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PRESIDENT'S REPORT.



Hello Everyone and Welcome to our Spring Edition. It has been an interesting and also exciting time for Fraser Island (K'gari) The last few months. Whilst we await signs of this year's new puppies and the future that awaits them, we are taken back to reality with people still being caught feeding dingoes on the Island.

As everyone who has anything to do with the Apex Predators on the Island, this can only lead to disaster for the animal if not given latitude to try and exist after this human contact. Like delinquent offspring, they need to be given their chance to re-assume their natural ability to survive, without our intervention.

We look forward to more contact with QPWS given the re-arrangement of internal staff and their ability to quickly assume their new roles and understand the delicate balance of nature that the Island has posed in the past. Moreover they now have the task of future planning, encompassing the apparent effects of climate change, pollution, and ever increasing Island visitor pressures.

It is exciting to see the increased input from the Island's Butchulla People, something we had with "Aunty" Marie Wilkinson when she was on our Committee. She would have relished the opportunities now posed to the present Butchulla. It is a difficult time for them to achieve a degree of operational control as First Nations People whilst trying to gain Governmental sanction to carry out what the previous Elders have known to be a better outcome than some of the past decisions. Only consultation between all concerned groups will achieve the outcome they desire and deserve.

This consultation process is hopefully being achieved as is happening with the control of the fire burns, over what has occurred in the past. The use of such organisations as Humane Society International and IFAW in assisting in any future disasters is a major consideration to the future of our Island in particular the fauna.

I hope everyone has a safe and good run up to our September school holidays and the many QPWS signs prompt the attention to behaviour of visitors to the Island's flora and fauna.

On a very sad note, I would like to offer our condolences to Reid on the very sad loss of his Partner Heather. Jennifer's Vale to Heather and the way she steadfastly fought for the Island and mainland dingoes, shows what a selfless dedicated person she was. We will not forget you Heather.

All the very best,

Malcom Kilpatrick



SECRETARY'S REPORT.



Past Fires:- After the devastating fires of 2020 on K'gari (Fraser Island), the public and a number of Organisations were invited to make submissions to the QFES (Queensland Fire Emergency Services). SFID did make a submission and also were given an opportunity to speak with the people involved in examining what events took place before, during and after the fires. We were also fortunate enough to speak with a member of Parliament about the lack of action that took place regarding search and rescue for the wildlife on the Island.

Consultation Process : -SFID is playing a part, perhaps only a very small part, but we have been included in having a voice with future planning and actions regarding the above. We have put forward again the need for a dedicated body to be formed, with the sole purpose of acting quickly should there be a need to concentrate on injured or displaced animals. Residents, tourists, buildings, fauna were top priority during the last blaze, but it seems at this point there was nothing in place for a dedicated team to just concentrate on wildlife.

Dingo Health, Floppy Ear:- Our Christmas Newsletter will have up to date information on the Year's surveillance activities, we have concerns about ear tagging again, some dingoes have been seen and photographed with a floppy ear, these photos have been sent to Queensland Parks and Wildlife Rangers who have assured us that the dingoes have been observed and found to be in no way compromised.

Dingo Health, Injuries:- We have received reports from the public regarding some dingoes seen limping, the reply again to our e-mail was that injuries occur from dingoes standing on fish hooks, this is very sad to contemplate. Rangers, we were informed in this instance, would remove the offending object, which no doubt would involve somehow sedating the animal before such a procedure could be carried out. Thank you to those of you who bothered to let us know by text or phone calls, this enables us to pass on the info to the appropriate Management Team.

Best Wishes,

Karin.



TREASURER'S REPORT.



During Covid, I was very concerned about raising funds to pay for Insurances, Fair Trading and also to continue keeping in touch with members via the Newsletter. Whilst many of our members are on e-mail there are equally as many who are not and therefore printing costs would not be able to be met.

