

**The “Cooloola Festival of Birds”
Tin Can Bay Foreshore (RSL Hall & Surrounds) 11th – 12th February 2012**

COOLOOLA NATURE is Proud to Present the “Cooloola Festival of Birds” in the RSL Hall & surrounds, Tin Can Bay Foreshore, over the Weekend of the 11th—12th February 2012.

This years Festival promises to provide entertainment and content far more diverse than that of the 2010 Inaugural Event held in association with the Tin Can Bay Seafood Festival.

Workshop & Presentation Themes this year will highlight the Influence that Birds have had on our Culture, Beliefs, and Daily Lives since earliest times through Dance, Song, Art, and Story Telling, while Promoting the Diversity of Birds, their Habitats and requirements throughout Cooloola.

Through such an all-inclusive approach to Environmental Education, COOLOOLA NATURE aims to nurture a greater understanding and feel for our Natural Environment as a whole among the General Public, essential to the re-awakening of our innate Bond with the Natural World.

Through our Website “Birding Cooloola Mountains to Shore” and other Media Outlets, this Event will Promote the diversity of Birds and their Habitats throughout Cooloola, including the Mary River Catchment, to the Bird Watching Public, assisting in the Renewal of the Mary Valley with subsequent monetary benefits arising for local economies from this Eco-tourism Initiative through “Birdwatching Tourism”.

It will highlight the importance & vulnerability of Cooloola Coast shorebird habitats in the face of growing development pressures, while providing educational opportunities for groups such as Queensland Wader Studies, Birds Queensland, James Cook University, and other relevant organisations in promoting Birds and their habitats.

Activities over the Weekend will include –

“Birds of Bush & Foreshore” – Presentations & Field Trips covering a range of subjects from Interpretive Birding, Habitat for Birds, Littoral Flora & Fauna and much more.

“Birds in Art” – Art & Photography Workshops by Local Artists

“Birds in Dance” - Dance Presentations relating to Birds from the Folklore of Multicultural & Indigenous groups

The Angel, Grotto, & Rainbow Eco Shows will provide Entertainment for Children & Adults alike, while “Flight of the Phoenix” & “Batari Taiko” Music will excite & delight Saturday Evening!

For a complete listing of activities, please access our Website www.birdingcooloola.org.au and follow the Links to Print a “Cooloola Festival of Birds” Programme.

To Fund Future Events a Workshop/Field Trip Registration Fee of \$10.00 per Single Adult, or \$10.00 per Couple applies, (payable on Site), in addition to a charge covering Catering Costs, yet to be determined.

Tin Can Bay lies alongside the Great Sandy Strait, a Ramsar Wetland situated within the boundaries of the Great Sandy Biosphere.

The Foreshore provides an excellent vantage point to observe Shorebirds feeding with minimal disturbance at low tide, and an excellent opportunity to “learn” Shorebirds through their profile, size, & feeding habits, while Tin Can Bay is central to excellent Bush Birding sites.

While you are there, enjoy The Tin Can Bay Foreshore Birdwalk, & access our Website “Birding Cooloola Mountains to Shore” www.birdingcooloola.org.au to learn more of our Cooloola Birds, & to print the Brochure “Shorebirds and Seabirds of the Cooloola Coast”.

The Festival is fully Catered for, so keep with the theme, come along, & “Eat Healthy for a Healthy Environment”!

Keep the Weekend of the 11th to the 12th of February in mind for what promises to be a unique cultural, environmental and educational experience, with “all things bird”.

For further information Email cooloolanature@spiderweb.com.au or through our Website www.birdingcooloola.org.au

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