

Cooloola Bioblitz Program 2022

Rainbow Beach 4, 5 & 6 November 2022

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Friday DAYTIME PROGRAM 4 November 2022

Time	Location	Activity	Leaders
9:00 am - 3:30pm	Rainbow Beach Hall	Set up base camp	Volunteers
3:30	Rainbow Beach Hall Registration Desk	Participants start arriving. Pick-up your name badges, program, meal tickets & buy a keepsake mug (optional). Sign on to survey teams.	Cooloola Coastcare & FIDO volunteers
4:00 - 5:30pm	Rainbow Beach Hall	Free Workshops (Optional) See below.	Various presenters:
4:00 - 4:30 pm	The ArtBlitz Canvas Studio beside Rainbow Beach Hall	Workshop 1 Part A: Art - Nature Journals - Free open admission to all <i>See how nature journals are used to illustrate your field work like a scientist.</i> <i>Open to anyone at the bioblitz just to see what is possible and why nature journaling is fun and good science.</i>	Dion Dior
4:30 - 5:30pm	The ArtBlitz Canvas Studio beside Rainbow Beach Hall	Workshop 1: Part B: Art - Nature Journals (Closed admission to Art Program Ticket Holders only) <i>Learn how to illustrate your field work like a scientist.</i>	Dion Dior
4:00 - 4:45pm	Rainbow Beach Hall	Workshop 2: Field Technology - Free Using the iNaturalist App on your phone to record sightings and photos. Watch a demo or to try it - BYO Smartphone	Randy Orwin & Michelle Neil Tech support: William & David Mabb

4:45 - 5:30pm	Rainbow Beach Hall	Workshop 3: Field Technology - Free Getting GPS locations for your DSLR photos using your phone and a software program. BYO DSLR camera and Smartphone or GPS with USB cable.	Randy Orwin
5:30pm	Rainbow Beach Hall	Official Opening	Linda Tabe Coastcare President
5:40pm	Rainbow Beach Hall	Welcome to Country	Jade Gould Butchulla Representative
6:00 - 7:00 pm	Rainbow Beach Hall	Dinner * with the scientists (*Pre-orders only)	Everyone with prepaid tickets for the meal
7:00 - 7:30 pm	The ArtBlitz Canvas Studio beside Rainbow Beach Hall	Team Leaders Briefing Data Managers Briefing	Lindy & Randy Orwin
7:00 - 7:30 pm	Rainbow Beach Hall	Participant Briefing Every participant should attend.	Linda Tabe, Cooloola Coastcare President

Friday EVENING PROGRAM 4 November 2022

BioBlitz Up Late - Friday Night 4 November 2022			
Choose from the following options			
	Option 1 Presentations	Option 2 Field Trip - Frogs & more	Option 2 Field Trip - Nocturnal animals and listening for owls
Time	7:45 - 8:15pm	7:30pm - Late	7:30pm - Late
Leader	Greg Wood Protect our Parks	Ben Revell, Jono Hooper & Ollie Scully	Mike West & Kat Best
Topic	Cooloola Great Walk Eco-Tourism Threats to Cooloola National Park	Frog Walk Field Trip Spotighting frogs (& other nocturnal animals)	Bymien Rainforest Field Trip Spotighting for owls & other nocturnal animals
Location	Rainbow Beach Hall	Departs from foyer Rainbow Beach Hall Car pool. Bring a headlamp or torch, good batteries, water bottle, phone or camera with flash, a jacket for warmth, Insect repellent,	Departs from foyer Rainbow Beach Hall Car pool. No 4WD required but dirt road access Bring a headlamp or torch, good batteries, water bottle, phone or camera with flash, Insect repellent,

		Hiking boots or closed-toed shoes are essential.	a jacket for warmth. Hiking boots or closed-toed shoes are essential.
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Saturday DAYTIME PROGRAM 5 November 2022

Time	Location	Activity	Leaders
7:00am	Rainbow Beach Hall Foyer	Bird Walk (Optional)	Ben Green
7:00 am	Rainbow Beach Hall	Crash course - iNaturalist App on your smartphone (Optional) For those who missed Friday's workshop.	Randy Orwin & Michelle Neil Tech support: William & David Mabb
8:00	Rainbow Beach Hall Foyer	Pick up pre-paid packed lunch orders. *	
8:15	Rainbow Beach Hall	Group photo	Everyone
8:30 Promptly	Depart for various sites	Field Exploration in Teams	Guest scientists
	In the field or hall	Lunch in the Field* Option to call back into the hall for a cuppa if nearby.	Everyone
By 3:30pm	Return to Hall	Return from field excursions	Everyone
3:30 to 4:30pm	Rainbow Beach Hall Data Centre	All leaders & participants Data management and IDs. Upload all data, photos and make IDs.	Guest scientists Randy Orwin & Michelle Neil - iNaturalist help Tech support: William & David Mabb
3:30 to 5:00pm	Rainbow Beach Hall	Art Group Combined Workshop - Nature Journals Converting field notes and sketches into final illustrations.	Dion Dior, Artist & Nature Journaling Art Participants
5:00pm	Rainbow Beach Hall	Leaders Reports - brief summary of finds for the day.	Various scientists and experts share the day's discoveries.
Optional Excursion 4:30pm - 6:00pm	4WD excursion	The Sunset Listening Optional short excursion to listen to the sunset chorus of the Ground Parrots. 4WD vehicles required (Numbers limited by 4WD availability)	Mike West
6 to 7:30pm	Rainbow Beach Hall	Dinner * with the scientists (Pre-orders only)*	Everyone with prepaid tickets for the meal.