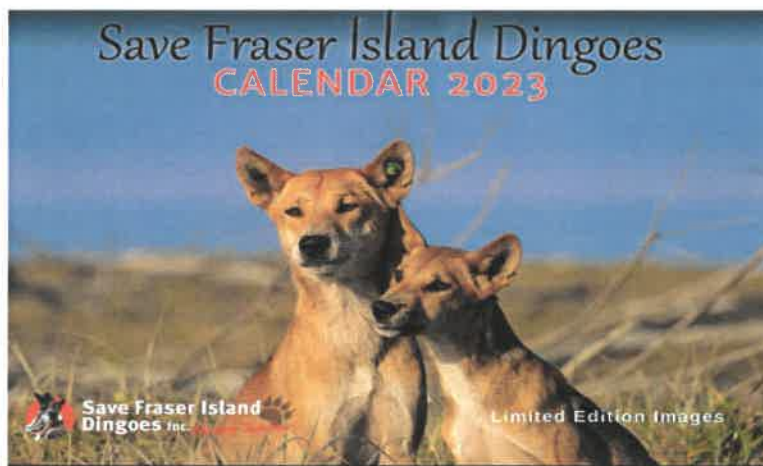
However, even though we couldn't fundraise in public due to distancing and various other rules and regs, you, the members have kept us viable through very generous donations, memberships and purchasing of merchandise, a huge THANK YOU to you all.

Due to health issues the accounting is still being processed and as soon as we have the End Of Financial Year figures to hand we will call a date for the AGM, possibly early December. Proxy forms and Membership Renewals will be attached to this Newsletter as all positions will become open and nominations for these positions will be gladly received between now and end of November.

Calendars, mugs and other merchandise will be for sale in time for special Christmas gifts, check out our web site at www.savefraserislanddingoes.com

Kind Regards,

Karin.



The SFID 2023 Calendar will be available soon...stunning photo's of our Iconic K'gari dingoes. We will keep member's posted.

PUBLICITY OFFICER'S REPORT.



It seems to be all quiet along the eastern beach, at least we haven't heard of any incident's. Hopefully people are finally getting the message and most are obeying the rules. Unfortunately not all, a tourist was recently fined for hand feeding a pup and there were other fines earlier this year.

There is always room for improvement when it comes to education, but I think by now we can acknowledge there is adequate information available making it very clear not to interact with the animals.



Photo QPWS. Feeding a pup on K'gari.

The future of this pup has been jeopardized.

We continually see posts on social media that the dingoes are starving or, on the other side of the coin, there is ample prey. It's not that black and white.

The dingo population is not starving but that doesn't mean there is ample prey. Food sources fluctuate depending on many variables, weather, and as we know, fire are just two factors that can affect a species.

Climate change is an ever increasing concern for all the flora and fauna, especially on K'gari which is an ecologically balanced Island environment. Rising sea levels, increased temperatures and more severe storms and fires are predicted. The scientist's have warned we may even lose some species. Therefore it is more important than ever that the government allocates research funding to study the changing landscape and determine the best approach going forward.

We can all help by not disturbing the wilderness and wildlife and not polluting the environment. Spring is a wonderful time to appreciate nature and enjoy the beauty of K'gari.

Cheryl Bryant.

In Memoriam



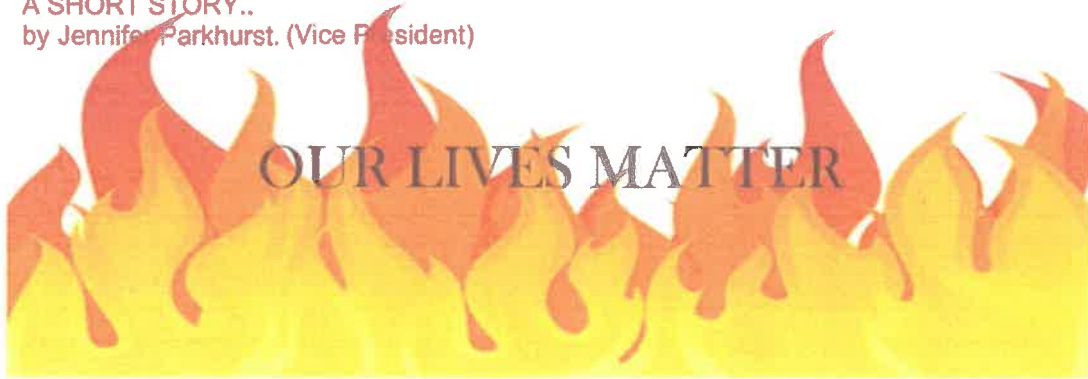
It was a shock to hear of the recent passing of Heather Warner. My sincerest condolences to Reid and family. Although not officially a member of the SFID Committee, Heather represented SFID on many occasions, holding stalls and talks promoting the protection of our K'gari dingoes. She was a much respected and valued member of the dingo community.

