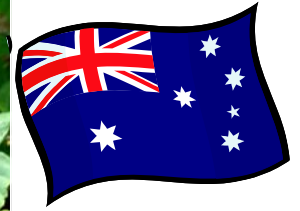




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# The Atoll

Thurs 9th June 2016 - Wed 22nd Jun 2016



## Cocos (Keeling) Islands

The Cocos (Keeling) Islands comprises of 27 coral islands forming two atolls, situated 2768km NW of Perth and 3685km due West of Darwin, is an isolated speck in the Indian Ocean.

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### Cocos Snapshots

### Gambaran Cocos



Kim and Josh from the Department of Fisheries WA and Trish from Parks Australia visited CIDHS to celebrate World Environment Day and World Oceans Day last week



Story time at Home Island Campus

Photos: CIDHS



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Rainfall Stats

June Statistics  
(latest up to 9 Jun):  
97.80 mm

Latest 2016 Statistics:  
(latest up to 9 Jun)  
1517.00 mm



LATEST WEATHER

<http://www.bom.gov.au/climate/dwo/IDCJDW6027.latest.shtml>

Emergency Contact List

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	VHF Ch24
DFES HI	91627788
DFES WI	91627777
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	VHF Ch20
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Shire WI	91626740
Watercorp	91626722



# WEST ISLAND MARKET DAY

**Saturday 18th June 2016**  
**10.00am - 1.00pm**  
**CRC Verandah - West Island**

To book your **FREE** table  
please contact us on  
**P: 9162 7707** or  
**E: cocosislands@crc.net.au**  
**W: www.cocos.crc.net.au**

Thumbs Up

👍 To Kelly and the team at the CRC for organising a great info session

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# INFO SESSION

How do we know what is under the sea without getting in the water?

**Wednesday 15th June 2016 - 5.00pm**

Researchers from The Department of Fisheries will show you how they use underwater videos, called BRUVs, and environmental DNA, known as eDNA, for sampling fish and shark populations at the Cocos Keeling Islands.

Baited remote underwater stereo-video systems (BRUVs) are now a common tool for finding out what fish and sharks are living where and their numbers, size and diversity.

Environmental DNA (or eDNA) is a new tool that Fisheries is trialling to 'test' the make up of marine ecosystems. It involves collecting a sample of water, filtering it and then using new DNA sequencing technologies to work out what marine species (from fish to crustaceans) are in the water - they leave traces of amounts of their DNA in the water, making them easy to track!

## Presenters:

**Professors Euan Harvey and Michael Bunce and Dr. Michael Stat, Department of Environment and Agriculture Curtin University, Western Australia**  
**Craig Skepper, Department of Fisheries**

**Please RSVP by no later than Wednesday 8th June 2016**  
**Soft drinks and finger food will be supplied.**



The Cocos Islands CRC would like to thank the Cocos Islands Golf Club for their kind donation of \$297 from Scroungers. Thanks also to Golf Club members and Cocos Club patrons for their donations.

This has now taken our final fundraising to **\$1762.75!**



The Cocos Islands CRC has 5 x Offshore Flare Kits available for sale.

Each kit is \$160.00

Please contact our office if you need to replace your existing flares.

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PLEASE NOTE: Due to its current circumstance, South End Road has a reduced speed limit of 30km until further notice

*TOLONG PERHATIKAN: Olehkerana keadaan jalan ini, 'speed limit' South End Road telah dikurangkan hanya 30km/hr sampai notis selanjutnya*

#### West Island Feral Chicken Culling Program

The Shire Ranger (Razali Zainiel), Australian Federal Police (AFP) and Toll manager will be conducting a feral chicken culling program next week on West Island.

The feral chicken culling program will take place along Air force Road until the very end of the southern residential area of West Island. The program will be conducted from 0815 am - 0930 am.

I remind all West Island residents to be aware and would like to advise that firearms will be used during the program.

If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact myself at [ranger@cocos.wa.gov.au](mailto:ranger@cocos.wa.gov.au) or 91626649.

Thank you for your co-operation.

#### Program Pengurangan Ayam di Pulu Panjang

*Shire Ranger (Razali Zainiel), Australian Federal Police (AFP) dan Toll manager akan menjalankan program pengurangan ayam minggu datang di Pulu Panjang.*

*Program pengurangan ayam ini akan dijalankan sepanjang Air force Road hingga penghujung kampung kearah selatan Pulu Panjang. Program ini akan dijalankan dari 0815 am - 0930 am.*

*Saya ingatkan penduduk Pulu Panjang untuk berhati-hati dan ingin juga memberitahu yang senapan akan digunakan untuk program ini.*

*Jika kamu ada pertanyaan atau kekuatiran silahkan hubungi [ranger@cocos.wa.gov.au](mailto:ranger@cocos.wa.gov.au) atau 91626649.*

*Terima kasih atas kerjasama semua.*

Razali Zainiel



#### Removal of Wind Turbines

The Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development has funded a project to dismantle and remove the wind turbines from Home Island. The work will be completed under contract beginning 11 June 2016. The dismantling work will require machinery on-site, including cranes, and may require the part closure of the road fronting the wind turbine site for a short duration. To ensure community safety motorists and pedestrians are asked to please obey any signage and instructions given by the work crew in this area.

If you have any questions regarding the project please contact the Project Manager, Jason Rechichi, on 0439 974 150.

#### Pengangkatan Kipas Besar

*Depatmen bahagian Infrastructure dan Regional Development telah mendanakan projek untuk merombak and menyingkirkan kipas dari Home Island. Pekerjaan ini akan di laksanakan dengan cara kontrak mulai 11 Jun 2016. Perombakan ini akan menggunakan banyak mesin mesin, termasuk kerin, dan mungkin menutup sebahagian jalan yang berhadapan dengan kipas untuk sementara waktu. Untuk memastikan keselamatan masyarakat, pemandu motosekel dan orang orang yang berjalan di mintak supaya mengikut semua sains dan keterangan yang di kasi oleh pekerja yang ada di situ.*

*Jika saudara/saudari mempunyai pertanyaan berkenaan projek ini tolong berhubung dengan Manager Projek yaitu Jason Rechichi di nomor 0439 974 150.*

Expressions of interest to purchase  
11 seater bus.

