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Morning of fun for young coastcarers

COASTCARE is calling all young coastcarers to attend a free morning of educational fun at Bucasia Beach.

The school holiday beach activity morning on Tuesday, September 22 is the perfect opportunity to learn all about the beach, the dunes and the ocean.

Parks and Environment portfolio councillor Theresa Morgan said the initiative was a joint initiative of Reef Catchments and Mackay Regional Council with support from the Australian Government.

“This is a prime example of how council’s natural environment levy is making a real difference to our local community and our flora and fauna,” Cr Morgan said.

“Our children are very much our future and by offering initiatives like this we are helping to foster a conservation mindset that will ensure many generations to come will be able to enjoy our pristine, beautiful beaches.

“Also, this is an excellent cost-free option for parents who want to keep the kids busy in a fun and educational setting.”

Reef Catchment’s Coasts Project Officer, Jessica Berryman, said Bucasia Beach was specifically chosen as it is an important nesting beach for the flatback turtle.

“An average of 16 turtle nests have been recorded each year along the Bucasia Beach foreshore,” she said.

“The beach itself is threatened by a number of pressures including weed invasion, the impacts of coastal development and recreational use. Coastcare aims to address these impacts through volunteer based action.

“We look forward to promoting hands-on conservation learning and challenging our young volunteers with a series of activities and a hidden question.

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“There will be some prizes, of course.”

Activities kick off at 9am and conclude at 11am.

Attendees are asked to meet at Seaview Park, Bucasia. Bring a water bottle and wear enclosed shoes and sun smart apparel.

To RSVP contact Jessica Berryman at jessica.berryman@reefcatchments.com.au or 0429 155 841.

Did you know?

After hatching on beaches around the world, turtles undertake multiyear, epic migrations at sea. Then, these amazing creatures return to the exact spot where they were born to mate and lay their own eggs.