



Small Actions, Big Waves

Welcome to the August edition of the EcoMarines newsletter! We are excited to share the incredible momentum our community is building as we prepare for our *Making Waves* series in the coming months.

In this issue, we wrap up with our final 2026 Adventure Day event at Tangalooma Island Adventure Day event at Tangalooma Island Resort, showcase success at Global Link Australia in 2026, celebrate schools that have gone above and beyond to display their leadership, and highlight some recent sustainability events that our community celebrated this month, and others we're looking forward to!



Settle in and get ready to feel inspired by our community of young change-makers!

2026 Adventure Day Wrap-Up

Our Adventure Days have officially wrapped up their successful run for 2026! Beginning all the way back in May at our first Tangalooma Island Resort Adventure Day on Moreton Island, our journeys then went northbound as our EcoMarines Ambassadors discovered Green Island north-east of Cairns.



Our exciting sanctuary visits were up next, with Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary down on the Gold Coast, and Billabong Sanctuary south of Townsville. Both of these sanctuaries provided a unique experience getting up-close and personal with some of our best native animals.

Finally, we capped off our Adventure Days by returning to Tangalooma Island Resort in June and August, with this month's visit becoming our highest attended event for the year!

Our partners at Urban Utilities, Port of Brisbane, and Seqwater concluded our final Adventure Day for 2026 with a series of highly engaging workshops. In addition, EcoMarines would also love to shout out the team over at Tangalooma Island Resort, for hosting our set of three spectacular Adventure Days throughout 2026!

We also want to extend our sincere thanks to Redland City Council, Healthy Waters Partnership for the Dry Tropics, Energex, Ergon Energy Network, and our newest program partner, Citizens of the Reef!



Adventure Days give our EcoMarines Ambassadors the opportunity to get hands-on with industry experts right in the heart of our gorgeous environments, with memories and inspirations being taken back to school in the form of exciting new projects and initiatives.

Overall, in 2026 EcoMarines held 6 different Adventure Days across 4 diverse locations, featuring 108 schools, 9 different partners, and 14 engaging partner-led workshops.

We have so much more to look forward to, with countless school workshops and even our upcoming Making Waves events, but today we're thanking the entire EcoMarines community for making our Adventure Days in 2026 as successful as ever!

EcoMarines Schools Find Success at Global Link Australia 2026



The highly anticipated "Global Link Australia" event, hosted by our partners at Tangalooma Island Resort, brings together both primary and secondary students from across the world. These students then pitch research projects and sustainable solutions for real-world environmental challenges.

Throughout the convention, students participated in presentations, team-building activities, environmental challenges, cultural experiences, and networking opportunities with like-minded young leaders.

Since the creation of Global Link, EcoMarines schools have not only featured, but excelled! Just as recently as 2025, EcoMarines schools secured many of the top rankings for their innovative solutions to real-world sustainability challenges. Shout out to St Anthony's Catholic College in Deeragun, and Bulimba State School for joint 1st place finishes last year!

In 2026, we're excited to announce that A.B. Paterson College won the top peer voted "Student's Choice Award" for their incredible sustainability initiatives presentation.

The EcoMarines school even detailed that the award was a "particularly special honour, as it was voted on by the students themselves".



"To be recognised by their peers in this way is a remarkable achievement, and a testament to the quality of their work."
-Kiana Sloane, EcoMarines Teacher,
A.B Paterson College



Kurwongbah State School also found success, picking up silver for their "From Containers to Conservation: The Bush Gully Project" presentation. Their EcoMarines Ambassadors detailed how their initiatives helped fund the restoration of their school's Bush Gully - turning the whole school's recycling efforts into real environmental impact.

Jamboree Heights State School explored the importance of Australia's native bees, with their presentation focusing on how we can help protect our essential pollinators through research, education, and community engagement.



Brighton State School championed environmental sustainability and student wellbeing, while also addressing biodiversity and food waste. They presented a brand new sustainability initiative; transforming the



under-utilised cricket nets on their oval into a student-led garden.

EcoMarines would also like to highlight Coolabunia State School, who was able to attend due to generous sponsorship from our partners at Powerlink Queensland. With their help, Coolabunia State School's environmental leaders were able to present the sustainability initiatives that they are leading within their school.



Enquiries for Global Link in 2027 are already open, and EcoMarines encourage all of our community to enquire early!

Whether you're showcasing your school's projects and initiatives, creating innovative solutions to sustainability challenges, taking the opportunity to connect with like-minded peers, or all of the above, make sure your school is a part of the journey!

[Global Link 2027](#)

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EcoMarines Schools Taking Action!