Contact Ray at Cocos Seaview  
91626761



**IT'S BACK!!!**

**HARI RAYA COMPETITION**

**DO YOU THINK YOU HAVE THE BEST...**

**FRONT YARD?**

**LIGHTS DISPLAY?**

**OR EVEN BOTH?**

- *Most Improved Front Yard*
- *Best Light Display*

*Judging will be undertaken on Hari Raya Eve (Malam Takbir)*

*Mystery garden hamper prizes for each category worth over \$2,500 to be won!*

*If you want your front yard or light display to be judged,  
you are required to complete the below entry form.*



SHIRE OF  
**COCOS**  
KEELING ISLANDS

**ENTRY FORM**

**HARI RAYA COMPETITION**

*Name:* \_\_\_\_\_

*House Number:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Category:*

*Most Improved Front Yard*

*Best Light Display*

*Both*

*Please return completed form to Luluk before **4pm Monday 4th July 2016***

*at our Home Island Office, or for enquiries on 91626649.*



Quote of the Day

"She had not known the weight until she felt the freedom." ~ Nathaniel Hawthorne



Thought for the Day

"Make conscious choices about where you'll give your time and attention." ~ Jeff Davidson

Jokes of the Week

Teacher: "If I gave you 2 cats and another 2 cats and another 2, how many would you have?"

Johnny: "Seven."

Teacher: "No, listen carefully... If I gave you two cats, and another two cats and another two, how many would you have?"

Johnny: "Seven."

Teacher: "Let me put it to you differently. If I gave you two apples, and another two apples and another two, how many would you have?"

Johnny: "Six."

Teacher: "Good. Now if I gave you two cats, and another two cats and another two, how many would you have?"

Johnny: "Seven!"

Teacher: "Johnny, where in the heck do you get seven from?!"

Johnny: "Because I've already got a freaking cat!"

A boy with a monkey on his shoulder was walking down the road when he passed a policeman who said, "Now, now young lad, I think you had better take that monkey the zoo."

The next day, the boy was walking down the road with the monkey on his shoulder again, when he passed the same policeman. The policeman said, "Hey there, I thought I told you to take that money to the zoo!"

The boy answered, "I did! Today I'm taking him to the cinema."

Please don't feed or interfere with the animals

Tolong jangan kasi makan atau mengganggu binatang

At Pulu Keeling National Park, we have lots of native species that are protected under national environment law.

We even have protected species that are found outside the Park.

Find out more by contacting us or visiting the website.

Di Taman Negara Pulu Keeling, kita ada banyak jenis-jenis binatang yang dijaga dibawa undang-undang alami nasional.

Kami juga ada jenis-jenis yang dijaga diluar daripada Taman Negara.

Cari tahu lebih lanjut dengan menghubungi kami untuk mengunjungi website.



### Did You Know???

Stressed out?  
Try cleaning your home - Clean and organised surroundings help promote relaxation.

### Cocos (Keeling) Islands News (cont'd)

### Berita Pulu Cocos (Keeling) (seterusnya)



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### Cocos Malay Words

- Busy - *Sibuk*
- Lazy - *Malas*
- Active - *Aktif*
- Run - *Lari*
- Walk - *Jalan*
- Relax - *Berehat*
- Stress - *Stress / Bimbang / Gelisah*
- Health - *Kesihatan*
- Sick - *Sakit*
- Fit - *Sihat*



Left to right – Tess, Vieve, Daniel and Fitzroy.

IOTHS is pleased to announce that Dr Daniel Williams will be the new permanent doctor on Cocos (Keeling) Islands.

Daniel graduated from Melbourne University in 2007, completed his intern year at Royal Melbourne Hospital and his residency in various hospitals throughout Victoria. He served in the Royal Australian Air Force for 4 years and was deployed to Papua New Guinea, Afghanistan and United Arab Emirates. Upon leaving the military Daniel spent 6 months at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital working in the Palliative Care Department and has completed a Clinical Diploma in Palliative Care.

Daniel is married to Tess and has two young children, Fitzroy and Vieve and in his spare time can be found at Largs Bay Kite Boarding.

Daniel and his family will be arriving on 30 July 2016.



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A Census Field Officer's duties may vary, depending on their assigned area. Job seekers from diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply.



Apply now at [abs.gov.au/careers](http://abs.gov.au/careers)  
More information is available from the ABS website.



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## CORAL BLEACHING AT THE INDIAN OCEAN TERRITORIES

In the summer of 2015/16 the coral reefs of Christmas Island were heavily impacted by what the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) have declared the 'Third Global Coral Bleaching Event'<sup>1</sup>. Significant and widespread coral bleaching has been recorded throughout tropical reef systems in both the Northern and Southern Hemisphere<sup>1</sup>. Speaking with respect to Australia's Great Barrier Reef, researchers from the Australian Research Council Centre of Excellence for Coral Reef Studies suggest that this bleaching event "dwarfs previous bleaching events by a long mark"<sup>2</sup>.

Thermal coral bleaching is the process by which corals lose their colouration due to stress caused by a prolonged increase in water temperature. Increases in water temperature of as little as 1°C above the normal summer average can result in thermal coral bleaching. The stress causes the corals to expel the symbiotic algae (zooxanthellae) living within their tissues. Without the colourful zooxanthellae the coral turns white, giving it a bleached appearance. Bleaching does not always cause coral death, as the zooxanthellae can return if the water temperature drops sufficiently. However, depending on how high and for how long water temperatures are elevated, the bleaching can result in large scale coral mortality, and the recovery of the reef can take many years.

