



Small Actions, Big Waves

Welcome to the May edition of the EcoMarines newsletter! As autumn comes to a close, our wave of environmental action is stronger than ever.

Thank you to our amazing community for your ongoing passion, your support drives every school we visit and every habitat we protect. May has been a whirlwind of hands-on conservation, and we can't wait to share the highlights with everyone!

This month, we empowered the next generation of sustainability champions during fantastic workshops across Queensland. The momentum continued at the inspiring **Ipswich Sustainability Summit**, where we joined local changemakers to collaborate on a greener tomorrow.



EcoMarines also celebrated our favourite pollinators for **World Bee Day**, but are looking forward to even more sustainability days in the coming month. To top it all off, we made a massive splash at our first **Tangalooma Island Resort Adventure Day** of the year, blending real-world conservation with unforgettable experiences.

Each milestone throughout the year reminds us of the incredible impact we make when we work together for our environments, both local and on a national scale. Whether you are looking for inspiration from our school visits, takeaways from the Ipswich Youth Sustainability Summit, or a recap of our exciting Adventure Days, this edition celebrates the EcoMarines community's spirit. Dive in with us and see how our EcoMarines Ambassador's actions are turning into waves of lasting change!

Driving Change at the Ipswich Youth Sustainability Summit



Earlier this month, EcoMarines teamed up with the **Ipswich City Council** for the incredible **2026 Youth Sustainability Summit!** Held at the Nicholas Street Precinct, the event brought together passionate students from across the region. The energy in the room was electric as these young leaders stepped up, ready to learn how their everyday actions can protect the environment. The students were even surprised by a visit from the **Mayor of Ipswich**, Teresa Harding!

The core theme for this year's summit was **"We're All Connected in the Catchment"** shedding light on how these local students are all deeply connected within their local catchment. Through interactive discussions and activities, students explored just exactly how litter and pollution on land travel through our storm drains directly into creeks, rivers, and eventually the ocean. It was an eye-opening reminder that protecting our environments starts right in our own backyards.

The day was packed with many exciting, hands-on activities that turned larger environmental concepts into practical fun. Students dived into workshops focusing on waterway health identification, action planning, identifying pollution sources, and much more! From native plant ID to riparian vegetation simulation, the local students gathered plenty of creative, actionable ideas to tackle waterway pollution in their own school communities and beyond!



We left the summit feeling incredibly inspired by the creativity and determination of these young students. Armed with new knowledge and leadership skills, these students are now more ready than ever to head back to their classrooms and spark their own innovative sustainability projects. A massive thank you to Ipswich City Council and Natura Pacific for helping us prove that you are never too young to start making big waves for sustainability!

Making a Buzz on World Bee Day & Upcoming Sustainability Days



On **World Bee Day**, EcoMarines celebrated the vital role that pollinators play in maintaining healthy ecosystems. A massive shoutout goes to all of the students taking part in learning about and protecting our precious pollinators. Some EcoMarines Ambassadors have already dived into activities to learn exactly how our native bees support biodiversity, proving that understanding and protecting our local pollinators is something every school community can achieve!

The environmental action doesn't stop with May! We're already gearing up for **World Environment Day** on June 5th, which officially kicks off our exciting annual **"Go Green for EcoMarines"** campaign. This June, we are challenging all our schools and supporters to wear green, host eco-themed fundraisers, and spark fresh sustainability initiatives and projects.

Get ready to go green with us and help EcoMarines fundraise for a greener future!

Right in the middle of our Go Green celebrations comes **World Oceans Day** on June 8th, bringing our focus straight back to the heart of EcoMarines. This special day is all about connecting our Ambassadors with the wonders of marine life and teaching them how to protect our ocean. Stay tuned for exciting resources and tips on how your school can take direct action to reduce pollution and protect marine habitats!



Tangalooma Island Resort Adventure Days Launch

Our 2026 **Adventure Days** officially launched with an incredible trip to **Tangalooma Island Resort!** EcoMarines Ambassadors from various schools hopped on the ferry, full of excitement for a day of hands-on learning and island exploration. Supported by our long-term partners, the event was designed to connect students with nature while giving them practical skills to champion environmental action back at home and school.



Our beloved partners at **Urban Utilities** hosted an eye-opening workshop about the hidden dangers lurking in our wastewater systems. EcoMarines Ambassadors learned how "fatbergs" form when everyday items are wrongly flushed down the drain. To bring the lesson to life, students mixed together glue and activating agents to create their own mini-fatbergs (slimes!), vividly demonstrating how easily blockages form and threaten our local waterways.

In the EcoMarines workshop, students rotated through a rotation of challenges to sharpen their skills. They used flashcards to identify native plants and match environmental problems with real-world solutions. They also had a hands-on demonstration using clay and sponges also revealed how natural riparian vegetation slows down floodwaters, whereas concrete urban surfaces speed up runoff, increasing pollution and sediment in our waterways.



The adventure continued outdoors as Tangalooma's own Eco-Rangers led our Ambassadors on a guided **Eco-Tourism Tour** across the resort. Students soaked up the sun while learning about the island's rich history and daily conservation efforts. Everyone also refuelled with a delicious, hot lunch generously provided by Tangalooma Island Resort just after the ferry had docked, giving teachers and students a chance to share their favourite moments.



To cap off the unforgettable day, students from Wellington Point State School, Morningside State School, Brighton State School, and Sheldon College proudly presented their brilliant school sustainability initiatives. A massive thank you to Tangalooma Island Resort and Urban Utilities for making this day possible! Our Ambassadors returned home inspired, energised, and loaded with fresh ideas for their next eco-projects. See you back on Moreton Island in June!

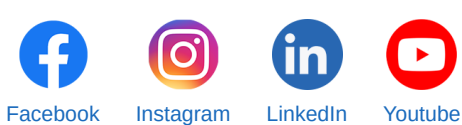
A massive wave of thanks to our EcoMarines community!

May was an exceptional month for our Ambassadors, and June is only going to continue the vibe as we head off for more exciting Adventure Days, as well as launch our ever anticipated

Go Green for EcoMarines campaign!

We can't wait for you to all Go Green with us in June, see you then!

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