

Cooloola Bioblitz Program 2024

Rainbow Beach 2-3-4 August 2024

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BioBlitz Friday DAYTIME PROGRAM 2 August 2024

Time	Location	Activity	Leaders
9:00 am - 3:30 pm	Rainbow Beach Hall	Set up base camp Endless tea & coffee station	Volunteers Catering Crew
3:30	Rainbow Beach Hall Foyer	Participants start arriving. Registration Desk: Pick-up your name badges and program, sign in, sign paperwork. Sign Up Area: Sign on to survey teams.	Cooloola Coastcare & FIDO volunteers
4:00-5:25pm	RB Hall	Free Workshops (Optional) See below.	Various presenters
Tech Workshops			
4:00 - 4:45pm	Rainbow Beach Hall	Workshop 1: Field Technology - Free <i>Using the iNaturalist App on your phone to record sightings and photos. Watch a demo or to try it - BYO Smartphone</i>	Randy Orwin , Michelle Neil, Pete Crowcroft Tech support: William & David Mabb
4:45 - 5:25pm	Rainbow Beach Hall	Workshop 2: Field Technology - Free <i>Getting GPS locations for your DSLR photos using your phone and a software program. BYO DSLR camera and Smartphone or GPS with USB cable.</i>	Randy Orwin
Art Workshop			
4:00 - 5:25pm	RB Hall Small Meeting Room	Botanical Paper using Local Plants Zela Bissett <i>Area 8 and 13 on the Room Layout</i>	Pre-booking 20 people max

5:25 - 5:30	<i>Rainbow Beach Hall</i>	Regroup for Official Opening & Survey Briefings	
5:30pm	Rainbow Beach Hall	Official Opening Everyone	Lindy Orwin Coastcare President Zela Bissett FIDO president
5:35pm	Rainbow Beach Hall	Welcome to Country	BNTAC Butchulla Rep
5:45 - 6:15 pm	Small meeting room	Team Leaders & Assistant Team Leaders Briefing ALL team leaders present must attend.	Randy Orwin Cooloola Coastcare
5:45 - 6:15 pm	Rainbow Beach Hall Auditorium	Participant Briefing Every participant who is present should attend.	Lindy Orwin, Cooloola Coastcare President
6:30 - 7:30 pm	Rainbow Beach Hall Dining Room	Dinner * with the scientists (*Pre-orders only)	Everyone with prepaid tickets for the meal. BYO drinks

* Pre-purchase your meal tickets when booking. All meals must be ordered & paid in advance or BYO food.

BioBlitz Friday EVENING PROGRAM 2 August 2024

BioBlitz Up Late - Friday Night 2 August 2024			
Choose one option from the following:			
	Option 1 Presentations	Option 2** Field Trip Frogs & nocturnal animals	Option 3** Field Trip Nocturnal animals
Time	7:45 - 8:30pm	7:30pm - Late	7:30pm - Late
Leader	Dr Hilary Pearl	Ben Revell, David Flack, Jonno Hooper	Kieran Aland & Alina Zwar
Topic	Our Sunshine Coast heathlands: a story of hope & resilience!	Frogs & nocturnal animals Field Trip	Rainforest Field Trip Communications Tower Track Spotlighting for nocturnal animals
Location	Rainbow Beach Hall	Safety briefing before departure. Departs from foyer RB Hall Carpooling 4WD. Bring a headlamp or torch, good batteries, water bottle, Insect repellent, phone or camera with flash, long pants, a jacket for warmth. Hiking boots or closed-toed shoes are essential.	Safety briefing before departure. Departs from foyer RB Hall Carpooling - Any vehicles. Bring a headlamp or torch, good batteries, water bottle, Insect repellent, phone or camera with flash, long pants, a jacket for warmth. Hiking boots or closed-toed shoes are essential.
Time	To be advised		
Leader	To be advised		
Topic	To be advised		
Location	Rainbow Beach Hall		