Over the past few months the reefs of Christmas Island have experienced widespread and extensive bleaching, with numerous species of coral affected. On average the summer water temperature at Christmas Island peaks at approximately 29°C. Preliminary data from water temperature loggers maintained by the Department of Fisheries indicates that prolonged water temperatures over 30°C were observed between the 5<sup>th</sup> March and 9<sup>th</sup> April 2016, reaching a maximum of 31°C in mid March 2016. This prolonged increase in water temperature is the likely cause of the coral bleaching seen around Christmas Island. The water temperature had returned closer to the average monthly temperature by early May, which may aid in the recovery of the bleached coral.

The Department of Fisheries has long term reef monitoring sites at both Christmas and the Cocos (Keeling) Islands, to monitor the health of the reef systems. These sites were resurveyed in April/May 2016 and the data is currently being analysed by Department of Fisheries' researchers to document the full extent of the bleaching event. Results from this analysis will be communicated to the communities of the Indian Ocean Territories as soon as it's available. The research being undertaken by the Department of Fisheries also complements the similar work being undertaken by other researchers, such as Jean-Paul Hobbs from Curtin University.

Fortunately, as of late April 2016, preliminary data from Department of Fisheries' researchers indicates that no significant thermal coral bleaching has occurred at either the Southern or Northern Atoll of the Cocos (Keeling) Islands.

The communities of the Indian Ocean Territories can continue to help the health of their reefs by reporting any additional observations of bleaching events to the Department of Fisheries, and by minimising direct impacts on the reefs, for example avoiding corals when using boat anchors.

References: (1)[www.globalcoralbleaching.org](http://www.globalcoralbleaching.org) (2) [www.sciencemag.org](http://www.sciencemag.org) – 19<sup>th</sup> April 2016



Images: Christmas Island May 2016. Department of Fisheries Western Australia



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### KARANG LUNTUR DI INDIAN OCEAN TERRITORIES

Di musim panas 2015/16 batu karang di Pulu Christmas menerima impak yang besar oleh sesuatu yang 'National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)' telah gelarkan 'Third Global Coral Bleaching Event'<sup>1</sup>. Karang belutur yang besar dan luas telah dilaporkan diseluruh system batu karang dikedua-dua Hemisphere Utara dan Selatan<sup>1</sup>. Berbincang berkenaan Great Barrier Reef di Australia, penyelidik dari Australian Research Council Centre of Excellence untuk Penyelidikan Batu Karang menunjukkan bahawa kelunturan ini "mengecilkkan kejadian kelunturan yang terdulu"<sup>2</sup>.

Karang luntur thermal adalah proses yang karang hilang caya olehkerana stress yang disebabkan oleh suhu ayer yang meningkat yang lama. Tingkatan suhu ayer walaupun sekecil 1°C diatas kebiasaan dimasa musim panas akan menyebabkan kelunturan batu karang. Stress menyebabkan batu karang untuk mengeluarkan symbiotic algae (zooxanthellae) yang hidup dalam mereka. Tanpa zooxanthellae yang berwarna-warni karang menukar caya putih, memberinya penampakan luntur. Kelunturan tidak selalu menyebabkan kematian karang, kerana zooxanthellae ini boleh kembali bila suhu ayer turun hingga kesesuaiannya. Tetapi, tegantung barapa tinggi dan berapa lama suhu ayer ini tinggi, kelunturan boleh menghasilkan kematian karang yang banyak, dan kesembuhan karang ini boleh memakan masa berberapa tahun.

Dalam berberapa bulan yang liwat batu karang di Pulu Christmas mengalami kelunturan yang meluas dan berlebihan, dengan berberapa jenis karang yang terjejas. Kira-kira dimasa panas suhu ayer di Pulu Christmas hingga kira-kira 29°C. Data awal daripada laporan suhu ayer yang dijaga oleh Department of Fisheries menunjukkan kelebihan yang berpanjangan dengan suhu ayer melebihi 30°C dilihat 5<sup>th</sup> March dan 9<sup>th</sup> April 2016, hingga sampai 31°C dibulan March 2016. Kelebihan suhu ayer yang berpanjangan ini adalah penyebab besar terhadap kelunturan karang disekitar Pulu Christmas. Suhu ayer telah kembali ke kebiasaan bulanan pada awal bulan May, yang mungkin boleh membantu penyembuhan karang-karang yang luntur ini.

Department of Fisheries mempunyai tempat-tempat pengawasi karang dimasa-masa hadapan dikedua-dua Pulu Christmas dan Cocos (Keeling), untuk mengawasi kesihatan sistem baru karang. Tempat-tempat ini di survey kembali pada April/May 2016 dan hasilnya sedang di analisa oleh penyelidik Department of Fisheries untuk melaporkan sepenuhnya terhadap kejadian kelunturan ini. Hadil daripada analisa ini akan disampaikan kepada masyarakat di Indian Ocean Territories secepat mungkin bila siap. Penyelidikan yang dijalankan oleh Department of Fisheries juga menyokong kerjaan yang berkaitan sama oleh penyelidik lain, seperti Jean-Paul Hobbs dari Curtin University.

Untungnya, daripada pengujung April 2016, data awal daripada penyelidik Department of Fisheries menunjukkan yang tidak ada kelunturan yang besar yang telah belaku dikedua-dua bahagian atoll di Pulu Cocos (Keeling).

Masyarakat-masyarakat Indian Ocean Territories boleh meneruskan untuk membantu kesihatan batu karang mereka dengan melaporkan petanda-petanda tambahan mengenai kejadian batu karang luntur kepada Department of Fisheries, dan mengurangi gangguan langsung terhadap batu karang, contohnya mengelakkan karang bila menggunakan jangkar.