Heather was a vibrant, compassionate and caring person, she will be missed by all who knew her and her passion and support for our wildlife, especially the much maligned dingo, both Island and mainland, will not be forgotten.

RIP Heather.

Cheryl.

A SHORT STORY..
by Jennifer Parkhurst. (Vice President)



The dingo mother tried to outrun the fire. She'd been out hunting and was too far away. She howled as she raced through the bush towards her den.

Her neighbour had snatched one of her own puppies up, and was galloping away from the fire with him in her mouth...

The third bitch in the area was lingering at her den, trying to decide which puppy to save. She loved them all. She had whelped them only three weeks ago. They had barely opened their eyes, and were beginning to wobble around on shaky legs when she called them out of the den. They were all precious to her, all her beloved offspring, and she wanted them *all* to survive. Yet she could only carry one. Her indecision was tormenting her. If she didn't leave soon she would perish as well.

Oh, which one to take? One of her males, one of her females? Her den was shallow. She couldn't bear the thought of any of them dying from the heat. Or smoke inhalation. It would be a slow, horrible death.

Her mate appeared beside her. He picked one up and nudged her. She picked up the first one she pulled out of the den. They both raced away from the flames that were just about to engulf them.

The first mother reached her den, and went through the same ordeal. Who to save? Ultimately, she too was only able to pick one up in her mouth. She ran like the wind, not thinking about her little ones left behind. She couldn't. She would have to block them from her thoughts.

She caught up to the other bitches, milling around together, with their pups on the ground in front of them, trying to decide what to do. They were safe for now, in a valley, slightly out of their own territory.

'We'll have to raise them cooperatively', one of the mothers suggested. 'Our prey will all be gone, engulfed by the fire; we will have to hunt further afield.'

'We'll need permission from the pack that lives here,' another warned.

A few days later, the first mother tip toed back through the charred remains of their territory, the acrid stench of smoke everywhere. 'My babies, my babies', she cried as she approached her den. She had to know whether any of her puppies had survived. She went to her den, now covered in ash, and whined. She knew what she would find before she put her head inside and sniffed. She received no response. The little bodies were piled up. They had struggled to get away from the smoke. She

pushed at them with her muzzle; there was no sign of life. She curled up outside the den and silently cried.

Every year the humans did this, burnt their dens. She and her kind couldn't understand it. Why kill them, why murder their babies with their wands of fire?

Then she heard a whine.

Could it be?

She got up and put her muzzle into the den's interior and pulled out the prone form of first one, and then another of her puppies, weeping as she did so but also with her heart rate quickening with hope.

Then from the back in the darkness, she heard a puppy cry. Her heart leapt with joy. She pulled her out and licked her all over. She was alive!

With sadness she dug a hole and nudged the bodies of her lost ones into it. Then she picked up the surviving pup and raced through the bush to where the mothers had created a new, small area to raise their surviving puppies.

The other mothers were overwhelmed with joy for her. Now they had 5 puppies to raise. There wasn't much food, but they had permission from the dingoes' whose territory they were temporarily occupying to hunt and raise the pups in that area, till their own territory was habitable again. Between the 3 mothers and their mates, they should be able to find enough food to feed the 5 puppies. They tried not to think about the 16 puppies that had perished, for no reason at all, in the human's fire.



K'gari Title Deeds handed to Traditional Owners..

The title deeds for more than 22 hectares of land have been handed back to the Butchulla People.

On the 14th June during a ceremony at Central Station the state government handed the title deeds to the Butchulla Aboriginal Corporation under the Aboriginal Land Act of 1991. They already hold Native Title to this area but Freehold Title “would empower the Butchulla people to revitalise cultural practices on Butchulla country.” said Chantel Van Wamelen.



Photo Lucy Loram (ABC Wide Bay.)

The 22 hectares are comprised of two parcels of land — one on the southern end of the island and the other on the northern tip near the township of Orchid Beach.