**** Check the Sign Up sheets if additional options become available.**

BioBlitz Saturday DAYTIME PROGRAM 3 August 2024

Time	Location	Activity	Leaders
7:00 - 8:00 am	Rainbow Beach Hall Dining Room	Team Leaders & First Nations Breakfast Team Leaders & Sponsored First Nations participants only	Catering Crew
7:00 am	Rainbow Beach Hall	Crash course - iNaturalist App on your smartphone (Optional) For those who missed Friday's workshop or need more practice.	Michelle Neil, Randy Orwin, Pete Crowcroft, William & David Mabb
7:00 -8:00am	Rainbow Beach Hall Sign on area	Participants , make sure you are signed on to a team survey sheet.	
8:00am	Rainbow Beach Hall Foyer side of the kitchen	Pick up pre-paid packed lunch orders.*	Catering Crew
8:30am Promptly	Depart for various sites	Field Exploration in Teams	Team Leaders
9:00 am - 12:00pm	Parklands beside the RB Hall	Volunteers set up the STEAMzone Twilight Science Market marquees, tables & chairs	STEAMzone Twilight Market Volunteers
8:30am to 2:30pm	In the field	All groups in the field are conducting surveys with their Team Leaders. Lunch in the Field* Option to call back into the hall for a cuppa if nearby. Endless tea & coffee at the hall.	Everyone
By 2:30pm	Return to Hall	Return from field excursions	Everyone
2:30 to 3:30pm	Rainbow Beach Hall Data Centre	All leaders & participants Data management and IDs. Upload all data, photos and make IDs.	Team Leaders - IDs iNaturalist help: Randy Orwin & Michelle Neil, Pete Crowcroft, William & David Mabb -
3:00 to 4:00pm	Rainbow Beach Hall Parklands	Scientists and Activity Leaders set up their stalls in the market. Free Sausage Sizzle (snack) for exhibitors to tide you over until dinner. Face Painting available.	Team Leaders check in at the MC tent outside near the foyer for their stall number & map

STEAMzone TWILIGHT Science Market PROGRAM Saturday 3 August 2024



4:00 - 7:00pm Optional for all BioBlitz participants. All Team Leaders have a stall	Parklands beside the Hall	 <u>Twilight Science Market</u>	Various scientists and stall holders. All welcome to attend this free event and bring family members.
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Twilight Science Market

Saturday 3 August 4pm - 7pm
See the [website](#) or program for more details

Program: Ongoing market tents from 4pm to 7pm in the parklands adjacent the hall.
Free entry. BBQ and drinks available for sale.

Scientist Encounters and Hands-on Science Activities and Sci-Arts Activities

And so much more...

- Various stalls to purchase science related books, art, framed nature photos and cards.
- Children's story reading by the authors.
- Costume competition - come as an Australian animal, insect or dress up as a scientist.
- Colouring In competition.
- Raffle.

BioBlitz Saturday EVENING PROGRAM 3 August 2024

Saturday Night Dinner

Time	Location	Activity	Leaders
6:45pm	Rainbow Beach Hall Dining Room	Prepaid ticket holders take your seats	Catering Crew
7:00 - 7:45pm	Rainbow Beach Hall Dining Room	Dinner * with the scientists (Pre-orders only)*	Everyone with prepaid tickets for the meal. BYO drinks

* Pre-purchase your meal tickets when booking. All meals must be ordered & paid in advance. Participants may also choose to prepare their own meals at their accommodation or take advantage of local restaurants or take away food. Please note **many kitchens close at 8pm**. Bookings are recommended. STEAMzone Sausage Sizzle closes by 7:00pm or when food is sold out.

BioBlitz Up Late - Saturday Night 3 August 2024

Choose from the following options

	Option 1 Presentations	Option 2** Field Trip Frogs & Nocturnal Animals	Option 2** Field Trip Nocturnal animals
Time	7:45 - 8:30pm	7:45pm - Late	7:45pm - Late
Leader	Zela Bissett	Ben Revell, Jono Hooper David Flack & Ollie Scully	Alina Zwar & Kieran Aland
Topic	A short history of FIDO Fraser Island Defenders Organisation	Frog & Nocturnal Animals Field Trip Spotlighting frogs & other nocturnal animals	Spotlighting Field Trip Spotlighting for nocturnal animals
Location	Rainbow Beach Hall	Safety briefing before departure. Departs from foyer RB Hall Car pooling 4WD. Bring a headlamp or torch, good batteries, water bottle, Insect repellent, phone or camera with flash, long pants, a jacket for warmth. Hiking boots or closed-toed shoes are essential.	Safety briefing before departure. Departs from foyer RB Hall Car pooling 4WD. Bring a headlamp or torch, good batteries, water bottle, Insect repellent, phone or camera with flash, long pants, a jacket for warmth. Hiking boots or closed-toed shoes are essential.
Time	7:45 - 9:15		
Leader	Helen Schwencke		
Topic	Moth Light Survey		

