushcare groups. This means I'm often out and about pulling weeds or planting trees in the bush. Many of the activities I join enable me to learn something about the local environment. By taking part in activities such as the annual Bush Stone Curlew surveys or the Stradbroke Island Koala Urban Survey I get to see first hand that we have a decline in our suburban wildlife.

I'm a bit of an organiser and enjoy getting right into helping to organise events from Clean Up Australia Day to boat cruises and dinners for World Environment Day. Much of the work I do is for WPSQ. We work to raise awareness in all sections of the community, particularly the young, on the principles of conservation and preservation of the natural environment. We are always fundraising, chocolates anyone??



Maureen Tottenham (left) with Belinda at the Cleveland site. Maureen recently won the 2010 Redland City Council World Environment Day Individual Award.

I'm a Resource Coordinator for Qantaslink. I really do enjoy my job; I've been with them for the last 20 years. At work I try to incorporate my beliefs about recycling and protection of the environment. As a member of the Qantas Green Team I've been able to set up recycling for office paper, toner and printer cartridges, bubble wrap, mobile phones, cd's/dvd's and aluminium cans. I'd like everyone to become more aware of helping the environment because if we don't start to look after the place that we live in, future generations won't know about the wildlife and beautiful places we take for granted. People call me the "Recycle Queen". If you want something recycled just bring it to me and I will find a source that needs it. This might be the local Bayside Branch of the WPSQ or an orphanage in Kenya. Even things like linen - blankets, sheets, and towels can be distributed to local Wildlife Carers or the RSPCA for injured animals.

## Joining MangroveWatch

In 2009 Mangrove Watch was launched on the WPSQBB Sea Week Cruise of Moreton Bay. I volunteered to be part of the monitoring program to help keep track of the health of the mangroves in Moreton Bay. I really enjoy the survey and I'm now part of the Cleveland and Coochiemudlo Island crews along with other members of the WPSQ Bayside Branch. Some people don't realise how important mangroves are.

# MangroveWatch Training

MangroveWatch field training will be conducted at the following locations during the June/July monitoring period:

Lota (June 6)

Ormiston (July 24)

If you would like to come along and refresh your skills, contact Chris

# MangroveWatch Surveys

MangroveWatch surveys are undertaken three times a year (February/March, June/July and October/November). The **June/July 2010** monitoring period is upon us and there is a limited number of good tide times - see tide times opposite (Brisbane Bar). Those who have been trained and have sites established should select a suitable day and contact Chris, your MW Co-ordinator, by email to book out the equipment.

**Please give plenty of notice (at least a week).**

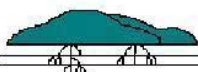
# Thank you

Thankyou to all volunteers for generously giving their time to this valuable community monitoring program.

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# Good Tides...

Month	Day	24hr Time / Height
June	Fri 04	0848/0.71
	<b>Sat 05</b>	<b>0939/0.68</b>
	<b>Sun 06</b>	<b>1031/0.63</b>
	Mon 07	1123/0.57
	Tues 08	1212/0.50
	Wed 09	1259/0.43
	Thurs 10	1344/0.37
	Fri 11	1427/0.33
	<b>Sat 12</b>	<b>1511/0.29</b>
	<b>Sat 19</b>	<b>0917/0.44</b>
	Sun 20	1010/0.43
	Mon 21	1104/0.42
Tues 22	1200/0.40	
Wed 23	1253/0.39	
Thurs 24	1343/0.38	
Fri 25	1428/0.37	
<b>Sat 26</b>	<b>1508/0.38</b>	
July	Mon 05	0926/0.60
	Tues 06	1023/0.57
	Wed 07	1122/0.52
	Thurs 08	1219/0.45
	Fri 09	1313/0.37
	<b>Sat 10</b>	<b>1405/0.29</b>
	<b>Sun 11</b>	<b>1455/0.23</b>
	Mon 19	0928/0.44
	Tues 20	1026/0.47
	Wed 21	1129/0.48
Thurs 22	1231/0.46	
Fri 23	1327/0.43	
<b>Sat 24</b>	<b>1415/0.40</b>	
<b>Sun 25</b>	<b>1455/0.39</b>	

Take care with a turning tide late in the day, and ensure you have sufficient time to complete your monitoring