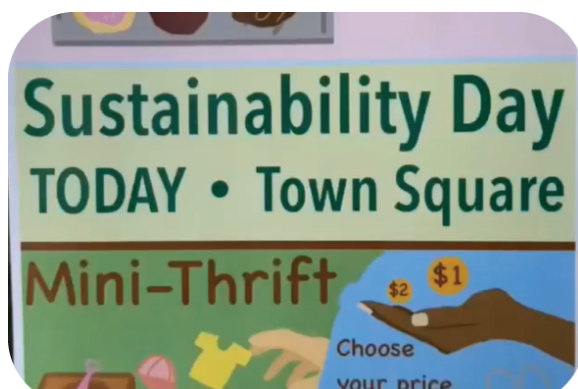
One of the many accomplished schools who came along to EcoMarines' Adventure Days this year was none other than Hilliard State School. These legendary EcoMarines Ambassadors were recently named as finalists in our 2026 "Go Green" competition, and snagged an impressive certificate of donation for their fundraising efforts towards EcoMarines' Platypus Fund. The team raised \$504, exceeding the \$446 raised from their efforts last year!



The EcoMarines team were lucky enough to come along to a prestigious school parade to hand-deliver Hilliard State School's awards for their sustainability efforts throughout the year.

On the other side of the Brisbane River, Indooroopilly State High School held their impressive Sustainability Day celebrations, thanks to their "GreIndro" Student Ambassadors, and EcoMarines Ambassadors.

Between their bake sale, thrift pop-up shop, and trivia activities, the Indooroopilly State High School team can give themselves a pat on the back for their efforts. Proceeds from their fundraising went to "Take 3 For The Sea", dedicating their Sustainability Day to preventing plastic pollution from entering our oceans.



Take a look at how Take 3 for the Sea is helping fight plastic pollution.

[Take 3 For The Sea](#)

Keeping Australia Beautiful During National Science Week!

Kicking off August was Keep Australia Beautiful Week!

EcoMarines shared some different ways to get involved through the official website registry, but we also took the time to spotlight some EcoMarines Ambassador action from earlier in the year! This year's event was all about celebrating "Beautiful Spaces & Happy Places", encouraging our community to create and maintain our beautiful and native environments.



Later in August, for National Science Week, EcoMarines celebrated one of our favourite links to sustainable science practices, our Citizen Science Workshops! Schools like the Islamic College of Brisbane signed up to celebrate National Science Week by training 30 new Citizen Scientists right in their impressive vegetable and herb gardens.

The students take to their school gardens in order to learn about plant and animal identification, having learned about software such as "Seek" by iNaturalist, or "Merlin Bird ID". Though exploring your local environment is fun, Citizen Science is also a vital step in understanding and supporting native biodiversity.

Through Citizen Science, students can understand just what species can be found around their school, which allows them to make more informed decisions regarding their future sustainability projects. This allows our dedicated EcoMarines Ambassadors to make sure that their initiatives adhere to what their local environment needs to thrive and flourish!



Thank you, EcoMarines community, for continuing to lead the way and make a real difference for our native environments! Together we're creating a sustainable future at home, in school, or even when we're out and about.

Looking Ahead to Biodiversity Month

September is right around the corner, and we're kicking it off with National Biodiversity Month!

Throughout the year, during EcoMarines on Tour and Adventure Day events, our EcoMarines Ambassadors explored Queensland's rich and diverse environments. These events were hands-on journeys into experiencing vital ecosystems.



From island and marine life to tropics, forests, and mangroves, there were countless native species to discover and learn from. Protecting our local habitats helps to protect the diverse species that depend on them.

Whilst adventuring through our native environments is fun, it's important that the EcoMarines community carries these lessons forward so our natural biodiversity can flourish as we all help to create a greener future!

Although we've just had an eventful National Science Week featuring our Citizen Science Workshops, National Biodiversity Month lets us keep the momentum going as we encourage schools to book in and give back to nature through Citizen Science and Composting.



Looking ahead, our EcoMarines Ambassadors also have our Making Waves series to look forward to, featuring an impressive collection of environmental centres amidst stunning, biodiverse backdrops.

Making Waves



Making Waves - Karawatha 2025

We are thrilled to announce that tickets to our upcoming Making Waves series are still available! This is the perfect chance for EcoMarines Ambassadors to connect with like-minded peers, teachers, and schools as local industry leaders provide them the practical knowledge they need to champion sustainability for our environment.

Tickets are limited, don't miss out on Making Waves - come and showcase how your school made a splash this year!

Available Making Waves Dates:

Brisbane

Nudgee Beach Environmental Education Centre - October 7th

Karawatha Forest Discovery Centre - October 29th

Moreton Bay Environmental Education Centre (Wynnum) - November 3rd

Ipswich

Queens Park Nature Centre - November 10th

Gold Coast

Broadbeach Cultural Centre - November 5th

Townsville

Riverside Gardens Community Centre - October 13th

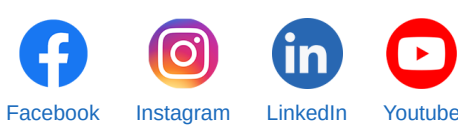
Cairns

Holloways Beach Environmental Education Centre - October 30th

Interested?

Enquire with EcoMarines to register your school for Making Waves 2026!

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