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Dear Simon, Margaret and Alix

Following yet another natural disaster in Australia, Wildlife Queensland is again encouraged and impressed by the offers of financial and volunteer support.

Many thanks to everyone who [donated](#) money to help wildlife affected by the floods and now cyclone yasi – funds and equipment continue to be distributed to help in the rescue and recovery of wildlife.



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Don't forget the small business owners who have been indirectly impacted by these disasters. If you can, please continue to support and utilise their services such as tourism.

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**Plans underway to help wildlife after Cyclone Yasi**

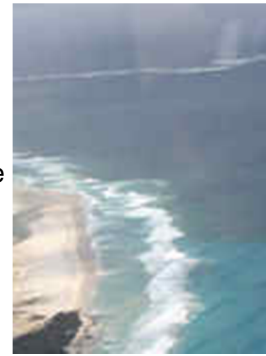
Wildlife Queensland has been working with local members and QPWS rangers to assist with the immediate needs of wildlife in the Cardwell/Ingham area which was hardest hit by cyclone yasi. Tully branch members alongside RSPCA officers have supplied feeding stations for the endangered mahogany glider and other wildlife. Other priorities now are to provide nest boxes particularly where canopy cover is absent in this region.



[Please read on](#) and see what help is needed from you - our wildlife protectors, friends and fellow conservation groups.

## After the Floods: is there is hope for southern Moreton Bay?

While the massive-clean up is well underway in Queensland, the full environmental impact of the floods is still being assessed. It is inevitable that the environment will suffer significant short and long term impacts. There will be flow-on effects as we start to see many environmental programs cut back as dollars are directed to rebuilding the state. What are the major [environmental impacts](#) of the floods?



Initial water quality testing in the south of [Moreton Bay](#) shows some positives outcomes for the health of the Bay. The flood plume has not affected salinity and turbidity levels – key ecosystem health parameters for the southern sections of the Bay.

## Are you a uni student looking for funding? ... or do you know someone who is?

Wildlife Queensland has just launched our 2011 Student Research Grants Program - available to students at Queensland Universities. Eligible research projects are those which investigate methods of addressing or reversing the decline in threatened native plant and animal species or their habitat, or other applied conservation outcomes in Queensland.



Five grants of \$1000 each will be available in 2011. See our [website](#) for more information and application procedure.

Enjoy some great reading on '[Conservation projects with a bright future](#)' which received funding from us last year. From Christmas bells to wallum frogs and wallabies, pythons and freshwater turtles, these research projects are playing their part in Queensland's biodiversity. See our [Projects](#) page.



## Margaret Thorsborne receives Order of Australia

As many of you already know, our Patron Margaret Thorsborne, was named an Officer of the Order of Australia on Australia Day 26 January 2011. Margaret was one of only 2 Queenslanders and 16 Australians nationally to receive this level of award in the General (non-military) Division.

What an honour for Margaret - Wildlife Queensland is so very proud of this amazing lady. Read more about Margaret's nomination [here](#).



## Coral Sea Campaign

Wildlife Queensland is part of an alliance of regional, national and international conservation organisations calling on the Federal Government to establish a very large, world-class, highly protected marine park in Australia's Coral Sea.



[protectourcoralsea.org.au](http://protectourcoralsea.org.au) The Coral Sea is one of the last remaining places on Earth where populations of large ocean fish have not been drastically reduced. For this and other reasons, Wildlife Queensland believes that the [Coral Sea deserves protection](#), so join the campaign now.

## Myrtle Rust on the Move!

Biosecurity Queensland has advised that the serious fungal disease, Myrtle rust, is on the move. It infects the plant family Myrtaceae which includes genera such as Agonis, Syncarpia, and Eucalyptus.



The rust was first detected in New South Wales in April 2010 and as of February 2011 it is now known from 34 sites in Queensland. Nationally the decision is that eradication from Australia is not feasible. Management options are being developed. [Read More](#).

## Biodiversity Strategy for Queensland

The draft biodiversity strategy acknowledges the value of Queensland's biodiversity and that it is in significant decline. The plan focuses on the protection of priority threatened species, the expansion of protected areas, enhancing the protection of biodiversity on leasehold land and encouraging the community to participate. But does it go far enough?

We encourage you to send in your [comments](#) to the Department of Environment and Resource Management by 18 March 2011.



## Feral deer – submission date extended

Date for submissions has been extended to 28 February - please send in your submissions. We would like to see a controlled management plan in place and not an opportunity for recreational hunting. How should the eradication be carried out and what factors need to be taken into account?

Please take the time to read about the issue and send your comments. Check out our website – our [submission](#) may assist you.



## Batty Boat Cruises

We are hoping that the Batty Boat Cruise scheduled for 6 March 2011 will be going ahead as planned. If you would like to [book](#), please contact the office first to ensure places are still available.

The MV Neptune is definitely back in business but parts of the Brisbane River are still not accessible - so confirming with us nearer the date is essential.



## Become a Wildlife Protector

We know everyone loves Australian plants and animals, and wants to know how to contribute something positive to the environment. But how can you fit this into your busy life? If you are too busy to become an active member of Wildlife Queensland, you can still contribute by becoming a Wildlife Protector.



By supporting us with a regular tax-deductible monthly donation, you will be ensuring that we can plan for long-term programs and campaigns to ensure a sustainable future for Australia's wildlife and its habitat.

Here is how you can [become a wildlife protector](#).

## For your diary

**The Management of Invasive Fauna Species.** Wildlife Queensland's Brisbane Branch invite you to a presentation by Robyn Jones, Invasive Species Officer with Brisbane City Council. 7.30pm Tuesday 22 February, Royal Geographical Society of Queensland, 237 Milton Rd, Brisbane.

**Clean up Australia Day Sunday 6 March.** The recent flood and cyclone events have made a real mess of our beautiful state. Many of our parks, beaches and waterways have become littered with debris. This year's [Clean Up Australia Day](#) is more important than ever and Wildlife Queensland is encouraging all our supporters to register for this year's clean up and make a difference in your local area.

**Snake Seminar** hosted by Wildlife Queensland's Moreton Bay Branch. Guest Speaker, Mary Delaney - Snake Rescuer. Saturday 12 March 2011 9.30am, CREEC, 150 Bowley Road

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**Sunshine Coast Environment Film Festival.** 5 June at University of the Sunshine Coast. To inspire environmental stewardship in film-making, two training workshops will be held on 26 March and 9 April to help EcoFlicks film makers prepare for the festival. [Register now.](#)

**Flood damage – helpers needed.** Wildlife Queensland's Capricorn Branch in Rockhampton needs urgent help to repair Duckpond Nature Reserve which was damaged in the floods. For working bee dates, contact John on 0427 598 934 or Jeff. on 0438 194510.

**PlatypusWatch surveys/workshops.** Different places at different times. Keep an eye on our What's On section for dates and locations. Next one: tba.

You can find out more about these events in our [What's On](#) section.

## Wildlife Queensland Newsletter

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