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Events

Annual General Meeting

OCCA's AGM was held on 22 November 2016. The new Management Committee elected at the meeting comprises:
President – Trevor Armstrong
Deputy President – Lynn Whitfield
Secretary – David Kent
Treasurer – Nadia Mislin
Members – Beryl Roberts, Larissa Mar Fan, Phil Gunasekara, Chris Jensen, Anne Clarke.

General Meetings

The following talks will be given at OCCA's bi-monthly general meetings, open to all members of the public.

28 February – 'MangroveWatch in Oxley Creek' - Jock Mackenzie, James Cook University

18 April – 'Floating wetlands as a wastewater treatment option' – Andy Hornbuckle, SPEL Environmental

27 June – 'The Wilderness Society: Working with communities to get the land clearing legislation outcomes we all want' – Kaine Johnson

22 August – Speaker TBC

22 November – OCCA 21st AGM – speaker TBC

If there is a topic you would like to hear discussed at a General Meeting, call OCCA on 3345 5541 or email info@oxleycreekcatchment.org.au

To find out what environment-focused events and activities are happening in the catchment subscribe to OCCA's fortnightly email newsletter. Send your contact details to info@oxleycreekcatchment.org.au and we'll put you on the list.

Catchment News

Oxley Creek Vision

On 14 December the Lord Mayor Graeme Quirk announced that a management authority had been established to implement the \$100 million, 20-year Oxley Creek Vision for

the 15km stretch of Oxley Creek covering 1830ha between the Brisbane River and the Logan Motorway.

Oxley Creek Management Pty Ltd will be chaired by South Bank Corporation board member Nigel Chamier. Other Board members will be Bevan Lynch (Architect and chairman of council's planning advisory group the Urban Futures Board), Guy Gibson (Lend Lease General Manager Communities Development and also a member of the Urban Futures Board, and OCCA's Executive Officer Anne Clarke who will represent the community.

According to Cr Quirk the "project aims to create a major recreational space with improved lifestyle and leisure opportunities – including opportunities for kayaking trails, large green open space, Brisbane's first public aviary and a new 'Eat Street' style market". The redevelopment will also include urban farms and playing fields with some residential blocks and industry zones. Sports fields and green corridor improvements will be established in the short to medium term. The project is proposed to be delivered through public private partnerships.

The majority of the proposed Vision is supported by OCCA. The Archerfield Wetlands are among many of the areas in the catchment that need rehabilitation and access for public amenities. Similarly, restoration of the old sand mining dredge will also provide useful recreational amenity for local residents as well as improved habitat connectivity.

However OCCA, and other groups, are concerned with the extent of development on the Queensland Government-owned, flood-prone Oxley Creek Common as 'Destination Food'. The map indicates extensive development, on the area which is currently home to over 200 bird species with open grassland, both permanent and ephemeral wetlands and open eucalypt woodland. The paddocks are grazed by sheep and cattle for Corinda State High School's Agricultural Studies Program. The pathways and common areas are in daily use by the community for birdwatching, walking, cycling and picnicking. Currently, OCCA and University of Queensland University Research Scientists are planting 27000 trees and shrubs as part of the 20 Million Trees project. In addition volunteers are continually

weeding and planting plantings. All these existing uses need to be considered in determining any future use of the Oxley Creek Common – an area that is unique to Brisbane.

If anyone would like to provide comments, please contact OCCA at info@oxleycreekcatchment.org.au or phone 07 3345 5541.

The images below show:

- degraded areas of Pallara which indicate that the old Readymix site and other sand mining dredge ponds will be turned into lakes
- Archerfield wetlands which will be rehabilitated and upgraded with amenities for community use.
- the proposed rehabilitation of the Oxley Creek Common which seems to indicate that the area would be the site of the main economic development proposals including Eat Street markets with no consideration of existing uses



Oxley Creek Common

The Lord Mayor has not yet committed to taking a walk around the Oxley Creek Common despite being invited some 6 months ago. It is difficult to see how he could have developed the Oxley Creek Vision without at least some knowledge of the area and its values.

The Department of State Development is also considering options for the future use of the Common and will consult the community. However, this process is slow and also needs to consider the proposals in the Oxley Creek Vision and the ongoing potential for the Brisbane City Council to take over control and management of the Common.

Release of the Draft SEQ Regional Plan

ShapingSEQ is the Queensland Government's new regional planning framework 'Shaping SEQ' has been released for public comment. It aims to sustainably manage change and growth in South East Queensland, over the next 50 years. Visit the *ShapingSEQ* [website](#) to view the plan and provide a submission by 3 March 2017.

Cliveden Avenue Reserve Bushcare Group

The group, led by Carole Bristow, has received a Brisbane City Council Community Conservation Assistance Grant. The funding will support removal of Para Grass along the banks of Oxley Creek that is threatening to take over the native *Phragmites*. More work will also be done on the creekbank immediately behind the Eucalypt site, which suffered the brunt of the damaging November 2014 super cell storm.

