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Plant Identification and Seed Collection Workshops

If you'd like to brush up on your plant identification skills and learn about seed collection and propagation techniques, come along to a series of workshops being run by OceanWatch Australia and Burnett Mary Regional Group in the coming month.

The workshop series commences on Saturday the 20th of March, from 1.30pm to 4.30pm, at the Rotunda on the Esplanade, in Bargara (opposite Clarke Street). Local bush regeneration expert Maureen Schmitt of Bundaberg Native Plants & Environmental Consultancy will be leading the workshop, sharing her valuable knowledge on foreshore vegetation identification, environmental weeds, and weed removal techniques specific to the foreshore environment.

The workshop will include a discussion on coastal foreshore issues which are impacting upon the immediate foreshore area at Bargara. Issues such as weeds, erosion, unmanaged access, habitat loss and litter are likely topics to be raised.

Other workshops in the series will concentrate on seed collection and plant propagation techniques, and will be based in Bundaberg. This workshop will be a continuation of the Bargara field day and will look at propagating seeds and cuttings collected on the field day. Topics to be covered will include: Collection methods, drying and cleaning, assessing maturity, seed types, germination and propagation, storage and record keeping. This second workshop will be held on Saturday April 17th from 1:30pm – 4:30pm at the Bundaberg TAFE nursery, Faldt Street, Norville.

OceanWatch Australia is a national not-for-profit environmental company that works to advance sustainability in the Australian seafood industry. OceanWatch key activities involve; enhancing fish habitats and improving water quality in estuaries and coastal environments, working with industry and local communities to minimise environmental impacts and introducing industry and communities to sustainable technologies and behaviors. For further information or to register your interest in attending any of the workshops, contact the Burnett Mary Regional Group on 4181 2999 and request a participant's kit. Alternatively, contact Michelle Haase of OceanWatch Australia via email on michelle@oceanwatch.org.au or Rachael Nasplezes on rachael.nasplezes@bmrq.org.au.

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