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# Oxley Overflow

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## Events

### General Meetings

On 18 April Andy Hornbuckle of SPEL Environmental gave a fascinating presentation on Floating Wetlands. He outlined the technology, benefits and limitations of this relatively new option for wastewater and stormwater treatment. He illustrated the talk with local examples in Bli Bli, Fraser Island, Bribie Island and Gladstone.

The islands are built from a layered mesh base made from recycled PET bottles which is anchored into place, allowing it to rise and fall with variable water levels, and which is then planted with local *Calyx* species. The islands often become a nesting place for waterbirds and a valuable part of the local environment.

For more information go to [www.spel.com.au](http://www.spel.com.au)

### Upcoming talks

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

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

**22 August – 'Building water management resilience through inter-connected catchments in times of droughts and floods' - Piet Filet and James Davidson**

**22 November – OCCA 21st AGM 'Ecological, social and educational values of the Oxley Creek Common'**

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](mailto:info@oxleycreekcatchment.org.au)

### OCCA bi-monthly BBQ

A very successful BBQ was held on 29 March with over 20 people attending including some new members.

The next BBQ will be on **Friday 26 May, from 5 – 7pm at the Catchment Centre, 9 Macdevitt Street, Coopers Plains** so come along, bring a friend and meet more like-minded, passionate people.

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](mailto:info@oxleycreekcatchment.org.au) and we'll put you on the list.

## Catchment News

### Oxley Creek catchment tour

Brisbane City Council's Community Conservation Partnership Program is running a catchment tour of Oxley Creek on Sunday 4 June 2017 from 8am - 1.30pm.

The tour starts and finishes at the Red Shed, Oxley Creek Common, 428 Sherwood Road, Rocklea and will focus on sites in the middle and northern areas of the Oxley Creek catchment, showcasing the community conservation activities being undertaken by BCC and its partners. The tour includes transport, morning tea and lunch. Beryl Roberts of the Oxley Creek Catchment Association will provide information on local history.

Numbers are limited so RSVP early through Eventbrite at [Catchment Tour 2017](http://CatchmentTour2017) or by calling Donna Edwards on 3407 0865. Please advise of any dietary requirements.

### Brisbane Catchments Network Survey

Brisbane Catchments Network Inc. (BCN) is an independent not-for-profit organisation that represents the 11 member catchment groups (including OCCA) across Brisbane. BCN aims to provide a unified voice, strategic direction and collaborative opportunities to improving the Brisbane River and the creeks in our catchments. BCN develops community led strategies and provides strategic advice to all levels of government as well as obtaining funding to undertake on-ground restoration activities across the catchments

As part of the BCN strategic planning process we would like to get your feedback, as a member of one of the

catchment groups, on your current understanding of BCN and what you believe BCN should be doing in the future.

If you would like to participate, please complete the survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BCNsurvey2017> by Monday 12 June 2017.

### **Oxley Creek Transformation**

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 (now called the Oxley Creek Transformation) for the 15km stretch of Oxley Creek covering 1830ha between the Brisbane River and the Logan Motorway.

Oxley Creek Management Pty Ltd is chaired by South Bank Corporation board member Nigel Chamier. Other Board members are 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 Clark. The Board is currently establishing the appropriate legal and governance arrangements.

If anyone would like to provide comments on the proposed Oxley Creek Transformation, please contact OCCA at [info@oxleycreekcatchment.org.au](mailto:info@oxleycreekcatchment.org.au) or phone 07 3345 5541.

### **Oxley Creek Common**

The Lord Mayor has not yet committed to taking a walk around the Oxley Creek Common despite being invited some 9 months ago.

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 at some stage. However, any future use will need to consider the proposals in the Oxley Creek Transformation and the potential for the Brisbane City Council to take over control and management of the Common in the future.

### **Aftermath of ex-Cyclone Debbie**

Oxley Creek was one of many areas that suffered in the aftermath of Cyclone Debbie. Whilst this area may not have suffered the massive structural damage experienced up north, there was still widespread flooding. Fortunately there does not seem to have been any long-term damage although it may take some time to remove debris, branches or downed trees.

OCCA's project and rehabilitation areas seem to have escaped relatively unscathed and the water in the soil will have benefited our recent plantings.



*Flooded Creek and Common from Nosworthy Park*



*Flood debris on the fencing at the Common*



*Flooded pathway at the Common*



*Damage to plantings at the Common*





*The ephemeral wetland in full flood*

### New Facebook page –Bushcarers SEQ Community

The indefatigable and hard working Greg Tasney of Salisbury Bushcare Group at Russ Hall Park has established a new Facebook page for all those caring for our natural areas as well as environmental professionals. It provides a place to share your efforts, ask questions and engage with other like-minded people on all things to do with bush revegetation, regeneration, biodiversity and our local environment. To find out more go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/452162168449237/>

## OCCA happenings

### OCCA Nursery

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](mailto: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](mailto:info@oxleycreekcatchment.org.au)

## CreekWatch

CreekWatch promotes industry-led care of local waterways. OCCA works with CreekWatch partners to promote pollution prevention and reporting as well as undertake clean-ups, rehabilitation, training and education. 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](mailto:partnerships@oxleycreekcatchment.org.au)

### CreekWatch Works Program

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

partner with businesses to undertake creek and riparian zone restoration. So – if you're a business in the area, come along, bring some staff and help us to rejuvenate this part of Oxley Creek.

