



Small Actions, Big Waves

April has been a busy and inspiring month for our EcoMarines Ambassadors, with students across the state showing real commitment to their schools, communities, and local environments!

Following the Easter school holidays, many of our EcoMarines Ambassadors have jumped back into action, particularly with citizen science activities, both at home and in their local communities.

Across the network, schools have launched and continued a wide range of sustainability initiatives. While we highlight a few examples below, this is just a snapshot of the creativity and leadership being demonstrated every day.



As we head into May, with a full calendar of events, visits, and projects ahead, we take a moment to recognise the collective impact of our EcoMarines community this month.

School Spotlight: Scenic Shores State School St Pauls School - Bald Hills



Scenic Shores State School has embraced the EcoMarines program with enthusiasm, proudly wearing their green Ambassador shirts during school events and clean-up activities. Their team has already been active at events such as cross country and Clean Up Australia Day, demonstrating strong leadership within their school community.

Next up, they'll be heading to the Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary Adventure Day, where they'll connect with conservation experts, learn more about local wildlife, and explore new ideas to protect the environment!

At St Paul's School, Bald Hills, EcoMarines Ambassadors have taken their commitment even further. Students have led fundraising efforts, including sausage sizzles to support new sustainability initiatives while actively promoting environmental awareness within their school.



A standout project is their 400-metre Koala Corridor, connecting the school to Canterbury Park. Through regular planting days, students have already planted between 100–150 native trees, creating important habitat for local wildlife.

Looking ahead, St Paul's will co-host Wild Koala Day on Sunday 3 May with Pine Rivers Koala Rescue, where students will run stalls and activities to help educate the broader community about koala conservation.

Keep It Up, Citizen Scientists!



As Citizen Science Month wraps up this April, we're encouraging all EcoMarines students to keep the momentum rolling! Being a citizen scientist isn't limited to one month; it's an ongoing opportunity to contribute to real environmental outcomes.

The data collected by students, such as those at St Anthony's Catholic Primary School in Alexandra Hills, plays an important role in supporting scientific research and decision making, providing the environmental data that professional scientists need to solve global issues.

Why your data matters:

- **Policy Change:** Data collected can support evidence-based decisions, such as reducing single-use plastics and showing exactly what is washing up on our shores.
- **Species Protection:** Observations help track changes in species distribution, including the movements of marine life due to changing environmental conditions.



If you're looking to build your skills, EcoMarines offers Citizen Science workshops, where students can learn how to identify local species and use tools like iNaturalist effectively.

To organise a workshop, contact the EcoMarines team at school_programs@ecomarines.org

Citizen Science is a fantastic way to turn your curiosity into real-world impact!

Ipswich Youth Sustainability Summit

EcoMarines is proud to be co-hosting the upcoming Ipswich Youth Sustainability Summit on Wednesday 6 May. This year's theme is: ***We're all connected in the catchment!***



This event will bring together student leaders from across the region to explore environmental challenges and collaborate on solutions for a more sustainable future.

We extend our thanks to Ipswich City Council for their leadership in delivering this initiative and creating a platform for young people to share their ideas and perspectives.

Students attending will take part in hands-on workshops, connect with peers, and contribute to meaningful discussions and experiences that they can take back to their schools and communities.

We look forward to seeing the ideas and initiatives that emerge from this event!



Meet The EcoMarines Team:

The EcoMarines team is the backbone of our program! With diverse backgrounds, a collection of different studies, and innovative mindsets, the EcoMarines staff is dedicated to delivering the best possible program to our Ambassadors, Sponsors, and Partners!



Angela Massy - CEO

Angela is the strategist and heart behind EcoMarines, dedicated to turning young environmentalists into bold leaders. She spends her days teaming up with schools and partners to transform big ideas into real-world action for our planet!

Latisha Somers - Program Coordinator

A graduate Environmental Scientist and total ecology enthusiast, Latisha has a heart for everything from wildlife rescue to bush regeneration. She's on a mission to spark a love for nature through citizen science, showing our future leaders how much impact we can make right in our own backyards!



Kassandra Henke - Program Coordinator

A graduate Marine Biologist with a massive passion for our oceans, Kassandra is our go-to for all things science and discovery. As our dedicated North-Queensland Coordinator for EcoMarines, she loves getting students outdoors and diving deep into hands-on learning, proving that anyone can be a scientist and champion for conservation!

Emma Galligan - Partner Coordinator

Emma joins us with 15 years of experience in project coordination and a deep passion for the Queensland community. After a successful corporate career, she's spent the last five years dedicated to the not-for-profit sector. A lover of the great outdoors and sustainable fashion, Emma is excited to use her skills to protect our environment and make a lasting local impact.



Kyle Irwin - Marketing and Communications Officer

With a background in Graphic Design and Marketing, Kyle uses his creative skills to make sustainability look as good as it feels. He's all about spreading the word on environmental action and bringing a burst of enthusiasm to every project he touches!

Suha Yoon - Marketing and Communications Assistant

Bringing a mix of Business and Marketing expertise, as well as a heart for the planet, Suha is the voice behind our social media and campaigns. She's an expert at creating digital media that spreads environmental awareness and keeps our community connected, inspired, and ready to make a splash!

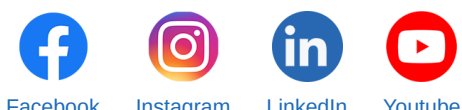


Krissi Teague - Program Resources and Curriculum Advisor

With a background in design and sustainability education, Krissi creates the inspiring resources that bring EcoMarines to life. She is an expert at linking classroom learning with real-world action, helping students connect their curriculum to global goals. Krissi is passionate about making sustainability practical and meaningful, helping the next generation to lead the way in environmental sustainability.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to EcoMarines activities throughout April. Whether you participated in workshops, attended events, or took part in citizen science activities at home, every action contributes to a larger impact. We encourage all members of the EcoMarines community - students, teachers, partners, and supporters - to continue building on this momentum as we move into a busy and exciting May!

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