These are the first two of 19 parcels of land that the Butchulla Aboriginal Corporation is seeking freehold over. The government says it is already working to deliver title deeds for the remaining land

Butchulla Aboriginal Corporation secretary Christine Royan said "This is just the start. Hopefully, we'll have another four by the end of this year and by 2023 we would like the whole lot back.

The Butchulla Aboriginal Corporation are now working to set up cultural tours on the reclaimed land.

2011 the Bligh government added K'gari as an alternative to the place name “Fraser Island in the Qld Place Names register.

2017 the Fraser Island portion of the Great Sandy National Park was changed to K'gari -Fraser Island and

2021 the Fraser Island World Heritage area was returned to its original name of K'gari

2022 Consultation begins to officially return the whole Island back to it's original name of K'gari.

(See following article)





K'GARI PLACE NAME PROPOSAL.

Consultation to start turning Fraser Island back to K'gari..

In a Media Statement released by the Qld. Government Resource Minister, Scott Stewart, said that Queenslanders will be able to have a say on officially renaming Fraser Island back to its Indigenous name, K'gari.

The World Heritage Area became K'gari (Fraser Island) last year, but the official place name for the world's largest sand island has yet to change.

For Auntie Gayle Minniecon, chair of the Butchulla Aboriginal Corporation (BAC), the reinstatement of K'gari as the island's name has been a long time coming. "It means so much to the Butchulla People," she said. "For us it's about respect for our people. It's important for us to let our ancestors know that our culture is still strong and we continue to care for our country."

BAC director Christine Royan said K'gari's story was the Butchulla people's Dreaming story. "The story of K'gari is the story of our creation, having K'gari reinstated means that we are returning our story back to where it belongs – to its home."

Minister Scott Stewart said the Government had actively worked with the Butchulla People to recognise the cultural significance of K'gari. "We've listened to the Butchulla People who have maintained a strong commitment to reinstating the island's traditional name," "The island has been known as K'gari for thousands of years and I hope it will be formally known as K'gari for many more years to come."



Indian Head (Tukkee Wurro)

Environment Minister Meaghan Scanlon said consultation follows the island's world heritage area being renamed K'gari (Fraser Island) last year.

"K'gari means paradise in the Butchulla language and as a popular destination for its natural beauty, is a much more fitting name for such an iconic place," Ms Scanlon said.

"The name Fraser Island is culturally inappropriate – it is a tribute to Eliza Fraser, a woman whose narrative directly led to the massacre and dispossession of the Butchulla people."

Member for Hervey Bay Adrian Tantari said renaming the world heritage area was well received by the community and believed the island's traditional name should become official.

"Our community has acknowledged the name K'gari for quite some time now, and I can't wait for visitors to do the same," Mr Tantari said.

Mr. Stewart said the proposal was open for public consultation from **5 August 2022 until 3 October 2022.**

"We will engage with the community and I encourage all interested people and groups to have their say," Mr Stewart said.

[K'gari place name proposal | Have your say – Department of Resources](#)

Fraser Island trip 4/9/2022

Jennifer Parkhurst, VP, and Arthur Gorrie

It was the first trip we have been able to do in a while; the rain had stopped, the vehicle was fixed, and it was a sunny day. Low tide was at 7am, and we arrived on the Island at 9am.

The first thing we saw at the barge landing zone was a quite hostile sign saying 'WARNING Heightened dingo activity', 'Dingoes in this area have ripped tents and stolen food. This can lead to aggression towards people'. The image of the dingo on the sign was of teeth bared and evil looking eyes; enough to scare any tourist who sees a dingo let alone gets approached by one. So the first thing people see when they arrive is something advising them to be scared. That is not a good way to educate people. The smaller writing at the bottom of the sign has sensible points, such as keep children at arm's length and do not run or jog. But it also has dubious suggestions such as carry a stick.

The beach was nice and flat, apart from a few whoop-de-doo's, and we should have had at least two hours to get to Eurong and back. However the wind conditions were severe, pushing the surf up onto the beach higher than it should otherwise have been. We were still keen to check out the bottom section of the island, from Hook Point to Eurong, and see how many dingoes we could spot.

