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Events

Annual General Meeting

The last public meeting for 2016 will be OCCA's AGM on **22 November 2016**. The guest speaker is Dr Samantha Lloyd of the SEQ Fire and Biodiversity Consortium who will speak on the subject of 'Fire Ecology in the Australian Landscape'.

This talk is very topical as we are approaching the start of the bushfire season, so join us at the Red Shed, Oxley Creek Common, 428 Sherwood Road, Rocklea, from 5.30pm (for 6pm) to hear Sam talk about the impacts of fire on biodiversity.

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

Success Street, 15 November

Join OCCA and its CreekWatch partners from 11am – 1pm on Friday 15 November to launch a project to rehabilitate the Success Street park at Archerfield. The project aims to engage local businesses in CreekWatch activities and in the CreekWatch Program. Initial funding to support weeding and plantings is provided through a Queensland Government Everyone's Environment Grant.

Wildlife Preservation Society Dinner, 19 November

Peter Garrett AM is the speaker at WPSQ's dinner on Saturday 19 November at Riverside Receptions, Oxlade Drive, New Farm. He will speak on 'Why it matters'. Tickets are \$90 each or \$00 for a table of 10. To book go to bookings@trybooking

OCCA Xmas BBQ, 9 December

Come along to the Catchment Centre, 9 Mcdevitt Street, Coopers Plains from 5-7pm on Friday 9 December for some Xmas cheer.

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

The Lord Mayor has indicated that a management structure should be in place by the end of 2016. The composition of the body has not been determined but it will definitely include a representative of the Oxley Creek Catchment Association.

The Lord Mayor admitted to not having walked around the Oxley Creek Common so the Friends of Oxley Creek Common have invited him to join them to view and experience the environmental, social and physical values of this special place. However, the Lord Mayor has yet to identify a suitable date.

Oxley Creek Common

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.

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.

You will be able to talk to a member of the project team at various locations across SEQ through November – December including Wednesday 16 November from 4-7pm at the Mount Gravatt Showgrounds, 1644 Logan Road, and Monday 21 November, from 4-7pm at the Logan Entertainment Centre, Wembley Road, Logan Central. Your should [register your interest](#) in attending these sessions.

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 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

CreekWatch Works Program

This new program focuses on restoration of Granard Wetlands. Working bees are held from 8 – 10am on the third Wednesday of each month followed by morning tea. The next dates are:

- 17 November
- 15 December

Come along, bring your work colleagues and help us to rejuvenate this neglected part of Stable Swamp Creek.

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 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:

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- 10 November - Pennywort Creek, Corinda
- 17 November – Strickland Terrace, Sherwood
- 24 November – Les Atkinson Park, Sunnybank
- 1 December – Benarrawa Park, Corinda

- 8 December – Cliveden Avenue Reserve, Corinda
- 15 December – Gaddes Park, Sunnybank
- 22 December – Russ Hall Park, Salisbury

CreekCare will be taking a break over Xmas and New Year and will start again on 19 January 2017.

Starting in 2017, the CreekCare team will also be working on the Bushcare site along Mayfly Creek at Kendall Street, Oxley.

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

OCCA 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

OCCA Corporate Volunteering Program

OCCA can provide tailored environmental activities for your staff. 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:

- 26 November 2016
- 17 December 2016
- 28 January 2017

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

Oxley Creek Common - 20 Million Trees Project

The 'Urban riparian corridor restoration at Oxley Creek Common' project, funded by the Australian Government's 20 Million Trees Programme, involves the planting and maintenance of 27,000 native shrubs and trees at the Oxley Creek Common, a unique 115 hectare open space on the lower and highly urbanised reaches of the Oxley Creek.

The Oxley Creek Common is key in maintaining a riparian corridor that includes specimens of the endangered *Gossia Gonoclada* and provides a valuable bird habitat with over 190 bird species recorded at the site.

We are currently finishing up the first year of this three year project which started with weed control and infill plantings along the riparian zone and is culminating with the the planting of 8000 species in the paddock areas.

These paddock plantings are part of a research project in partnership with the University of Queensland that aims to test the performance of two different species mixes ('Fast' growing vs. 'Hardy'). We are hoping that the results of this experiment will improve the the cost-effectiveness of restoration plantings as well as improving the vegetation corridor along Oxley Creek.

This project would not have been possible without support UQ researchers Luke Shoo and John Dwyer, Carole Bristow for her advice on species selection, OCCA biodiversity Services, Green Army teams from Conservation Volunteers Australia and Manpower Services, Friends of Oxley Creek Common, Corinda State high School and the Qld Department of Housing and Public Works.

For more information on the project please contact:

OCCA (info@oxleycreekcatchment.org.au)

Luke Shoo (l.shoo@uq.edu.au, The University of Queensland)

John Dwyer (j.dwyer2@uq.edu.au, The University of Queensland and CSIRO Land and Water).

Community Caring for Crewes Creek (C4)

OCCA is starting a new project in conjunction with Logan City Council focussing on the rehabilitation of Crewes Creek between Begley Road and Ison Road. Residents with Crewes Creek running through their property are invited to join the program. OCCA will work with each property owner to identify and help remove the weeds on their land as well as providing some free plants and helping to develop a Weed Management Plan. If your property fits

the bill and you would like to participate, please contact OCCA at partnerships@oxleycreekcatchment.com.au or call 3345 5541.

OCCA student projects

Students from Queensland University of Technology are working with OCCA to help us to update the safety protocols for Biodiversity Services, and review OCCA's branding. Griffith University students are helping with monitoring programs. Check out our new look, updated website www.oxleycreekcatchment.org.au which was designed by QUT students participating in the university's International Volunteer Student Initiative.

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.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

The Management Committee – Lynn, Trevor, Dave, Larissa, Beryl, Chris, Phil, Nadia and Anne, and OCCA staff – Susan, Karen and Jessica - would like to wish all OCCA's members and their families a very enjoyable and safe holiday season and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

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, Moorooka

George McNeil 3277 7524

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