OCCA happenings

OCCA Nursery

The OCCA Nursery is continuing to build up its stock of plants. As well as being available for Bushcare groups, the plants are also for sale to the public at \$1 – 2 per tubestock. Plants currently available include dianellas, lomandras, acacias, Broad-leaved paperbark (*Melaleuca quinquenervia*), and native violet (*Viola hederacea*).

If you would like to purchase plants or volunteer at the nursery, come along on Thursday mornings from 10am – noon or contact Beryl Roberts on 0448 040 442 or email bberylroberts@gmail.com

CreekWatch

CreekWatch promotes industry-led care of local waterways. OCCA works with CreekWatch partners to undertake rehabilitation, clean-ups, training and education as well as promote pollution prevention and reporting. Current CreekWatch partners are RockPRESS – Rocklea Pressed Metal, CSR, BOC (a member of the Linde Group), Dulux, Sims Metal management, BMI Group, Absorb Environmental Solutions, and The Construction Training Centre.

We invite more businesses to join the CreekWatch Program. For more information, phone 3345 5541 or email partnerships@oxleycreekcatchment.org.au

Partner Profile – RockPRESS

OCCA is delighted to be working with RockPRESS which has been a Gold Level CreekWatch partner since 2015 and recently supported our tree planting at Success Street Park. “It is wonderful to be a part of an initiative that partners industry and community. We are located very close to Oxley Creek and are aware of some of the issues around the health of this and other local creeks. Illegal dumping and weed infestation are some of the things we see on a daily basis,” said David Osborne, General Manager. “We hope that there will be a mutual benefit from our partnership, in that RockPRESS would like all businesses bordering Oxley Creek to become a partner. We want to assist in raising community awareness on the issues that stem from not looking after our environment and the very real issues that arise from not maintaining Oxley Creek and its banks,” said Vicky Dawson, Administration Manager.

RockPRESS – Rocklea Pressed Metal – is a major manufacturer and fabricator of metal products for a wide range of industries and applications. Over 40 years RockPRESS has grown to become one of Brisbane’s most highly regarded steel fabrication suppliers and custom-made products, notably supplying metal components for the Clem 7 Tunnel entrances and the Spring Hill Enviro-Cottage exterior.

CreekWatch Works Program

The CreekWatch Works program focuses on supporting local businesses to restore an area of bushland in the vicinity of their premises.

It initially focused on restoration of Granard Wetlands through the support of local businesses at monthly working bees. Due in part to the location of the site, surrounded by roads with little industry in the immediate vicinity, working bees will be discontinued at Granard Wetlands. However, the area will still undergo restoration, supported by OCCA’s Biodiversity Services and Conservation Volunteers Australia Green Army trainees.

CreekWatch Works – Success Street

OCCA is keen to continue partnering with businesses and in November 2016 established CreekWatch Works at Success Street Park, in partnership with RockPRESS to restore a riparian section of Oxley Creek at the intersection of Success Street and Beatty Road at Acacia Ridge.

The Success Street Park restoration project launched on 15 November with volunteers from surrounding businesses planting about 400 trees and sharing a BBQ lunch. As well as RockPRESS, this CreekWatch Works project is also supported by the Skilling Queenslanders for Work team with Acacia Ridge Community Services Inc., and funding from Queensland Government’s *Everyone’s Environment Grant* and Brisbane City Council’s *Community Conservation Assistance Grant*.



A big thank you also to our Telstra corporate volunteers who planted about 600 trees at Success Street Park on 24 November. Restoration of this site will provide critical habitat for wildlife along Oxley Creek.



So – if you’re a business in the area and would like to help us to rejuvenate Oxley Creek, please contact Jess on 3345 5541 or email partnerships@oxleycreekcatchment.org.au

CreekCare

CreekCare is a team of volunteers who undertake planting and maintenance at nine sites in the upper catchment. Volunteers meet at each site in a weekly rotation from 7 – 9am on Thursdays.

If you would like to help, the CreekCare team will be at the following sites over the next few months from 19 January at the Oxley Creek Common, Rocklea, then Pennywort Creek, Corinda, Strickland Terrace, Sherwood, Les Atkinson Park, Sunnybank, Benarrawa Park, Corinda, Cliveden Avenue Reserve, Corinda, Gaddes Park, Sunnybank, Russ Hall Park, Salisbury, and Kendall Street, Oxley.

For more information and the dates and locations in 2017, contact Noel Standfast, CreekCare Coordinator, email hstandfa@iinet.net.au or phone 0417 798 008.

Tuesday Common Carers

Mary Lou Simpson and her dedicated team of volunteers have been restoring areas on the banks of Oxley Creek behind the Red Shed at the Oxley Creek Common every Tuesday from 7 – 9am. To join them, or for more information, contact Mary Lou on 0429 911 555.

