

Monday 20th April 2020



Greetings from the NICA Management Committee to you

Mondays without NICA

Given we are not able to convene our Mondays with NICA face to face we would like to introduce **Mondays without NICA!**

We invite your ideas on how we can stay in touch, especially on our normal 3rd Monday of the month. Some of you may have attended the [Australian Earth Laws Alliance Zoom webinar](#) on Saturday and feel inspired.

Perhaps we can undertake an interactive activity of some sort, and we invite you to get involved or create an initiative of your own.

We kick off today's Monday without NICA with some video links that you may like to pursue tonight or at your leisure.

'Cruise Noosa Biosphere' <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0wKOIMx1RDI>

'Wanda the Wicked Witch from the West' <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qf8avEQCqn0>

'Big Yellow Taxi – InsingC Choir' <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PXp7F2Fgzxc>

NICA Business

We conducted our April Committee meeting last Tuesday from home via Zoom and it's interesting to note that, at a time of 60 minutes, it was one of the quickest meetings on record!

Some of the Agenda items discussed included:

1. The ongoing pursuing of grants to enable the new editions of the Noosa Native Plants and Weeds of the Sunshine Coast books and also the re-development of Noosa's Native Plants website.
2. Discussion for a proposed tree planting program by ZEN
3. Current cancellations for Festival of the Water and World Environment Day
4. Urban Wildlife Gardens update

NICA in the News

If you have visited the NICA website or Facebook of late you will have noted the story of Noosa Bushland Beach and Creek Care and in particular Jill and Justin Campbell accepting the award of a Federal Government Grant. The project is to rehabilitate the Wallum Woodland/Dry Rainforest section and Wetland margin will increase the biodiversity of the 1.9ha site with its 4 distinct, critically interdependent vegetation types and ecosystems. It will complete a resilient wildlife linkage between the terrestrial and aquatic environments of the Noosa National Park - Girraween Section, Sunshine Creek and Sunshine Beach Foreshore Reserve.



The Autumn Issue 23 of [IN Noosa Magazine](#) featured an article about **Bob Carey**, his association with Di Seels and the students of Sunshine Beach State School engaging in the natural environment (page 8). The same edition of IN Noosa Magazine also featured a story about Urban Wildlife Gardens titled [Blooming Joy](#) by Jolene Ogle. The article explained how the program works and how to join - it's just great to see the word getting out about the program which now has a membership of more than 60.

NICA featured in **The Noosa News**, Friday March 27 as part of their Climate Change feature and you can find this article on Page 40

Urban Wildlife Gardens Photography Competition

In particular we draw your attention to a [photography competition](#) we are running for the month of April, asking people to send in photos of the creatures that have found a home in your gardens. Email your entries to uwg@noosariver.com.au or just add them as a comment to this facebook post.

Stay in touch!

Please continue to visit NICAs website, Facebook page or Urban Wildlife Gardens and contribute your stories and photographs. We are always interested in sharing any interesting photos and or stories ,please email them through to Gill at the office.

Hoping that you are using the hibernation to get outdoors, breathe in the fresh air and experience nature at our doorstep. This is a great time to get out in the garden, watching the birds and wildlife.

We understand that many in our Community are doing it tough and reach out to any of you who are feeling vulnerable to contact us and we shall endeavour to help where we can. At this time we need to look after ourselves and each other.

Bruce Hallett has suggested that you may contact him at bhallett8@gmail.com or on 0417 763854 if you are in a particular need.

We will be in contact before the May Monday without NICA and look forward to hearing your thoughts and ideas.

We leave you with this little Poem by William Motherwell from the Littlest Book of Birds (Have changed the last line from summer gladness to winter).

*'Sing on, sing on, blithe bird
and fill
My heart with winter gladness'*

Regards

NICA Management Committee