

Media Alert: FITZROY BASIN ASSOCIATION

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Dolphin research made public

Fitzroy Basin Association Inc. (FBA) is inviting people to discover the results of extensive research on rare inshore dolphins living in the coastal waters of CQ, including Australia's only native dolphin.

Researcher Dr Daniele Cagnazzi has been funded by FBA over the past five years to research local populations of the Indo-Pacific humpback dolphin and the Australian snubfin dolphin to study their numbers, their genetic make-up and what habitat or locations they prefer.

The research has found a small cluster of snubfin dolphins, the only dolphin native to Australia, that live and feed in the shallow coastal waters near the mouth of the Fitzroy River.

Given the proposed development within our region, FBA seeks to give the community greater access to information about inshore dolphins that rely on our marine environment – so people can fully consider the potential impacts on these species.

What: Inshore Dolphin Research Presentation, featuring talks by:
Shane Westley, FBA Coastal and Marine Coordinator
Dr Daniele Cagnazzi, Researcher

Where: Wentworth Room, Kershaw House
Glenmore Road, North Rockhampton

When: Tuesday 30 August
7:30pm to 8:30pm

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