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**REEF PROGRAM: GETTING STUDENTS OUT OF THE CLASSROOM**

# Help kids explore reef

## Huge demand for marine studies exceeds expectation

**Troy Kippen**

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INTEREST in a program to get students exploring the reef has been so overwhelming that kids could miss out without sponsors.

The Marine Classroom Program is a joint venture between Wild Mob and Reef Catchments to give students some hand-on experience of the reef.

It was launched last year but the response has been so overwhelming there is not enough money to get all the kids out on the water.

So the organisers are seeking support from Mackay's business community.

Wild Mob chief executive officer Derek Ball said the program had a hugely successful first year.

"In the first year of the Marina Classroom Program we helped take 63 local students on an educational journey to the Great Barrier Reef islands, allowing them to develop important skills in marine studies, boating, science, conservation, biology and more," he said.

A donation of \$500 would get one student out onto the



**SNORKELLING: From left to right are Bethany Cameron, Matthew Simpson and Alli McKeown.**

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reef, Dr Ball said.

"What we are finding is students are really getting an experience beyond education – for them to get out on the water and see, touch and experience the reef is an experience for life."

Mackay North State High School social science head Gerri Sticklan said the school had been fortunate

to participate in the 2014 program. "The fact that this trip was subsidised meant that every student could attend. This was crucial in our decision to participate," she said.

Dr Ball said starting with students from the region was vital.

"Trips like these help develop a real connection

between our young people, nature and the great outdoors and that is so important in ensuring the future of the Great Barrier Reef and our islands."

Businesses can offer gold, silver or bronze sponsorship. Anyone interested is supporting the program should phone Wild Mob on 0400 835 895.



## Whitsunday Times (Airlie Beach)

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# Help kids find beauty

WHITSUNDAY schools are on a waiting list to discover the beauty of their own marine backyard and could be left disappointed without local support.

High school students are lucky enough to live near one of the most stunning marine environments in the world.

Unfortunately the cost to get out and about and learn more about the ecosystem and wonder of the Great Barrier Reef can be prohibitive.

Now local businesses are being invited to sponsor a student to make sure young marine-lovers can get hands-on out on the water, reef and islands as part of the marine classroom program. The program was set up in 2014, when Wild Mob and Reef Catchments joined forces to offer a learning adventure for local high school students at a subsidised cost. Business interested in sponsoring a student can contact Wild Mob via Amanda Scrivenor 0408 994 545 or Derek Ball 0400 835 895. Alternatively, email [derek@wildmob.org](mailto:derek@wildmob.org) or [amanda@wildmob.org](mailto:amanda@wildmob.org).



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<b>Station :</b>	Seven Mackay	<b>Program :</b>	Seven News Mackay
<b>Location :</b>	Mackay	<b>Producer :</b>	
<b>Aired On :</b>	16/06/2015 6:12:51 PM	<b>Duration :</b>	0 mins 46 secs
<b>Compere :</b>	Rob Brough	<b>Summary ID :</b>	M00062118202
<b>Demographics :</b>	Male 16+ 7022	Female 16+	10768

Businesses are being encouraged to back a program which teaches students about the Great Barrier Reef, with a hands on approach. The Marine Classroom program takes high school students on an educational journey to the reef. Reef Catchments say due to overwhelming response it needs help funding the subsidised trips and is asking for donations.



## Whitsunday Times (Airlie Beach)

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# Eco Barge cleans up Shingley

THE Clean Streets and Creeks Program is once again keeping Airlie Beach looking beautiful, with volunteers taking to Shingley Beach for a clean up on Saturday morning.

An initiative of Eco Barge Clean Seas, the program aims to remove rubbish from our streets before it ever makes it to the sea.

“While Eco Barge volunteers are committed to removing marine debris through the Whitsunday Marine Debris Removal Pro-

gram, the most effective way to reduce the impacts of marine debris is to prevent it from ever entering the marine environment,” Eco Barge founding chair Libby Edge said.

This was supported by Reef Catchments coastal systems program leader Kerri Woodcock who said it was “estimated that up to 80 per cent of all marine debris has actually originated from land-based sources.”

The program was relaunched earlier this month, with a staggering 916kg of litter collected over six clean up days.

Two more clean ups are scheduled for Wednesday, March 4 and Sunday, March 15, followed by regular clean ups on the first Wednesday and third Sunday of every month until November.

For information on how to get involved visit: [www.ecobarge-cleanseas.org.au](http://www.ecobarge-cleanseas.org.au).