References: (1)[www.globalcoralbleaching.org](http://www.globalcoralbleaching.org) (2) [www.sciencemag.org](http://www.sciencemag.org) - 19<sup>th</sup> April 2016



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## REEF SHARKS



Blacktip shark (*Carcharhinus tilstoni*)

Reef sharks inhabit tropical waters and lagoons near coral reefs in Indo-Pacific waters and the Caribbean. There are several different types of reef sharks in the world however only the white- tip, black-tip, and grey reef sharks are found in the waters of the IOTs.

Like all sharks, reef sharks are efficient predators. They feed on reef fish, squid, octopus, crab and lobster. Some species will display cooperative feeding, where the sharks will work together to herd fish into a crevice or against a rock so they can hunt them more efficiently. Reef sharks are most active at night or when the tide is slack, and will generally spent their time during the day resting.

All reef sharks are viviparous - they give birth to live pups, with an average of 1-5 pups per litter. Gestation periods can be longer than 1 year, and the pups do not reach maturity until at least the age of 5. Slow reproduction rates make reef sharks particularly vulnerable to overfishing.

Sharks play an important ecological role as apex predators in reef systems and in maintaining healthy reef ecosystems, but

are highly vulnerable to moderate levels of fishing pressure. A number of reef systems throughout the world now have heavily depleted shark populations, in some cases resulting in ecosystem impacts. A survey of the Cocos (Keeling) Islands by researchers from James Cook University on the reef shark populations found that the Islands have one of the few reef sites in the world with healthy reef shark populations.

Under the proposed recreational fishing rules for the Cocos (Keeling) Islands, all shark species, including reef sharks, will be totally protected and may not be taken.

Feel free to contact Kim Boothman, Community Education Officer for the IOTs, at any time on [Kim.Boothman@fish.wa.gov.au](mailto:Kim.Boothman@fish.wa.gov.au) or Work:

9203 0345 / Mobile: 0418 915 281.



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## CUCUT



Blacktip shark (*Carcharhinus tilstoni*)

Cucut tinggal dilautan tropikal dan lagoon dekat batu-karang di lautan Indo-Pacific dan Caribbean. Ada beberapa jenis cucut didalam dunia tetapi hanya cucut batu, cucut black-tip dan cucut hitam yang didapati dilautan IOTs.

Seperti cucut-cucut lain, cucut ini adalah predator yang sering berhadil. Mereka memakan ikan karang, sotong, gerita, kepiting dan udang. Ada jenis yang menunjukkan bekerjasama untuk makan, dimana cucut-cucut bekerjasama untuk menompok ikan-ikan kedalam jukuk batu supaya mereka dapat memburu lebih berhasil. Cucut lebih aktif diwaktu malam atau bila ayer pasang, dan biasanya menggunakan masa mereka disiang hari untuk berehat.

Semua cucut adalah 'viviparous' - mereka melahirkan anak-anak, dengan kira-kira 1-5 anak sekali melahirkan. Masa mereka bunting boleh melebihi 1 tahun, dan anaknya tidak mencapai dewasa hingga berumur 5 tahun. Perlahan untuk membuat keturunan membuat cucut sangat muda terancam terhadap penangkapan lebih.

Cucut memainkan peranan yang penting dalam ecology sebagai

predator yang tertinggi dalam system batu-karang dan menetapkan ecosystem batu-karang yang sihat, tetapi sangat terancam kepada tekanan pemancingan yang sederhana. Ada beberapa system batu-karang diseluruh dunia sekarang telah banyak mengurangi cucut, dalam beberapa kes menyebabkan dalam impak ecosystem. Sebuah survey di Pulu Cocos (Keeling) oleh penyelidik dari James Cook University mengenai jumlah cucut mendapati yang pulu-pulu disini mempunyai satu daripada sedikit tempat batu-karang dalam dunia dengan population cucut yang sihat.

Dibawa undang-undang pemancingan rekreasi yang dicadangkan untuk Pulu Cocos (Keeling) Islands, semua jenis cucut, termasuk cucut biasa, akan dijaga keseluruhnya dan tidak boleh diamvbiil.

Silahkan hubungi Kim Boothman, Community Education Officer untuk IOTs, dibila-bila masa sahaja di [Kim.Boothman@fish.wa.gov.au](mailto:Kim.Boothman@fish.wa.gov.au) atau Kerjaan: 9203 0345 / Mobile: 0418 915 281.



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27 May, 2016

## Sky Muster satellite is on the way this year

The satellite service being offered as part of the Australian national broadband rollout (**nbn**) is planned to be available on Christmas and Cocos (Keeling) Islands from the end of October this year.

### About nbn

**nbn** is the government-owned company that is rolling out the new broadband network across Australia and its external territories. Called Sky Muster™, the satellite service will offer wholesale broadband internet services that home-owners and businesses can order from participating Retail Service Providers.

### Register your interest

As each service needs its own dish and inside equipment installed, **nbn** is asking for expressions of interest from those intending to order a Sky Muster™ satellite service to assist with planning. Before 22 July 2016, you can register your interest by sending an email to [nbnforIoT@nbn.com.au](mailto:nbnforIoT@nbn.com.au) including your name and address. For more information please visit <http://nbn.com.au/skymuster-eoi>

### The Expression of Interest is not an order

The expression of interest is not an order and you will also need to place an order with a Retail Service Provider when the Sky Muster™ satellite service orders open on Christmas Island and the Cocos (Keeling) Islands.

### More about Sky Muster™

The service requires the installation of an 80cm or 120cm dish at each premises for which an order is placed. That dish is then connected via internal cabling to a modem within the home or business. For a limited period nbn will waive initial installation charges that may apply to Retail Service Providers for installations in areas that cannot reasonably be accessed by road and would require some element of air or water transportation. At the time you place your order with your preferred Retail Service Provider, ask them about any applicable fees they may charge you. Information about service providers is also available online <http://www.nbnco.com.au/connect-home-or-business/check-your-address/choose-a-provider-sky-muster.html?csald=&addressCategory=HOME>

Further information is also available by calling 1800 687 626

## Family law II – you must try to negotiate about some family law disputes before you can apply to the Family Court – the FDR process and FDR certificate

These are short articles about legal issues that may interest you. They are not legal advice. You should always get individual legal advice for your situation.