In November 2016 OCCA established CreekWatch Works in partnership with RockPRESS to restore a riparian section of Oxley Creek at the intersection of Success Street and Beatty Road at Archerfield. The initial planting was supported by funding from the Queensland Government Everyone's Environment Grant program. The next working bee will be held on Tuesday 16 May from 8 – 10am. If you would like more information please contact Emma on 3345 5541 or email [partnerships@oxleycreekcatchment.org.au](mailto:partnerships@oxleycreekcatchment.org.au)



## Education Program

OCCA offers educational services that complement the Australian Curriculum and promote an awareness of waterways and how we can better care for our catchments. To find out more phone 3345 5541 or email [partnerships@oxleycreekcatchment.org.au](mailto:partnerships@oxleycreekcatchment.org.au)

## OCCA Corporate Volunteering

OCCA can provide tailored environmental activities for your staff. To find out more phone 3345 5541 or email [partnerships@oxleycreekcatchment.org.au](mailto:partnerships@oxleycreekcatchment.org.au)

## Partnerships Manager

We farewellled Jessica Roffey who left OCCA on 18 April to study for a Diploma of Education. Jess joined OCCA in October 2016 and has continued to enhance the CreekWatch, Education and Corporate Volunteering Programs, initially with Karen Toms and lately with Emma Barry. We all wish Jessica every success in her future career. QUT International Students Renee and Yashin interviewed Jess before she left OCCA. Here are her responses. You can see why we are so sorry to lose her.

*What do you think when you look back on your experience working with OCCA*

I have enjoyed working here with OCCA, because everyone is so passionate and it's about helping the environment, working with the community to look after the Oxley Creek. I found everyone genuine and helpful. I have enjoyed working here.

*Why did you choose to work with OCCA?*

When I was in the last year of my university course I found that I enjoyed managing water quality and I did my honours thesis on that. So I was looking for an organisation that was all about water quality management and its health.

*How is OCCA different from other organisations you have worked with?*

I have worked with some other bush care groups and they basically plant trees, pick out rubbish and pull out weeds. But OCCA is different because we have a good team of workers who go out there and manage the weeds and engage the community in tree planting. It is all lot more about engaging the community and developing a sense of ownership of the area. They are more passionate here.

*How is your day spent in OCCA?*

Every day is different. One day you will be talking with student interns and another day will be working with industries that are near Oxley Creek to see how we can reduce rubbish in that area, preparing them for flooding events and that kind of thing and organising tree planting events for corporate volunteers.

*If you had to choose, which programme is your favourite?*

I think it probably must be the programmes related in reducing the amount of litter and illegal dumping in the areas because I did industry experience with Brisbane City Council before coming here and we had that kind of informative programme in Council.

*How was this journey with your OCCA colleagues?*

It's been a great journey. We have been through many events together and everyone comes up with ideas and is so passionate about implementing them, making a difference in the community and involving the community.

*What would you change in the way OCCA works to make it better?*

I don't think I would change much at all. I think it's just the little things like making our website more valuable for people to look at and making it more interactive like having a map on the website so people can look at what projects are we going on in different locations. Helping them in identifying what things are going on and then what needs to be done for each one, little things like that.

*How important is OCCA's work and how can it impact society?*

I think Oxley Creek Catchment Association is doing a great job in engaging the community with meetings every second month and we also have a range of bush care groups that work in different areas around Oxley creek catchment. I think we just do great job in engaging the community and improving the health of the environment.

*What are you going to miss when you leave OCCA?*

The people. They are great people to work with.

*What message do you have for future volunteers?*

OCCA is a great place to work and you can really make a difference to environment and the community.

**Camilla Duff Burford** has joined us to fill Jess's position working with Emma Barry. Camilla has a degree in Environmental Management from the University of Queensland and over 10 years of experience working in consulting and for industry as an Environmental Advisor. She has worked in a range of environmental disciplines, including construction environmental management, approvals and ecology.

## 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. For more information contact Noel Standfast, CreekCare Coordinator, email [hstandfa@iinet.net.au](mailto:hstandfa@iinet.net.au) or phone 0417 703 442.

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

- 18 May – Benarra Park, Corinda
- 25 May – Cliveden Avenue Reserve, Corinda
- 1 June – Gaddes Park, Sunnybank
- 8 June – Russ Hall Park, Salisbury
- 15 June – Lawson and Kendall Street, Oxley
- 22 June – Nosworthy Park, Corinda
- 29 June – Oxley Creek Common, Rocklea
- 6 July – Pennywort Creek, Corinda
- 13 July – Strickland Terrace, Sherwood

## 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](mailto:bsu@oxleycreekcatchment.org.au)

## Other OCCA Projects

### MangroveWatch

The next MangroveWatch activity will be held sometime in May-June. If you would like to be involved contact Phil Gunasekara on 3345 5541 or email [info@oxleycreekcatchment.org.au](mailto:info@oxleycreekcatchment.org.au)

### Oxley Creek Common - 20 Million Trees Project

One of our Green Army teams has completed its work program at the Oxley Creek Common and we celebrated the participants' graduation with a BBQ at the Common.



As part of the 20 Million Trees funding OCCA is also undertaking a trial of direct seeding. Our Manager Biodiversity Services, Chris Jensen, has acquired a Burford Tree Seeder on loan from the New South Wales Department of Lands. If you are walking on the Common you may have noticed that we have started work on the sites in preparation for the direct seeding.

## 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](http://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.

OCCA will be having displays at the following events and is looking for volunteers to assist:

- Logan EcoAction Festival (LEAF) on 28 May at Griffith University's Meadowlands Campus
- Salisbury Rotary, 10 June
- Tree planting at C A O'Sullivan Park, Beaudesert Road, Acacia Ridge, Saturday 24 June, 9am - noon
- Moorooka Family Fun Day on 26 August.

If you would like to help for a few hours please contact OCCA on 3345 5541 or email [info@oxleycreekcatchment.org.au](mailto: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](http://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

### ***Lawson/Kendal Street Bushcare Group, 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

## Our Partners



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