* [Pre-purchase your meal tickets when booking. All meals must be ordered & paid in advance.](#)

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Saturday EVENING PROGRAM 5 November 2022

BioBlitz Up Late - Saturday Night 5 November 2022		
Choose from the following options		
	Option 1 Presentations	Option 2: Frog Walk Field Trip Spotlighting frogs & other nocturnal creatures
Time	7:30 - 8:00pm	7:30pm - Late
Leader	Dr. Sandra Tuszynska Soil microbiologist / mycologist	Ben Revell, Jono Hooper & Ollie Scully
Topic	Soil microbes and their role in ecosystem function	
Location	Rainbow Beach Hall	Departs from foyer Rainbow Beach Hall
		Bring a headlamp or torch (with red bulb option if possible but not essential)
		Good batteries
		Water bottle
		Phone or camera with flash and turn on your GPS feature
		Jacket for warmth
		Raincoat or poncho
		Hiking boots or closed-toed shoes are essential

Covid Safe: Cooloola BioBlitz 2022 is a Covid safe event. Please maintain social distance; wash hands regularly; do not attend if you are sick or have a high temperature (refunds available). Vehicle sharing is optional.

Sunday DAYTIME PROGRAM Sunday 6 November 2022

Time	Location	Activity	Leaders
6:30 am - 10am	Meeting Point Rainbow Beach Hall	Bird Survey Group ONLY Those signed up for this survey will do a different survey time to everyone else.	Ben Green
7:00 am	Rainbow Beach Hall	Q&A - iNaturalist App on your smartphone (Optional)	Michelle Neil & Randy Orwin
7:00 - 8:00 am	Rainbow Beach Hall	Team Leaders Breakfast	Team Leaders only
8:00 am	Rainbow Beach Hall Foyer	Pick up pre-paid packed lunch orders*	Pre-paid orders only
8:30 am Promptly	Various sites.	Field Exploration in Teams	Scientists & Team Leaders
	Teams choose	Lunch in the Field* Or call back to the hall	Everyone
Afternoon	Various sites around the Northern Cooloola Region	Field Exploration in Teams	Guest scientists
2:30pm	Return to Rainbow Beach Hall	Return from field excursions	
2:30 - 3:30	Rainbow Beach Hall Data Centre	All teams depositing their recordings & data before departure.	Data management team
3:30	Rainbow Beach Hall	Close Prize draw. Return badge holders Departure for home.	Cooloola Coastcare President & FIDO Representative
3:30 - 5:00	Rainbow Beach Hall	Volunteers pack up and clean the hall.	FIDO & Cooloola Coastcare Volunteers

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Self-catering options if not purchasing meals:

If you do not pre-purchase meals for our group dinners and brown bag lunches, there are several options in Rainbow Beach or you can bring your own food from home. Dinner can be purchased in the many [restaurants and take-away](#) places in Rainbow Beach if you do not want to join us. Please note many of the kitchens close at 8pm or earlier for take away places. Some participants may choose to cook for themselves at their accommodation. If you choose to fend for yourself, feel free to join us again for the after dinner program.

In the case of wet or stormy weather

If there are periods where it is unsafe to be in the field due to severe weather conditions, there will be a range of presentations and workshops offered in the Rainbow Beach Community Hall by the scientists who are the Team Leaders. Please bring appropriate clothing, headwear and footwear for wet conditions as a little rain won't keep us out of the field. A poncho fits well over backpacks in the field. You can check the weather before leaving home using the 5 day forecast on the [Bureau of Meteorology](#) or [Willy Weather](#).

(Optional) NATURE JOURNALING ART WORKSHOP

(Additional fees apply) Presented by Dion Dior

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Saturday	Field trip 8:30am - 2:30pm	Group 1 field trip	Dion Dior & Mike West
Saturday 3:30 to 5:00pm	Rainbow Beach Hall	Art Group Combined Workshop - Nature Journals Converting field notes and sketches into final illustrations.	Dion Dior, Artist & Nature Journaling Art Participants
Sunday	Field trip 8:30am - 2:30pm	Group 2 field trip	Dion Dior & Mike West
Sunday 2:30 to 3.30pm	Rainbow Beach Hall	Art Group Combined Workshop - Nature Journals Converting field notes and sketches into final illustrations.	Dion Dior, Artist & Nature Journaling Art Participants