** Check the Sign UP sheets if additional options become available.

Sunday DAYTIME PROGRAM 4 August 2024

Time	Location	Activity	Leaders
7:00 am	Rainbow Beach Hall	Q&A - iNaturalist App on your smartphone (Optional)	Michelle Neil, Randy Orwin, Pete Crowcroft, William & David Mabb
7:00 - 8:00 am	Rainbow Beach Hall	Team Leaders & First Nations Breakfast All Team Leaders & Sponsored First Nations participants only	Catering Crew
8:00 am	Rainbow Beach Hall Foyer side of the kitchen	Pick up pre-paid packed lunch orders*	Pre-paid orders only
8:15am	Rainbow Beach Hall	Group photo	Everyone
8:30 am Promptly	Various sites around the Cooloola Region	Field Exploration in Teams	Team Leaders
	Teams choose	Lunch in the Field* Or call back to the hall Endless tea & coffee at the hall.	Everyone
2:30pm	Return to RB Hall	Return from field excursions	
2:45pm	Rainbow Beach Hall	Group photo indoors Everyone who is still here	Photographer
2:30 - 3:20	Rainbow Beach Hall Data Centre	All teams depositing their recordings, photos & data before departure.	Data management team
3:30	Rainbow Beach Hall	Close Prize draw. Return badge holders Departure for home.	Cooloola Coastcare President & FIDO President
3:30 - 5:00	Rainbow Beach Hall	Volunteers pack up and clean the hall.	FIDO & Cooloola Coastcare Volunteers All welcome

* Pre-purchase your meal tickets when booking. All meals must be ordered & paid in advance or BYO food.

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.

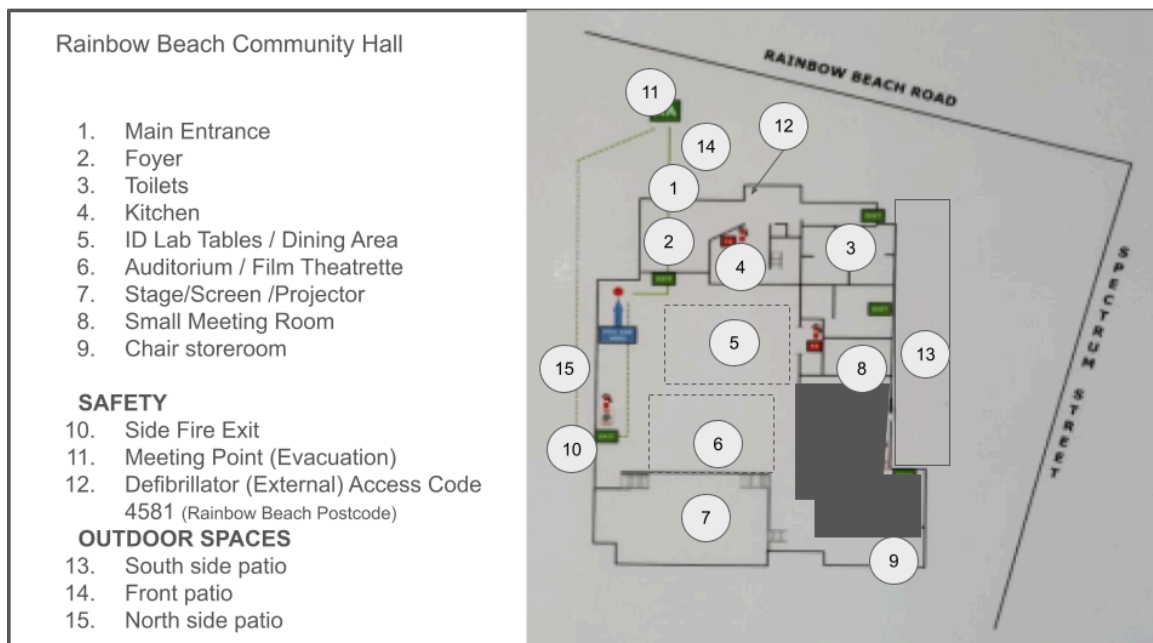
Please note: Many of the kitchens close at 8pm or earlier for take away places. Some participants may choose to cook for themselves at their accommodation. If you choose to fend for yourself, feel free to join us again for the after dinner program.

Weather

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 simple poncho fits well over backpacks in the field and fits easily into your backpack. You can check the weather before leaving home using the 5 day forecast from the [Bureau of Meteorology](#) or [Willy Weather](#) (weather and tides).

Venue Map



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