



Geoffrey Bay

Good Grief! The Reef

GBRMPA SET TO HIT THE ROAD

Checking out the Reef

Staff from the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority are set to embark on their second round of Public Information Sessions along the GBR coast with more than 40 GBR coast communities visited over the next three weeks.

Ocean Dive on Magnetic Island supported local volunteers to check the health of reefs in Geoffrey and Nelly Bays over the last couple of weekends, as part of the global initiative 'Reef Check'.

According to GBRMPA Director of Communications and Education, Bruce Kingston, the visits will be information sessions designed to discuss the proposed changes to zoning with individuals and groups.

Reef Check is a program of the University of California's, Institute of the Environment, which monitors the health of reefs on an ongoing basis. However, it is a team of volunteers and students from James Cook University surveying local reefs.

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This is a genuine consultation process and it is critical that interested individuals understand the Draft Zoning Plan. Rather than running traditional public meetings where individuals sometime dominate proceedings, we run community information sessions - effectively an open house
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