



Small Actions, Big Waves

Welcome back, EcoMarines community! How amazing is it that we're already halfway through 2026? June has been a non-stop whirlwind of activity and environmental action. As the cooler weather settles in across Queensland, our schools and EcoMarines Ambassadors haven't let it slow them down for even a second. In fact, this past month has seen some of EcoMarines biggest (and best!) events of the year.

From our highly anticipated **Adventure Days** to inspiring **community showcases**, our network has been buzzing. In this June edition of our newsletter, we have articles packed with celebration! EcoMarines is diving deep into the highlights of our recent outdoor excursions, celebrating the incredible fundraising efforts of our schools, and shining a spotlight on how our community has spent this June **Going Green** for EcoMarines!



As always, the heart of this program our amazing EcoMarines **Ambassadors**, supportive **teachers**, dedicated **parents**, and valued **partners**. Every piece of rubbish picked up, every sustainable gift made for a fundraiser, and every native tree planted brings us closer to protecting our precious native environments.

Enjoy reading about the massive waves of positive change that you've all been creating this June!

Adventure Day Showcase

The first of the 2026 Adventure Days held this month were an absolute success! These hands-on days are designed to get our EcoMarines out of the classroom and into the outdoors, connecting directly with the environments that we all work so hard to protect.



Pictured: *Billabong Sanctuary*

This month, our adventures spanned across **four spectacular Queensland locations**:

- Billabong Sanctuary
- Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary
- Tangalooma Island Resort
- Green Island.

At each location, our Ambassadors participated in **hands-on conservation activities** with local wildlife experts and learned about traditional practices. At Currumbin, students got up close with native wildlife and learned about the **critical rehabilitation work** happening at the wildlife hospital. Over at Tangalooma Island Resort, the focus was firmly on **marine conservation**, with an array of partnered workshops from **Energex**, **Redland City Council**, and **Urban Utilities** helping EcoMarines Ambassadors prevent rubbish entering our waterways and into our oceans, conserve energy, and appreciate the wonders of nature!

Meanwhile, up north at Green Island, our Ambassadors explored the unique combination of rainforest and coral reef, discovering how their actions can directly impact the health of our **Great Barrier Reef**, and diving into engaging workshops with **Ergon Energy** and **Citizens of the Reef**.



Pictured: *Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary*

Ergon Energy also appeared at newcomer **Billabong Sanctuary's Adventure Day**, alongside **Healthy Waters Partnership for the Dry Tropics**, both of which engaged our EcoMarines Ambassadors with enticing presentations and activities to learn about their precious local wildlife and environments.

Though these days were exciting excursions, they also showcased the beautiful environments that EcoMarines and our partners seek to protect. Seeing our young leaders ask insightful questions to park rangers and environmental industry experts proves that the future of sustainability in Queensland is in very safe hands.

Exploring Green Island: DETSI's National Park Visiting Tips



EcoMarines Ambassadors lucky enough to visit **Green Island** during our recent Adventure Day will know that this unique coral cay is a **true natural wonder**. Because Green Island National Park is a highly protected and fragile ecosystem, visiting responsibly is key to maintaining its beauty. Here are a few essential tips from **DETSI** (the Department of Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation) based on the Queensland National Parks guidelines to ensure your visit leaves no trace:

- **Protect the Reef:** When snorkelling or swimming, never touch or stand on the coral. Even a gentle brush can damage these delicate living organisms. Always try and use reef-safe sunscreen to prevent harmful chemicals from washing into the water.
- **Keep it Wild:** Green Island is home to a magnificent array of both bird and marine wildlife. It's best to observe them from a distance and never feed them. Human food can make wildlife sick and disrupt their natural foraging behaviours.
- **Pack it up!:** There are limited waste facilities on the island. Please bring a reusable water bottle and bags to take all your rubbish back to the mainland with you.
- **Stay on the Tracks:** When walking through the island's unique vine forest, always stick to the designated boardwalks to protect the fragile root systems and prevent soil erosion.

To learn more about **DETSI's** National Park visiting tips, head to the link below!