Just as I was reading a text from Karin saying she hoped we would see dingoes, Arthur spotted one walking towards us. He was a sub-adult, 11 months old, with a square tag in his left ear, and in good condition. He wandered towards us with his tail down, ears relaxed, not bristling, and sat very casually 3 metres from the car in a deep wheel rut. He had a small fresh round wound between his left eye and ear.

He lay there pretty much ignoring the car and then looking behind him at what I guessed was his brother, who was sauntering towards him. However, this second male had a round ear-tag. It was set low enough so it didn't make the ear droop. If they were brothers I would have thought they would have been tagged at the same time, so having different tags was intriguing. If they were not brothers, I found it also intriguing that they would be travelling together, as dispersing males of this age do not often form packs. I doubt he was the father, because he didn't look old enough. Apart from having a concave belly, and ribs showing, this male also seemed in pretty good condition.

He approached head down, ears relaxed, tail down, with his mouth open in a nice smile. He had a white sock on his right front foot. He had quite a large square injury on his left flank.



The first thing 'white sock' did was approach the prone dingo and mouth his ear tag. Then he stood over the first dingo which can in some circumstances start a dominance test between dingoes, but in other cases such as this, can be a form of affection. His tail was down and relaxed. The other dingo was not concerned and bit his knee gently. 'white sock' stood back and bit at the ear-tag of his 'brother' again gently. From this angle I could see his hips were protruding a bit and that the first dingo's ribs were also protruding.



'White sock' sat down next to 'Brother' and they had a gentle jaw-spar. White sock put his front legs/paws around Brother and it looked like he was hugging him. This behaviour I found very endearing. They jaw sparred while in this position for some time. White sock rolled over in the sand, and rolled back up to stand up and again bite at Brother's ear tag. He seemed quote obsessed with it so perhaps it had only recently been done.

They played a little longer and then both got up and trotted off towards the barge landing zone, or further to Coolooloi. We didn't follow them.

Just speculating, but friends saw a sub-adult male and female down towards Coolooloi, and the male had a different coloured ear-tag to these two, so I'm thinking they are most probably a part of the same family group.

We headed north, already racing the incoming tide. Saw no more dingoes unfortunately, but by now it was 10am and we felt most dingoes would be having their naps. The beach was becoming hostile, the waves surging and the wheel ruts from all the recent car activity due to the fishing comp making driving challenging.

Had a quick cup of tea just north of Eurong. Watched a plane land; he did a good job with that strong wind and soft sand.

Then we hurried back down to the 18 k access point to the sand mining road. I reckon we made it with not a minute to spare! With the erosion and flat beach, there was no escaping the incoming tide.

Rather than hoon along the sand mining road at 60-80 ks as most people do, we just drove slowly and let other vehicles pass us. The bottom end of Hook Point having been once a sand mining operation, was regenerated with the wrong type of plants in most cases. But when you get to areas that are lush with native plants they are just beautiful. My favourite is the stands of palm trees at

the inner side of North Spit where there are green rolling hills and these gorgeous palm trees everywhere.

And due to all the rain, the Jabiru swamp has overflowed and the surrounding paperbarks are now standing in water, which is an environment they enjoy. The reflections on the water were beautiful and quite captivating.

We plan to do another trip next week, later in the day, in the hopes of seeing more of our precious wongari dingoes.



NOT a dingo attack!

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will see media releases from SFID and NDPRP with regards to a media release put out by Dept Environment and Science (DES), claiming that footage showed a dingo about to attack some tourists. Here are some screen captures for those of you who didn't get to see the footage:



Dingo approaches, lies down, yawns, gets up and 'follows' the tourists, then walks past them and their car.

PROJECT UPDATE by DES. Orchid Beach Wongari (Dingo) Deterrent Fence - August 2022

Tender award

On 24 June 2022, the design and construct contract was awarded to contractor Adrian Butcher Building. Since July, we have been busily planning and preparing for works to commence onsite.

Construction commencement and safety

Construction of the wongari (dingo) deterrent fence will commence at Orchid Beach on Monday 8 August 2022 and should be completed by the end of December 2022, assuming no delays.

