



WHITSUNDAY CONSERVATION COUNCIL

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Whitsunday Conservation Council (WCC) is encouraging the community to have its say for the proposed Whitsunday Heart of the Reef Discovery Centre (WHRDC) following the Whitsunday Regional Council's success in gaining state government funds for a feasibility study for the centre.

WCC gave numerous presentations in the community including schools, businesses and community groups outlining the concept and received overwhelming support from locals through its monthly stall at the Lions Airlie Beach Community Markets.

"The Centre will catapult the region into the edu and ecotourism markets and build a centre which would provide education about the Great Barrier Reef from its inception to now,' Lindsay Simpson, WHRDC - WCC sub-committee member said. "It could be a volunteer hub for citizen scientists showcasing everything from Traditional Owner's stories to research by scientists on increasing the resilience of coral in these days of warming oceans and telling the story behind all the amazing volunteers engaged in marine debris collection on our islands. It will be a real drawcard for the Whitsundays especially as a wet weather alternative for tourists."

Anyone can participate in this series of workshops being offered by the council to develop this exciting concept.

The following three workshop sessions will be offered on Thursday 26 May 2022 at Coral Sea Marina Resort: 11.00am -12.30pm/ 2.00pm - 3.30pm/ 5.30pm - 7.00pm

Alternatively, join us on Wednesday 1 June 2022 for a virtual meeting via Microsoft Teams: 10.00am - 11.30am

Please visit YOUR SAY WHITSUNDAY to register for a workshop - <https://bit.ly/3G309wo>

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