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"Go Green" Campaign: A Roaring Success

This month was the official **"Go Green"** month here at EcoMarines, and we're absolutely thrilled to report that this year's campaign **was a massive success!** The creativity, dedication, and high-effort initiatives displayed by our EcoMarines Ambassadors and schools left our team completely blown away. If your school submitted a video for the "Go Green" Competition before the end of June, be on the lookout for our **winner & runner-up announcement!**



Reviewing your submissions for our “Go Green Competition” is always the highlight of our year at EcoMarines.

Seeing how EcoMarines Ambassadors took the simple prompt:

“**What does it mean to be an EcoMarine?**” and turned it into informative and inspiring videos detailing school-wide efforts to protect your local environment. While the “Go Green” month is **coming to a close**, we encourage the EcoMarines community to keep that green energy flowing throughout the year!

Throughout the campaign, schools held an array of fantastic events, including **zero-waste lunch days**, like the popular “**wrapper free Wednesday**”, uniform-free “**green**” shirt days, **native tree plantings**, and **community fundraisers**.

The fundraisers during this period have been vital, helping schools secure the resources they need to keep their own internal environmental projects thriving, or going towards donations for EcoMarines.

We want to extend a massive, heartfelt thank you to every single school, teacher, and student who submitted their projects, events, photos and video submissions!



Petrie Terrace State School: Amazing Mother's Day Success!

We want to give a massive shout-out to the incredible EcoMarines Ambassadors at **Petrie Terrace Primary School** for their phenomenal Mother's Day Fundraiser! **Earlier this year**, the school's EcoMarines Ambassadors organised a **Mother's Day market** where absolutely everything on sale was community-focused, homemade, or completely repurposed!



The students crafted **upcycled gifts**, prepared homemade **eco-themed treats**, and gathered donations for **sustainable raffle baskets**. Thanks to their hard work, the stalls and raffles raised **over \$1,600!** Every cent of this impressive total will go directly back into funding major sustainability projects within Petrie Terrace State School.

We would also like to extend a special thank you to our amazing partners at **Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary**, who generously **sponsored a major prize** for the raffle. This wonderful gesture perfectly connects fundraising efforts and our recent Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary Adventure Day, showing just how connected our EcoMarines network truly is!

EcoMarines Appearances: Townsville & Upper Comera

Our EcoMarines team has been all across the state, spreading the message of conservation far and wide! First up, **Program Coordinator Kassandra** attended the vibrant **Eco Fiesta in Townsville**. She set up a bustling EcoMarines stall packed with educational brochures and interactive recycling trivia. The response was fantastic! Kassandra had the pleasure of chatting with numerous **Early Learning teachers** eager to bring sustainability into their classrooms, as well as some current **EcoMarines teachers** sharing their success stories. She even caught some **EcoMarines Ambassadors** passing through the Fiesta who came to say hello!

Meanwhile, **Program Coordinator Latisha** was making waves at **Upper Coomera State College's STEM Showcase**. Latisha ran an informative EcoMarines stall, delivered an inspiring presentation about the EcoMarines program, and served as a **guest judge** for the event, even helping pick the Year 9 winner – **EcoShine**.



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Seeing how these students are applying science, technology, engineering, and maths to solve real-world and local environmental problems was incredibly inspiring.

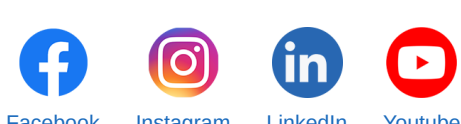
Thanks to all of our current and, hopefully future, EcoMarines Ambassadors and teachers who connected with us at these events!



As we close out the incredibly busy, but extremely rewarding month of June, EcoMarines would like to express our deepest **thanks to our entire community**, our tireless school leaders, students, and teachers, as well as our generous sponsors and partners. We simply couldn't do this vital work without your ongoing passion and support.

Looking ahead, July promises even more opportunities to make a difference, with new school projects being started all throughout Go Green Month, we have lots to look forward to on the horizon. Enjoy the school holidays, keep up the great work taking care of our environments. We will **see you all in July** for another great month of climate action!

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