In the last article we set out the requirements to try to negotiate an agreement with your ex-partner before applying to the Family Court for orders about a property settlement or about parenting arrangements for your children. We also set out the circumstances in which you may be exempt from having to try to negotiate before going to Court.

In this article, we are going to talk about the Family Dispute Resolution process and getting a certificate from a Family Dispute Resolution Practitioner (FDRP). This is for where you are not exempt from getting an FDR certificate and your dispute is about the arrangements for your children.

A FDRP is a person qualified to help you and your ex-partner meet together and go through a process called Family Dispute Resolution (also called "mediation") to try to reach agreement about your dispute about your children. The dispute might be about who they live with or how much time they will spend with each parent or other relatives, or other things.

Sometimes, the FDR process with the FDRP will take place over the telephone or by videolink if you live in a remote place, such as Christmas or Cocos (Keeling) Islands. Sometimes, you and the other party can be in different rooms during the mediation process.

The mediation process follows a fairly set procedure. The FRDP is neutral and cannot impose any decisions, nor give advice, but controls the process and helps the parties reach their own solutions.

The FRDP first assists the parties to identify the issues in dispute. Then, systematically for each issue, the FDRP helps the parties consider all of the possible options for solving that problem and then negotiate together a solution for each particular problem.

There are a number of agencies who conduct FDR mediations and can issue certificates. These include (but there are others):

- Family Relationship Centres.
- Legal Aid WA.
- Relationships Australia.
- Centrecare Inc and Centacare.
- Anglicare.

There are also a number of private FDR practitioners who can provide certificates. You can look up all of the WA FDR providers by looking at the Family Dispute Resolution Register <http://www.fdr.ag.gov.au>

If you reach agreement with your ex-partner in the mediation, you will probably not need to apply to the Family Court to ask it to make a decision about your dispute, because you have resolved it. You could instead have one of the following things:

1. A Parenting Plan with your ex-partner, which is a written, signed and dated agreement. Note that a Parenting Plan is not enforceable in the Family Court however.
2. Orders by consent in the Family Court reflecting your agreement. You can do this by filing a Form 11 Application for Consent Orders (see the Family Court of WA website) to ask the Court to make the orders "by consent" that you and ex-partner have agreed upon. You do not need an FRDP certificate if you are applying for orders by consent. Orders in the Family Court are enforceable.

If any of the following occur:

- the FDR practitioner decides that your matter is not suitable for FDR mediation (eg because there has been serious domestic violence)
- your ex-partner refuses to attend the FDR mediation
- you do not reach agreement during the FDR process or
- the FDR practitioner stops the mediation during it

you will be given an FDRP certificate to file with your Family Court application.

The certificate will say one of several things:

- that the FDR practitioner did not consider that it would be appropriate to conduct the mediation
- the other party refused to attend or agreed to attend but then did not attend
- the parties made a genuine effort to resolve the dispute but did not reach agreement
- that one or both of the parties did not make a genuine effort to resolve the problems or
- that during the mediation the FDR practitioner decided that it was inappropriate to continue the mediation.

Once you have your certificate, you can make an application to the Court for the Court to make a decision about your dispute about the arrangements for your children. You should get legal advice about your individual situation.

It is also important to know that most applications that are filed in the Court do not proceed to a trial. Usually, agreement is reached along the way. The Court's processes are aimed towards helping people reach agreement along the way and not proceeding to a full trial.

**Undang-undang Keluarga II – kamu mesti coba untuk berunding tentang beberapa perselisihan undang-undang keluarga sebelum kamu memohon kepada Family Court – proses FDR dan sijil FDR**

Majalah pendek ini tentang perkara-perkara legal yang mungkin kamu berminat. Ia bukan nasihat legal. Kamu mesti selalu mendapatkan nasihat legal untuk keadaan kamu.

Dalam majalah kebelakangan kami menerangkan keperluan untuk coba berundingkan persetujuan dengan bekas pasangan kamu sebelum memohon ke Family Court untuk pemerintahan tentang pembahagian harta atau pengurusan ibu/bapak untuk anak-anak kamu. Kami juga menerangkan keadaan yang kamu mungkin dibebaskan daripada perundingan sebelum pergi ke Mahkamah.

Dalam majalah ini, kita akan berbincang tentang proses Family Dispute Resolution dan mendapatkan sijil dari Family Dispute Resolution Practitioner (FDRP). Ini adalah masa yang kamu tidak dibebaskan dari mendapatkan sijil FDR dan perselisihan kamu tentang pengurusan untuk anak-anak kamu.

FDRP adalah seorang yang berijazah untuk membantu kamu dan bekas pasangan kamu bertemu untuk melalui proses yang dipanggil Family Dispute Resolution (juga dipanggil "mediation") untuk mencoba dapatkan persetujuan tentang perselisihan kamu tentang anak-anak kamu. Perselisihan mungkin tentang dengan siapa mereka akan tinggal atau berapa lama mereka akan bersama dengan satu orang-tuah atau sahabat, atau barang lain.

Kadang-kadang, proses FDR dengan FDRP akan mengambil tempat di talipon atau videolink kalau kamu tinggal ditempat jauh, seperti Pulu Christmas atau Cocos (Keeling) Islands. Kadang-kadang, kamu dan pihak sebelah akan dibilik lain-lain dimasa proses pengadilan.

Proses mediasi mengikut aturcara yang ditetapkan. FRDP 'neutral' dan tidak boleh kemukakan segala keputusan, ataupun memberi nasihat, tetapi menguasai proses dan membantu pihak-pihak sampai kepenyelesaian mereka sendiri.

