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## Events

### General Meeting

The first General Meeting of 2016 will be held on Tuesday 23 February from 5.30 to 7pm at the Environment Centre (Red Shed), Oxley Creek Common, Sherwood Road, Rocklea.

Our guest speaker will be from the Glider Protection Network of the Wildlife Protection Society Queensland, who will talk about gliders and the outcomes of the glider monitoring program.

2016 General Meetings will be held on 23 February, 26 April, 28 June, and 23 August. If there is a topic you would like to hear discussed at a General Meeting, call OCCA on 33455541 or email [info@oxleycreekcatchment.org.au](mailto:info@oxleycreekcatchment.org.au)

### Common Myna Humane Reduction Workshop

On Saturday 12 March, OCCA will host this workshop from 9 – 11am at the Red Shed, Oxley Creek Common, Sherwood Road, Rocklea. For more information phone 33988003.

### Peaks to Points Festival 2016

OCCA has secured some funding from Brisbane City Council to start organising the 2016 Peaks to Points Festival to be held from Saturday 16 July to Sunday 31 July 2016. If you would like to organise an event in your area or advertise an existing event or activity, contact OCCA on 33455541 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)

You can direct any questions regarding OCCA, its activities or membership, by phoning 33455541 or email [info@oxleycreekcatchment.org.au](mailto:info@oxleycreekcatchment.org.au)

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

## OCCA happenings

### Catchment Centre - update

OCCA has a new phone number – 33455541. Please update your address books accordingly. However, our old number will be operational until the end of 2015. Please also note that we changed our email address early last year and although we can still pick up emails from the old address (for now anyway) we would prefer you contact us via [info@oxleycreekcatchment.org.au](mailto:info@oxleycreekcatchment.org.au)

About 30 people – members, volunteers, pollies and locals – got stuck into the sausage sizzle, amazing vegetarian salad (thanks Karoline) and various Xmas goodies to celebrate a great year and the move into our own Catchment Centre.



L-R Beryl Roberts, Duncan Pegg MP, Lyndal Smith, Tarnya Smith MP, Marie Hollingsworth, Brian Macdonald, Noel Standfast, Phil Gunasekara and Trevor Scott

### OCCA member survey

We have had a good response to the member survey over the last few months but we are always open for more comments and feedback on how OCCA is meeting your needs as a member. The survey information is completely confidential. No personal information will be circulated or otherwise shared. All information is aggregated. We

encourage you to spend a few minutes completing the survey. Many thanks for your help.

[Click here to start the survey](#)

### Logan City residents survey

A Logan City Council Envirogrant supports OCCA's **Connect to Crewes Creek Project**. OCCA has developed a resident survey to assist us to develop and deliver future programs in the region. We are planning on distributing this survey online by the end of October so if you live in the Crewes Creek catchment please consider spending a few minutes to complete the survey. Click below to start the survey:

<http://goo.gl/forms/MiEDHZs6pK>

We are still looking for a Treasurer so if you can spare some time each month to work with our book keeper and help report our accounts to the monthly Management Committee meetings, we would like to hear from you.

### OCCA Community Native Plant Nursery

The nursery is up and running again in 2016 and we are looking to do some seed collecting and propagating of less common native plants. We have some big projects coming up over the next 3-4 years and would like to supply as many plants as we can from the OCCA Nursery.

If you would like to volunteer at the nursery, join us on Thursday mornings from 10am – noon. Contact Beryl Roberts on 0448 040 442 or email [bberylroberts@gmail.com](mailto:bberylroberts@gmail.com)

## 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, Simms Metal, BMI Group, Absorb Environmental Solutions, The Construction Training Centre, and SkillsTech Australia.

At the Granard Wetlands launch, our newest CreekWatch Partner RockPRESS, handed over signs for each partner to display at their premises to advertise their involvement in the program.

