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Events

On 28 February Jock Mackenzie from James Cook University gave an overview of the preliminary data from the three-year 'MangroveWatch in Oxley Creek' survey program highlighting areas of recovery as well as deterioration. Overall the initial analysis indicates a general improvement in the health of mangroves along Oxley Creek. The final report will be available on the OCCA website later in 2017.

General Meetings

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

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

Bimonthly BBQ

Join OCCA at the Catchment Centre on the last Friday of alternate months to meet members, staff and volunteers over a delicious BBQ meal.

The next BBQ is on Friday 31 March, from 5 – 7pm.

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 Transformation 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.

We have already had a number of comments from concerned people regarding the Oxley Creek Common, all keen for it to remain as open space for the community and habitat for birds and wildlife.

Despite reports to the contrary, OCCA has not endorsed, neither does it fully support the Vision (refer to www.oxleycreekcatchment.org.au for OCCA's position in the absence of more detailed information on the Vision.

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

Recognition for OCCA President

Trevor Armstrong, who became OCCA President at the AGM in November 2016, was presented with an Moreton Australia Day Award by Graham Perrett MLA in recognition of his outstanding voluntary contribution to the community in the Federal electorate of Moreton. Trevor is Coordinator of Pennywort Creek Bushcare group at Corinda and a volunteer with the Oxley Creek Catchment Association's Creek Care team.

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.

As the Oxley Creek Common remains State Government land, the Department of State Development is also considering options for its future use and will consult the community. However, this process is very 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 50-year regional planning framework which was released in November 2016 for public comment by 3 March 2017. The Brisbane Catchments Network (of which OCCA is a member) made a submission focusing on the lack of attention given to the environment and the absence of any specific targets for enhancement of habitat corridors and retention of bushland.

Clean Up Australia Day – Dunn Road, Rocklea

Some 12 representatives of local businesses joined OCCA to help clean up Dunn Road at the corner of Suscatand Street, Rocklea on Friday 17th March.



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

We are considering opening the nursery once a month on a Sunday to allow families to participate. We'd love to hear your feedback and whether or not you'd come along. Phone Beryl on 0448 040 442 or email us on info@oxleycreekcatchment.org.au

CreekWatch

CreekWatch involves local businesses in restoring riparian habitat, education and training in pollution prevention, and building a culture of businesses committed to caring for their local environment. 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, please contact 3345 5541 or partnerships@oxleycreekcatchment.org.au

Partner Profile – DULUX

Dulux has been actively involved with OCCA's CreekWatch program since 2012, presenting about the 2011 floods, assisting with flood preparation planning, cleaning up the local creek and providing paint for our catchment centre. "One of Dulux's core values is value people, work safely and respect the environment. Being part of CreekWatch allows us to contribute to the environment and community and raise awareness, through activities such as Clean Up Australia Day and developing Flood Management Plans. Through CreekWatch and working in the area we are actively contributing to a healthy waterway," said Peter Holden, Decorative Manufacturing Manager.

Dulux is Australia's most trusted paint brand and has been involved with the manufacture and marketing of paint and related systems in Australia since 1918. Dulux provides an extensive range of high quality paints for interior and exterior surfaces, and offers colour designers, accredited painters and advice. With thousands of colours to choose from and exceptional durability, Dulux paints protect, maintain and enhance the spaces and places in which we live and work.

CreekWatch Works Program

The CreekWatch Works program focuses on supporting local businesses to restore an area of bushland in the vicinity of their premises. The CreekWatch Works program is proposed to run at Success Street Park, Acacia Ridge in 2017. If your business would like to help restore habitat on Oxley Creek, please contact Jess on 3345 5541 or partnerships@oxleycreekcatchment.org.au

CreekCare

CreekCare is a team of volunteers who undertake planting and maintenance at ten sites in the upper catchment. Volunteers meet at each site in rotation from 7 – 9am on Thursdays followed by morning tea. For more information contact Noel Standfast, CreekCare Coordinator, email hstandfa@iinet.net.au or phone 0417 798 008.

If you would like to help, the CreekCare team will be at the following sites over the next few months:

- 30 March – Russ Hall Park, Salisbury
- 6 April - Lawson/Kendall Street, Oxley
- 13 April – Nosworthy Park, Corinda
- 20 April – Oxley Creek Common, Rocklea
- 27 April - Pennywort Creek, Corinda
- 4 May - Strickland Terrace, Sherwood

Tuesday Common Carers

Mary Lou Simpson and her dedicated team of volunteers are 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 educational services that complement the Australian Curriculum and provide hands-on activities for students to understand the importance, changes in and caring for our environment. Activities have included catchment tours, testing water quality, dip-netting for macroinvertebrates, planting trees, removing weeds and rubbish. To find out more please contact 3345 5541 or partnerships@oxleycreekcatchment.org.au

We welcome our new staff member, Emma Barry, who is sharing the role of OCCA Partnerships Manager with Jessica Roffey and will be supporting the Education Program, Corporate Volunteering Program, and CreekWatch. Emma has an Environmental Science with Honours degree from Monash University. Emma has been in Brisbane for 10years working for a number of environmental consultancy groups on large infrastructure projects and environmental impact assessments.

OCCA Corporate Volunteering

OCCA can tailor environmental activities for your staff to gain skills, awareness and contribute to restoring habitat in Oxley Creek catchment. Activities have included planting trees, removing weeds and rubbish, propagating seeds, and monitoring water quality. To find out more contact 3345 5541 or partnerships@oxleycreekcatchment.org.au

Other OCCA Projects

Water monitoring

OCCA's water monitoring program took 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. The data is currently being analysed and will be reported on shortly. If you would like to take part contact Phil Gunasekara on 3345 5541 or email info@oxleycreekcatchment.org.au

MangroveWatch

OCCA will be conducting another monitoring survey in April/May. If you would like to be involved contact Phil Gunasekara on 3345 5541 or email info@oxleycreekcatchment.org.au

Oxley Creek Common - 20 Million Trees Project

As part of the 20 Million Trees funding OCCA will be planting additional areas of the Common in September/October 2017 so we'll be looking for help from community groups and individuals. If you can spare a few hours 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

Volunteers wanted!

We are currently looking for a volunteer Communications Officer to help update the website and maintain Facebook and Twitter accounts. 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

Forestdale Bushcare group

Simon Christen 0413 597 258

Friends of Sherwood Arboretum, Sherwood

Meets third Sunday of the month
Peter Hayes 3379 4137

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

Lawson/Kendall Streets, Oxley

Meets third Sunday of the month
Rod Goldsworthy 3278 0443
Rod.goldsworthy@gmail.com

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

Yeronga Bushcare Group

Meets fourth Saturday of the month, 7.30am
Michael Cahill, 0403740729, yfbc@googlegroups.com

Our Partners