FRDP pertama membantu pihak untuk mengidentifikasi perkara yang menjadi perselisihan. Lalu, cara sistematik untuk setiap perkara, FDRP membantu pihak pertimbangkan semua pilihan untuk menyelesaikan masalah itu dan berbincangkan bersama penyelesaian untuk setiap masalah.

Ada beberapa agensi yang menjalankan mediasi FDR dan boleh memberikan ijazah. Ini termasuk (tetapi ada yang lain):

Family Relationship Centres.

Legal Aid WA.

Relationships Australia.

Centrecare Inc and Centacare.

Anglicare.

Ada juga beberapa pihak FDR private yang boleh memberi sijil. Kamu boleh lihat semua WA FDR dengan melihat ke Family Dispute Resolution Register <http://www.fdr.ag.gov.au>

Kalau kamu dapat persetujuan dengan bekas pasangan kamu dalam mediasi, kamu mungkin tidak perlu untuk memohon Family Court untuk meminta membuat keputusan tentang perselisihan kamu, kerana kamu dapat memutuskannya sendiri. Kamu kecualinya boleh mendapatkan yang berikut:

1. Rancangan 'Parenting' dengan bekas pasangan kamu, yang tertulis, disain dan haribulan persetujuan. Perhatikan yang Rancangan Parenting ini tidak dilaksanakan dalam Family Court.
2. Pemerintahan dengan keizinan dalam Family Court menunjukkan persetujuan kamu. Kamu boleh membuat ini dengan mengisi Form 11 Application for Consent Orders (lihat di website Family Court of WA) untuk bertanya Mahkamah untuk membuat pemerintahan "dengan izin" yang kamu dan bekas pasangan kamu telah bersetujukan. Kamu tidak perlukan sijil FRDP kalau kamu memohon untuk pemerintahan dengan izin. Pemerintahan dalam Family Court adalah boleh keraskan.

Kalau ada yang berikut terjadi:

- FDR practitioner memutuskan yang perkara kamu tidak sesuai untuk mediasi FDR (contohnya kerana ada keganasan domestic yang serius yang telah terjadi)
- Bekas pasangan kamu menolak untuk hadir mediasi FDR
- Kamu tidak mendapat persetujuan dimasa proses FDR atau
- FDR practitioner berenti mediasi dimasanya

kamu akan diberikan sijil FDRP untuk file dengan permohonan Family Court.

Sijil ini akan menyatakan beberapa perkara:

- yang FDR practitioner tidak pertimbangkan yang ia tidak sesuai untuk mediasi
- pihak sebelah menolak atau bersetuju untuk hadir tetapi tidak hadir
- pihak membuat usaha yang asli untuk menyelesaikan perselisihan tetapi tidak sampai persetujuan
- yang satu atau kedua pihak tidak membuat usaha yang asli untuk menyelesaikan masalah atau
- dimasa mediasi FDR practitioner memutuskan yang ia tidak sesuai untuk meneruskan mediasi ini.

Setelah kamu mempunyai sijil, kamu boleh membuat permohonan ke Mahkamah untuk Mahkamah membuat keputusan tentang perselisihan tentang pengurusan anak-anak kamu. Kamu mesti mendapatkan nasihat legal untuk keadaan tersendiri.

Ia juga penting untuk ketahui yang banyak permohonan yang di file dalam Mahkamah tidak diteruskan dalam trial. Biasanya, persetujuan didapati dijalan. Proses Mahkamah bertujuan untuk membantu orang mendapatkan persetujuan dan tidak meneruskan trial penuh.



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## Community Bulletin

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**Date:** 30 May 2016

**Relevant:** Christmas Island and Cocos (Keeling) Islands

**Topic:** Catastrophic Injury Support (CIS) Scheme

There has been a recent change in Western Australian Government legislation which sees the introduction of a Catastrophic Injury Support (CIS) Scheme from 1 July 2016. This scheme is available where an injured person is unable to successfully claim from the Compulsory Third Party (CTP) insurance scheme. The new scheme will also apply to the Indian Ocean Territories (IOT).

The CIS scheme provides lifetime care and support for people catastrophically injured in a motor vehicle accident in which they were either at fault or unable to identify another driver at fault.

The CIS scheme is administered through the Insurance Commission of Western Australia (ICWA) under their Service Delivery Arrangement to the IOT.

No-fault Catastrophic Injury Insurance will apply to all registered motor vehicles. Residents will see an additional charge for the CIS scheme on their motor vehicle registration renewal notices and new registrations. Premiums will be no greater than \$90 in the first year for each vehicle and motorcycle. There will be smaller increases for other vehicle types.

More information is available on ICWA's website at: [www.icwa.wa.gov.au/motor-injury-insurance/no-fault-catastrophic-injury-insurance/cost-of-cover](http://www.icwa.wa.gov.au/motor-injury-insurance/no-fault-catastrophic-injury-insurance/cost-of-cover)

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## Community Bulletin

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Date: 7 June 2016

### Seeking Expressions of Interest for RDO Members

Are you interested in your social and economic environment? Do you want to contribute to the development of your community?

I am calling for Expressions of Interest to fill five member positions in the Indian Ocean Territories Regional Development Organisation (RDO). The RDO was established by the Australian Government to promote and support the policies, strategic plans and priorities that facilitate development in the Indian Ocean Territories.

Expressions of Interest are sought for member positions to represent the communities of Christmas Island and Cocos (Keeling) Islands. These are voluntary positions for terms of either one or two years.

I am seeking diverse membership to provide representation for the communities of the Indian Ocean Territories. Applications will be acknowledged on receipt and considered by the current members of the RDO. Applicants will be informed of the decision in due course.