Fence construction and fire line track clearing will occur around the Orchid Beach township perimeter. Park Alerts will be published on the department webpage and at key access points onsite. We will continue to keep the community informed with progress, but please ensure you also regularly check the Park Alerts .

There will be large machinery, workers and traffic signage on beach access roads, beside perimeter roads and fire lines. Contractors will coordinate works around the busy holiday periods and fishing season traffic to minimise community and public impact.

Be dingo-safe!

Wongari will be curious and on the move as works begin. Rangers will be monitoring their behaviours throughout the project.

As we progress with construction, we will provide further updates and milestone achievements. If you have any concerns or feedback in relation to the project, please contact the project team at coastalislands.permits@des.qld.gov.au.

Wongari fence construction commencement – Monday 8 Aug 2022

Dept. of Environment and Science.



Dingo Fence construction site.

SFID MEDIA RELEASE



Dingo encounter on K'gari (Fraser Island)

11 Aug 2022

A video of a dingo trotting along the beach and then approaching tourists was reported on the local news and posted on social media. The video, released by QPWS, aimed to demonstrate the correct behaviour when approached by an animal. Unfortunately the dingo was portrayed as aggressive and the encounter reported as a Code D Interaction. Below are screenshots of the encounter.



Illustration 1: Vocalizing



Illustration 2: Play Bow



Illustration 3: Curious

The Department of Environment and Science described the encounter as a 'Code D' interaction. A Code D is considered threatening behaviour such as growling and snarling.

The animal in the video was exhibiting typical juvenile play behaviour, there was no indication of aggression or a pending attack and following tourists or vehicles does not constitute stalking. It was not threatening and did not warrant a Code D report.

In the past a Code D could lead to a dingo being destroyed. Therefore it is of concern when an animal is categorized as threatening or high risk, especially when there is no evidence to suggest that is the case.

It is unreasonable to expect dingoes that have grown up surrounded by tourists to all be wary and fearful. They are by nature inquisitive and will approach campsites and sometimes people. This should not always be classified as a negative encounter.

We encourage tourist's to keep their distance at all times, follow the rules and read the information provided. If visitor's do the right thing and don't engage, the animal will move on and there will be no incident to record, just a positive experience to remember.

Cheryl Bryant. (Save Fraser Island Dingoes Inc.)

By Kim Harris.

YARNING WITH JOE..

This edition of Home Project's offers insight into Fraser Coast indigenous man Joe Gala. We had a yarn under a Poinciana tree at Joe's home in Hervey Bay on a sunny winters day. Joe offers 'Alive' readers inspiration and pointers for making a set of clapping sticks, which are traditionally known as Bilma'. Making your own indigenous musical sticks may foster connection to spirit of country, enhance respect of indigenous Australian culture, or perhaps start a dialogue around important indigenous topics in your home. Anyone that meets Joe Joe, as he is affectionately known, can quantify that his energy is big, and his smile is infectious. He is a joker, warm, giving, and playful.



It is hard to pin down how old Joe (sometimes known as Richard) really is. Joe is upbeat, energetic and moves swiftly like a young man. Joe's cheeky jokes tell youthful tales of exciting adventures throughout Queensland, Northern New South Wales and The Territory. He recalls stories of wadding through croc infested waters in Kununurra, camping during a wild storm at K'gari, and visits to family and mates he has seemingly everywhere across Queensland. Some of the stories are not as light-hearted and they highlight a more serious side to Joe. He tells of a visit to Lismore after the recent floods to help his mob. Joe's eyes well up as he recalls stories of loss of property and life. He tells of the trauma that Lismore people encountered and the sense of desperation with residents not knowing what to do or where to go.

Joe explained that he didn't know how to mentally process the floods. Then switching the mood, he joked that he thought the answer was a boat. laughing and explaining that he bought three kayaks. Joe points to under the Queenslander home where the kayaks were. I laugh along with Joe, it's hard not to laugh when he does. His laugh feels like it fills space in a terrific way. I feel that Joe has learnt to laugh off, make fun of and even self-deprecate to lighten the mood to make others feel more comfortable.