OCCA Biodiversity Services

OCCA's Biodiversity Services is a social enterprise undertaking weed management, native plantings, habitat enhancement and maintenance of natural areas under contract to governments, industry and businesses on across South East Queensland. The money raised is used to support OCCA's non-funded activities.

If you would like Biodiversity Services to provide a quote for your restoration project, contact Chris Jensen, Biodiversity Services Manager on 3345 5541 or email bsu@oxleycreekcatchment.org.au

Education Program

OCCA offers education services that complement the Australian Curriculum and provide hands-on activities to connect students with our local waterways and environment. To find out more phone 3345 5541 or email partnerships@oxleycreekcatchment.org.au

OCCA Corporate Volunteering

OCCA can tailor environmental activities for your employees to gain skills, awareness and contribute to restoring habitat in Oxley Creek Catchment. To find out more phone 3345 5541 or email partnerships@oxleycreekcatchment.org.au

Other OCCA Projects

Water monitoring

OCCA's water monitoring program takes samples for an extended suite of metals, organics and physical and chemical water parameters at ten sites in a highly industrialised section of Stable Swamp Creek. Monthly sampling is on Saturdays from 8am – 12 noon on:

- 28 January 2017
- 25 February 2017

If you would like to take part contact Phil Gunasekara on 3345 5541 or email info@oxleycreekcatchment.org.asu

Oxley Creek Common - 20 Million Trees Project

The Green Army has completed its work program at the Oxley Creek Common and celebrated the graduation of the participants with a BBQ at the Common.

As part of the 20 Million Trees funding OCCA will be planting another 8000 plants in a number of areas of the Common in the week of 19 - 25 March 2017. This is a mammoth task so we are looking for help from community groups and individuals. If you can spare a few hours in that week we would love to hear from you. Call OCCA on 3345 5541 or email info@oxleycreekcatchment.org.au

Grant applications

For a range of grants available to community groups go to <http://community.grantready.com.au> If you would like to be notified about the opening dates of the next BCC grant rounds, you can register your group's contact details online with My Community Directory. Click the "List for Free" tab and follow the prompts. Brisbane City Council will access this data to email community organisations when appropriate grant programs open for application.

OCCA Active Volunteer Network

Follow the link to sign up to OCCA's Active Volunteer Network:

www.oxleycreekcatchment.org.au - Active Volunteer Network

We welcome a new volunteer, Robbie Johns who is assisting our Program Manager Phil Gunasekara to manage and enhance the water monitoring program and analyse the results of the recent monitorings of Stable Swamp Creek.

Volunteers wanted!

We are currently looking for a volunteer Communications Officer to help update the website, maintain Facebook and Twitter accounts, and promote our programs, events and activities. If you would like to help please contact OCCA on 3345 5541 or email info@oxleycreekcatchment.org.au

Join OCCA

If you are not yet a member, please consider joining OCCA and supporting our work. Membership fees are \$15 individual member, \$20 household, \$10 concession, \$30 Corporate/Community/School, \$220 Gold Member. You can complete a membership form online via www.oxleycreekcatchment.org.au

Take time to check out and like our [Facebook Page](#) and keep up-to-date with our events and activities.

Bushcare Groups

Benarrawa Bushcare Group, Corinda

Meets last Saturday of the month
Noel Standfast 3379 8008

Cliveden Reserve Bushcare Group, Corinda

Meets first Saturday of the month, 8am
Carole Bristow 3379 1453

Faulkner Park Bushcare Group, Graceville

Meets third Sunday of the month, 8am
Jane O'Sullivan 0427 420 743

Friends of Sherwood Arboretum, Sherwood

Meets third Sunday of the month
Peter Hayes 3379 4137

Forestdale Bushcare group

Simon Christen 0413 597 258

Gaddes Park Bushcare Group, Sunnybank

Meets third Saturday of the month
Pat Toohey 3342 3026

Greening Moorooka Group, Moorooka

Meets first Saturday of the month
Phone 3892 7185

Kev Hooper Park Bushcare Group, Inala

Meets second Saturday of the month at 8.30am
John Maelich 0429 196 294

Les Atkinson Park Bushcare Group, Sunnybank

Meets fourth Saturday of the month at 8am
Mick Richardson 3345 6978

Nosworthy Park Bushcare Group, Corinda

Meets first Saturday of the month
Marie Hollingworth 3278 2229

Pennywort Creek Bushcare Group, Corinda

Meets third Saturday of the month, 6.30am
Trevor Armstrong 3379 2488

Rikki Bailey Park Bushcare Group, Oxley

Meets fourth Sunday of the month, 8 – 10am
Kelly Benson 0408 414 878

Bronwyn Rigby 0418 879 530

Rocky Water Holes Bushcare Group, Salisbury

Greg Tasney, rockywaterholesbushcare@gmail.com

Spring Mountain Reserve Bushcare group

Meets fourth Sunday of the month
Steve Simmons 0413 617 250

Strickland Tce Parklands Bushcare Group, Sherwood

Meets second Saturday of the month
Jocelyn Clarkson 3379 6021

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