People on Christmas Island and the Cocos (Keeling) Islands wishing to express interest in the member positions should submit an application and resume by e-mail to [david.eizenberg@infrastructure.gov.au](mailto:david.eizenberg@infrastructure.gov.au). If you wish to discuss the role, please contact David Eizenberg in the Office of the Administrator on 9164 7959.

Translations of this notice into the other main community languages are available on request. Expressions of Interest close on Thursday, 23 June, 2016.

### Seeking Expressions of Interest for RDO Members

*Apa kamu berminat dalam suasana social dan ekonomik kamu? Apa kamu mau menyumbang untuk perkembangan masyarakat kamu?*

*Saya memanggil untuk Tunjuk Keminatan untuk mengisi lima tempat memba dalam Indian Ocean Territories Regional Development Organisation (RDO). RDO ditubuhkan oleh Australian Government untuk memajukan dan menyokong policy, plan strategic dan keutamaan yang memudahkan perkembangan di Indian Ocean Territories.*

*Tunjuk Keminatan dicari untuk tempat memba untuk mewakili masyarakat di Pulu Christmas dan Pulu Cocos (Keeling). Ini adalah tempat volutir dan untuk masa satu atau dua tahun.*

*Saya mencari membership yang berbeda-beda untuk memberi perwakilan untuk masyarakat di Indian Ocean Territories. Surat permohonan akan di akui pada penerimaan dan dipertimbangkan oleh memba-memba RDO yang sekarang. Orang yang memasukan permohonan akan diberitahu keputusan dalam masa-masa tertentu.*

*Orang-orang di Pulu Christmas dan Pulu Cocos (Keeling) yang ingin mengemukakan keminatannya untuk tempat memba harus memasukkan surat permohonan dan resume dengan e-mail kepada [david.eizenberg@infrastructure.gov.au](mailto:david.eizenberg@infrastructure.gov.au). Kalau kamu ingin berbincang tentang tugas-tugasnya, silah hubungi David Eizenberg di Opis Administrator dinomor 9164 7959.*

*Juru bahasa untuk notis ini dalam bahasa pertama masyarakat disediakan dengan meminta. Tunjuk Keminatan tutup pada Khamis 23 June, 2016.*

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## 2016 AFL Broadcast Guide Cocos Keeling Islands Time

## ROUND 12

## Friday, June 10th

Essendon v Hawthorn	7mate	4.00pm LIVE
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## Saturday, June 11th

Brisbane Lions v Fremantle	7mate	1.00pm LIVE
West Coast Eagles v Adelaide Crows	7mate	5.00pm (1 hour time delay)

## Sunday, June 12th

Richmond v Gold Coast Suns	7mate	11:30am LIVE
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## Monday, June 13th

Melbourne v Collingwood	7mate	11:30am LIVE
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## ROUND 13

## Friday, June 17th

North Melbourne v Hawthorn	7mate	4.00pm LIVE
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## Saturday, June 18th

Brisbane Lions v West Coast Eagles	7mate	10.00am LIVE
Fremantle v Port Adelaide	7mate	1.30pm (30 mins time delay)

## Healthy Living Tips

Stress is one of those mental problems that are very common worldwide and there would be no such person in the world that won't have faced the stress situation in his/her life.

According to many medical experts stress is increasing nowadays because of the busy routines of the people in which they won't have time for any kind of relaxation activity, doctors have also told that stress carries some very common physical and mental symptoms like headache, high blood pressure, heavy stomach, improper eating and others.

There are some very effective ways by which you can keep the stress symptoms away from you and some of them have been discussed in this article so let's have a look.

Try to eat a proper balanced diet and stress releasing foods which will be including plenty of vegetables and fruits and according to some experts a healthy diet can offset the symptoms of stress and one of the after affects of stress is also that it causes too much or too little eating that results in effecting your health badly.

Don't burden yourself with so many activities that you can't even handle but draw a limit to your potential ability and don't try to cross the line as this activity can decrease the negative like irritability or anger.

- Exercise is one of the best ways to stay away from stress and it also keeps the man fresh and fit, do some exercise for at least half an hour a day especially in the outdoors because it will prevent you from isolation and the social interaction will keep you away from stress.

- Alcohol or drugs usage is one of the major contributor of stress symptoms and they also weakens your power to cope with stress symptoms and they even makes the symptoms worst by bringing the negative feelings like anger and sadness.

- The yoga is one of the best stress relieving activity and it should be performed to protect you from stress. These were some of the activities which can help you in protecting yourself from the stress symptoms and even if you are finding such symptoms in yourself, you can follow the above mentioned tips to remove the stress symptoms from your personality and make you fresh and healthy.

*More tips in next edition...*



## Cocos Island Meteorological Office (Western Australia)

## Cocos (Keeling) Islands - Weather Summary May 2016

Date	Day	Temps		Rain	Max wind gust		Time
		Min	Max		Dir	Spd	
		°C	°C	mm		km/h	local
1	Su	25.6	28.9	12.6	ENE	59	2:32
2	Mo	24.9	28.2	18	E	61	11:37
3	Tu	24.9	29.5	9.2	ESE	43	9:39
4	We	25.6	29.7	0.6	SSE	39	22:19
5	Th	26	29.9	4	SE	50	9:30
6	Fr	25.2	28.7	16.2	SE	39	23:24
7	Sa	25.7	28.8	2.4	SE	54	9:17
8	Su	25.9	29.1	1.4	SE	54	6:29
9	Mo	26	29.9	0	ESE	48	14:34
10	Tu	26.3	29.8	0	ESE	43	11:06
11	We	26.5	29.6	0	ESE	39	6:54
12	Th	25.7	29	1.8	ESE	44	13:47
13	Fr	24.9	29	19.2	NNE	46	6:46
14	Sa	24.2	29.7	94.8	E	37	14:31
15	Su	26.7	30.1	0	N	44	11:29
16	Mo	25.3	30.2	10.2	ENE	56	18:43
17	Tu	25.7	29.6	7.4	E	50	6:39
18	We	26	30.3	3.2	ENE	57	13:53
19	Th	26.2	30.4	30.8	ESE	41	8:41
20	Fr	27.3		0			*
21	Sa	26.2	29.8		SE	31	10:54
22	Su	26.5	29.6	0	ESE	39	12:56
23	Mo	26.3	29.8	0	ESE	33	4:22
24	Tu	25.9	29.6	0	SE	37	18:15
25	We	25.8	29.4	0	SE	39	12:05
26	Th	26.7	30.1	0.2	ESE	41	8:39
27	Fr	26.9	29.8	0	ESE	48	20:06
28	Sa	25.7	29.8	2	ENE	50	16:24
29	Su	25.4	29.3	5.2	ESE	35	1:29
30	Mo	24.4	30.8	23.4	NE	35	5:02
31	Tu	25.2	29.3	9.6	E	35	8:32
Statistics for May 2016							
Mean		25.8	29.6				
Lowest		24.2	28.2	0			
Highest		27.3	30.8	94.8	E	61	
Total				272.2			