Being incredibly proud of his culture, I asked Joe his thoughts on the best way forward for his people in Australia. He believes education of indigenous history and culture is the key! Doing his part for education, Joe shares his knowledge through his work for Hervey Bay Eco Marine Tours, sharing stories like, this column, and working on projects with artists that approach him. Joe is excited to be heading to Sydney to work on a cultural project with an acclaimed international photographer and artist Michael Cook. During our conversation Joe showed me his ochre clay, and we applied three dots to our forehead. Joe explained that each dot was significant to spiritual law.

Do what is good for the land, seas, skies.

Don't touch what doesn't belong to you.

if you have plenty, you must share.

My time with Joe Joe left me wanting to learn more. He is an inspiring character and valuable member of the Fraser Coast Community.

Kim Harris.



RUBBISH CONTINUES TO PILE UP ON K'GARI.

As millions of tourists descend upon the Island every year the rubbish left behind continues to pile up.

It costs more than \$400,000 a year to cart rubbish to the mainland, prompting the Fraser Coast Regional Council to plead with the public to follow a "pack in, pack out" rule. Whatever you take on the Island you should also take off the Island.

At the township of Happy Valley a dump site lies just 50 metres from the nearest house and 20m from a recreation reserve. The Happy Valley station is a major concern for locals.

The station is one of three landfill sites on the island, others are at Eurong and Orchid Beach comprised of tip bins that collect rubbish not just from the townships but from K'gari's growing tourist population.

The transfer stations have been in need of major upgrades for years.

At a meeting (Wednesday July 27), Council adopted the K'gari (Fraser Island) Waste Management and Resource Recovery Strategy 2023-2029. A ten year plan to undertake the much needed upgrades.



Waste Transfer Station.

The strategy aims to protect and conserve the world-heritage and cultural values of the island as well as guide the allocation of funds and the timing of projects to improve waste management and resource recovery on the island," Cr Darren Everard stated.

"Key actions include upgrading the Eurong Waste Transfer Station (WTS) to mitigate risk associated with legacy waste practices and increasing resource recovery opportunities for a wider range of waste streams, including the introduction of co-mingle recycling bins. Eventually the current facilities at Happy Valley and Orchid Beach will be replaced with bin compounds."

Waste services are shared between Council and QPWS.

Services for residents in the villages are co-ordinated by Council while QPWS looks after services for the thousands of tourists.

The strategy was developed in partnership with key stakeholders including the Department of Environment and Science, Queensland Parks and Wildlife Services, the Butchulla community, island residents, tourism operators and visitors, and has received grant funding from the Australian Government under the Australian Heritage Grants Program.



Vale Heather Warner

October 10 1952 – September 1 2022

'I'm passionate about all wildlife and domestic animals. My big passion is dingoes, Canis Dingo.'

I first met Heather in 2009 after I was raided. She found my phone number and rang me, desperate because the council was about to bait her area with 1080 and she wanted to try and stop it. She was so pleased to have someone to talk it over with, even though we couldn't ultimately stop it.



September 2011, first attendance at a SFID stall.

Heather and her partner Reid became part of the SFID family and started to represent us (and the dingoes of course) at events that were held in Noosa, Eumundi and surrounds. Heather loved talking to people and raising awareness of the cruelty of 1080 baiting; she also lobbied against trapping, poor ear-tagging, hazing and other management issues on Fraser Island.



June 2012 Festival of Water



During the course of her fight against cancer Heather always said she was holding in there 'for the dingoes'. Her passion for dingoes kept her motivated and gave her a reason (apart from Reid and Digger of course) to Keep fighting.



(Photo: Ray Revill) Heather, Dingo Simon, Reid, Mal Kilpatrick.
18th Sept 2013

In recent years Heather was involved with Sydney Dingo Rescue, doing volunteer work for them. She seemed to get a lot of pleasure out of knowing she was really saving dingoes and helping dingoes live better lives.

Whatever it took, Heather was prepared to do it to help the dingoes. Because of this, She had many genuine 'dingo friends' who regarded her highly.



Heather with Bob Irwin



Left: One of Heather's SFID stands



Below: Heather's beloved 'Digger'

The hundreds of tributes to Heather on Face book are a testimony of how well loved and respected Heather was. She will genuinely be missed, no one could take her place.

The committee and members of SFID send Reid their deepest condolences.

Jennifer Parkhurst, VP
On behalf of the
SFID committee



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