**SOLID EFFORT:** Dave Tindall, Mary Kaminski, Michael Kaminski, Heather Marshall, Peter Craig, Tracey Prince, Elmer Ten-Haken, Imogen Travers, Jodie Travers, Libby Edge, Anja Nowicked, Stefan Schmid, Tony Dunn, Bunitj Miles, Mizuki Kobiro and Gary Farr at Shingley Beach on Sunday morning.

## WEB Whitsunday Times

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<b>Interviewees :</b>	Libby Edge, Founding Chair, Eco Barge Clean Seas Inc		

Kleidon says it appears littering is still quite an issue in the region. Interview with Libby Edge, Founding Chair, Eco Barge Clean Seas Inc. Edge talks about their partnership with Reef Catchments and their clean-up campaign Clean Streets and Creeks this year. Edge says they support the ban of plastic bags. Edge explains what they can do about the marine debris.

**WEB Daily Mercury News**

**Tuesday 17/02/2015 14:00:00**

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**Eco barge focuses on the prevention of local marine debris**

Libby Edge, Founding Chair of Eco Barge Clean Seas said "marine debris has so many horrible impacts for marine life, including ingestion and entanglement, and while Eco Barge and our volunteers are committed to removing marine debris through the...

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# Litter clean-ups to make oceans safer

LITTER is set to be a thing of the past in Airlie Beach.

Reef Catchments' Clean Streets and Creeks Program is removing rubbish from streets, creeks and foreshore areas.

After many requests from the community, and through the support of Reef Catchments, Eco Barge has re-launched the program to remove land-based litter before it washes or blows into the ocean.

Founding chair of Eco Barge Clean Seas Libby Edge said debris had horrible impacts on marine life, such as ingestion and entanglement.

"The most effective way

to reduce the impacts of marine debris is to prevent it ever entering the marine environment," she said.

"The Clean Streets and Creeks clean-ups are therefore an important program to ensure that our precious marine life is not being impacted by local rubbish."

Each of the clean-ups focus on removing litter from predetermined streets, creeks and foreshore areas for up to two hours.

Clean-ups started this month and 75 volunteers have so far participated. The program has exceeded all expectations, with 916kg of litter collected in only six clean-ups.

Reef Catchments Coastal

Systems program leader Kerri Woodcock said the amount of rubbish was unbelievable.

"It is estimated that up to 80% of all marine debris has actually originated from land-based sources," she said.

"Prevention activities such as the Clean Streets and Creeks Program are vital to promote an understanding of how our actions on land can impact the marine environment."

Clean-ups are on the first Wednesday and the third Sunday of each month until November. The next ones are on Wednesday, March 4, and Sunday, March 15.



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**MAKING A DIFFERENCE:** The Clean Streets and Creeks Program in Airlie Beach is ridding the streets of litter.

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<b>Interviewees :</b>	Libby Edge, Eco Barge		

Over the past five years, the Mackay Coastal Clean-up Project has removed over 20 tonnes of marine debris from the Mackay and Serena Beaches, and over the weekend, Reef Catchments and Eco Barge are hosting a clean-up of eleven beaches in the region as part of World Turtle Day. Libby Edge, Eco Barge, says that turtle day is about raising awareness about the conservation of turtles by cleaning up their environment.

## WEB North Queensland

### Register

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### Bucasia Beach combats vandalism

THE signs reinforce that environmental vandals will not win. Areas where trees were illegally cleared at Bucasia Beach have been replanted and large signs erected.

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## North Queensland Register (Townsville)

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# 'Environmental vandals won't win'



**Parks and environment portfolio councillor Theresa Morgan with a large sign erected at the site of environmental vandalism at Bucasia Beach.**

THE signs reinforce the fact that environmental vandals will not win.

Areas where trees were illegally cleared at Bucasia Beach have been replanted and large signs erected.

The three 3.6m by 1.8m signs point out that native vegetation in these areas has been vandalised.

Parks and environment portfolio councillor Theresa Morgan said about 50 trees were illegally destroyed at Bucasia Beach over the Easter break.

She said the trees removed were planted as part of the Mackay Coasts and Communities project, a partnership between council and Reef Catchments.

"It is disappointing that members of the community have intentionally damaged our native habitat, but we won't let environmental vandals win," Cr Morgan said.

"The affected areas have been replanted and three large signs erected. They will remain in place until the native vegetation has regrown."

The signs, designed to withstand high wind speeds in the beach location, ask residents and visitors to: "Help us to protect our vegetation and wildlife habitat".

They let people know: "Native vegetation in this area has been vandalised".

Cr Morgan said the native plants that were destroyed had been regularly watered and maintained over a two-year period.

She said in some instances, members of the community had helped plant the trees. "It was extremely disappointing to see all of that hard work trashed by environmental vandals."

● Anyone who witnesses acts of environmental vandalism is asked to contact 1300 MACKAY (622 529).