\* AWS/Network Outage



## COCOS ISLANDS WEATHER FACT

The most rain that fell in one day on Cocos was 416.0 mm and occurred on 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2013 causing flooding around the island.

## Air Fresheners - Chemical Cocktails

Many commercially air fresheners contain a cocktail of toxic chemicals that aren't healthy for us or the environment. Some of the chemicals you may find:

- Formaldehyde - known carcinogen
- Phenol - skin and nervous system irritant
- Petroleum distillates such as butane and propane
- Methylformamide - Organ system toxicity, cancer, developmental / reproductive toxicity
- Butanoic acid - Neurotoxicity, Endocrine disruption, Organ system toxicity
- Nitro- and polycyclic musks—linked to cancer, hormone disruption .. and the list goes on.

One of the other problems of these air fresheners is that these toxic chemicals accumulate in carpet over time, which is particularly of concern to parents with young children.

Being rather sticky, the chemicals also wind up on our shoes and feet to be taken into the outside environment where they wind up in soil.

Added to all that, there's the non-recyclable or reusable packaging of these products—millions of spray cans and plastic bottles hitting our landfills each year; not to mention the production of chemical ingredients and the packaging.

A recent trend in air fresheners are the 24/7 products that spray automatically every X minutes—whether it's needed or not.

Something else to know about air fresheners is that we tend to build up a tolerance to them.

We get used to the smell and start using more to get that same olfactory "kick". If you really feel the need to use these products, try rotating the fragrances you use regularly. The whole air freshener product life-cycle is an environmental nightmare.

## Green commercial air fresheners

Thankfully, some manufacturers are responding to consumer concerns regarding the health and environmental issues associated with these products and commercial "green" air fresheners can be purchased.

Still, be wary of these products—a common trick companies play is to say something along the lines of "contains natural pine scent", which it may well do—but what about the other ingredients?

More tips in next edition...





Many thanks to Australian Border Force and the Ocean Shield who joined Parks Australia for a recent beach clean up at Pulu Keeling National Park.

*Do you have a Cocos Moment you would like to share?*

*Email your favourite photo to [cocosislands@crc-net.au](mailto:cocosislands@crc-net.au) or drop into the Community Resource Centre.*

### Birthdays & Anniversaries

*Wish to send love ones special messages on their birthdays and anniversaries?*

*Drop in at the Cocos Islands Community Resource Centre or email [communications@cocos.wa.gov.au](mailto:communications@cocos.wa.gov.au)*



## Upcoming 2016 Community Events

Event Name	Event Date	Event Host
Info Session - Fisheries Department	15/06/2016	Cocos Islands CRC
West Island Market Day	18/06/2016	Cocos Islands CRC
Cocos Lagoon Swim—Registration Closes	24/06/2016	Cocos Islands Tourism Association
Council Meeting - Home Island (Council Chamber)	29/06/2016	Cocos Islands Shire Council
Kids Movie Night	24/07/2016	Cocos Club
Cocos Golf Open	24/07/2016	Cocos Islands Golf Club
Council Meeting - West Island (Admin Conference Room)	27/07/2016	Cocos Islands Shire Council
Barefoot Ball	19/08/2016	Yacht Club
Cocos Club Members BBQ	23/08/2016	Cocos Club
Council Meeting - Home Island (Council Chamber)	31/08/2016	Cocos Islands Shire Council
West Island Market Day	17/09/2016	Cocos Islands CRC
Club Champions—Round 1	18/09/2016	Cocos Island Golf Club
West Fest	24/09/2016	Cocos Club
Club Champions—Round 2	25/09/2016	Cocos Islands Golf Club
Council Meeting - Home Island (Council Chamber)	28/09/2016	Cocos Islands Shire Council
Corporate Day—Ambrose	05/10/2016	Cocos Islands Golf Club
Melbourne Cup	03/11/2016	Cocos Club
Cocos Lagoon Swim Compulsory Safety Briefing	18/11/2016	Cocos Club
Cocos Lagoon Swim—Home Island Jetty	19/11/2016	Cocos Islands Tourism Association
Presentation Dinner	26/11/2016	Cocos Islands Golf Club
Movember	TBA	Cocos Club
West Island Market Day	10/12/2016	Cocos Islands CRC
Kids Xmas / Farewell	17/12/2016	Cocos Club
Council Meeting - Home Island (Council Chamber)	21/12/2016	Cocos Islands Shire Council
New Years Eve	31/12/2016	Cocos Club

The above events with further details are all advertised on the Cocos Islands CRC website.

If you have a community event you would like to advertise, please contact our office with your details.

This is a FREE service for our Community.

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**Cocos Snapshots 2...**

**Gambaran Cocos 2...**



Big swell crashes over the sea wall on WI on Wednesday 8th June



Coop's Presentation Night



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