

# QWater'24 Conference

Balancing Big Goals

## Site Tour – Unitywater's Wetland tour, Blue Heart Sunshine Coast

Join us in celebrating QWater with an opportunity to explore the Yandina Creek Wetlands, a vital part of the Blue Heart Sunshine Coast. Owned and managed by Unitywater, these wetlands play a crucial role in enhancing water quality within the Maroochy River Catchment by filtering out nutrients and sediments. Since 2016, Yandina Creek Wetlands have significantly reduced nutrient levels in the Maroochy River, offsetting the impact of treated wastewater from the local community.

Beyond their environmental importance, the wetlands have blossomed into a thriving habitat, now home to over 100 species of wildlife—a true haven for bird enthusiasts and nature lovers alike. During the tour, you'll also hear from Sunshine Coast Council representatives about the broader Blue Heart partnership and innovative blue carbon projects that are shaping the future of our region.

### Tour Details

Date: Friday, 1 November 2024

Time: 1.30pm to 4.00pm

Collection Point: Novotel Sunshine Coast Resort, 270 Ocean Drive, Twin Waters, QLD, 4564

### Schedule

The QWater conference sessions close at 1pm with lunch served. Delegates joining the tour will then meet 1.30pm to head off on a coach to the Yandina Wetlands. Delegates return via coach to Novotel Sunshine Coast Resort by 4.00pm.

### Inclusions

Lunch is provided with the Conference catering prior to departure. We recommend delegates to bring their own water bottle. Return transport from Novotel Sunshine Coast Resort is provided.

### Important Tour Notes

- The tour will involve a 1.7km walking loop in a bushland area on gravel track.
- There can also be high mosquito numbers in November.
- There are no toilet amenities at the site.

### PPE Requirements

Please wear long pants, long sleeved shirt, closed-toed walking shoes. We also recommend sun protection such as hat and sunscreen, along with mosquito protection such as repellent and a face net.

### Cost

AWA Member \$25 | Non-member \$35