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PROTECTING SEA TURTLES Awareness day



Coastcare
Mackay, Whitsunday
and Isaac Region

Do you get excited when you spot a turtle swimming along the Mackay coast?

This event is for you!

Coastcare Mackay Whitsunday Isaac (MWI) is calling all turtle-lovers down to Harbour Beach to help protect our beautiful beaches and marine wildlife!

You're invited to help protect and learn about the incredible sea turtles living off our Mackay Coast.

Volunteers will be undertaking a clean-up along Harbour Beach on the 12th of December from 8am, followed by a turtle talk and nesting presentation from the amazing volunteers of Mackay and District Turtle Watch Association.

Reef Catchments Coasts and Biodiversity Project Officer Jess Berryman said the clean-up and presentation event was open to everyone with an appreciation of our beautiful marine wildlife.

"We are so excited to be hosting this, the final Coastcare event of the year," Ms Berryman said.

"Queensland is home to six of the world's seven species of marine turtles and all species are considered to be endangered or vulnerable. Marine litter poses one of the greatest, but also most solvable threats to marine turtles.

"Volunteers of all ages are welcome. It is a great opportunity to do something positive for our wildlife, by removing litter. We are absolutely thrilled to have Fay Griffin from Mackay and District Turtle Watch Association volunteering her time and expertise to share her knowledge on marine turtles in Mackay.

"You have no idea how much there is to know about turtles until you've talked to Fay!"

Turtle lovers taking part will learn from a nesting demonstration and have the chance to meet and have photos with Theodore the turtle mascot. The event will include a fun sausage sizzle and young participants can join in some colouring and DIY Key Chain making fun.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Contact Jess Berryman to RSVP:
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EVENT DETAILS

- Date:** Saturday 12th December
Where: Left side of the SLSC Harbour Beach
Time: 8:00am-9:30am: Marine debris collection
9:30am onwards: Turtle talk with Mackay Turtle Watch
Cost: Free (sausage sizzle + key chains available for a donation to Turtle Watch for the purchase of equipment required for turtle rescues)
Bring: A water bottle, hat and sun smart apparel - it will be HOT!



IMG 1: Young turtle lovers are invited to head to the beach and learn more Saturday December 12th

IMG 2: Turtle hatchlings