We invite more businesses to join the CreekWatch Program. For more information, email OCCA at [partnerships@oxleycreekcatchment.org.au](mailto:partnerships@oxleycreekcatchment.org.au) or phone 33455541



RockPRESS's Vicky Taylor and colleagues with Lynn Whitfield

### CreekWatch Works Program

Granard Wetlands is the location for this program which aims to get local businesses and community involved in the restoration of a local area. Meet at Marshall Road, next to Bunnings and help us remove weeds and plant up some new areas then join us for morning tea on the following dates over the next few months:

- 17 February 2016, 7am – 10am
- 16 March 2016, 7am – 10am
- 20 April 2016, 7am – 10am

## CreekCare

The CreekCare Program consists 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 Convenor, email [hstandfa@iinet.net.au](mailto:hstandfa@iinet.net.au) or phone 0417798008.

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

- 4 February - Gaddes Park, Evenwood St, Sunnybank
- 11 February - Russ Hall Park, Salisbury -
- 18 February – Nosworthy Park, Corinda
- 25 February – Oxley Creek Common, Rocklea
- 3 March – Pennywort Creek, Corinda
- 10 March – Strickland Terrace, Sherwood
- 17 March – Les Atkinson Park, Sunnybank
- 24 March – Benarrawa Park, Corinda
- 31 March – Cliveden Avenue Reserve, Corinda

## OCCA Biodiversity Services

OCCA's Biodiversity Services is a social enterprise undertaking contracts with governments, industry and businesses on weed management, native plantings and habitat enhancement and maintenance across South East Queensland. The money raised is then used to support OCCA's non-funded activities. Some current work areas

include the Oxley Creek Common, Granard Wetlands, the Tarcoola Track next to the Brisbane River at St Lucia, The Fort Bushcare site in Oxley, Graceville Park Apartments, an old sand extraction site in Larapinta, the Scout Camp at Mt Crosby, private properties at Mount Crosby, the Transpacific site at Willawong, the Oxley Golf Complex, Freney Street Park, Jindalee Recreation Reserve, and Bundamba Creek, Ipswich.

If you would like Biodiversity Services to provide a quote for your restoration project, contact Chris Jensen, Biodiversity Services Manager on 33455541 or email [bsu@oxleycreekcatchment.org.au](mailto:bsu@oxleycreekcatchment.org.au)

### **New Additions to OCCA Biodiversity Services Team**

OCCA is pleased to welcome three new field staff to the team. Micah, Joseph and Dave are joining the established team of Chris, Evan, Alanna and Kurt.

## **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 how OCCA can support your school's environmental curriculum or how your staff can help through our Corporate Volunteer Program, phone 33455541 or email [info@oxleycreekcatchment.org.au](mailto:info@oxleycreekcatchment.org.au)

## **OCCA Projects**

### **Flood preparedness toolkit**

OCCA has been successful in securing an NRMA community grant to develop an online flood preparedness toolkit specifically aimed at businesses in the Rocklea and Coopers Plains area. This toolkit will consolidate the workshops and seminars undertaken through our CreekWatch Program since the 2011 floods.

### **Water monitoring**

Funding through Everyone's Environment Grants Round 2 has allowed OCCA to extend its water monitoring program and sample 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. An initial run by Griffith University volunteers tested site access, conditions and timings for future sample runs. Sampling dates in 2016 will be:

- 27 February
- 26 March
- 23 April 2016
- 28 May 2016
- 25 June

If you would like to take part please contact Phil Gunasekara on 3345 5541 or email [info@oxleycreekcatchment.org.au](mailto:info@oxleycreekcatchment.org.au)

### **Seed to Seedling**

A BCC Lord Mayor's Community Sustainability and Environmental Grant will help OCCA to identify key native species not available in commercial or community nurseries, locate and map mature specimens of these species, develop guides to seed collection or taking cuttings and train community nursery workers in their propagation or striking. This project will help to ensure that species that are currently difficult to source but are of high habitat or other value will be available for use in rehabilitation projects

### **Dan Stiller Memorial Reserve**

12 months funding will assist continuing restoration of Sgt Dan Stiller Memorial Reserve in Heathwood, particularly the area to the west of Motorway Business Park.

### **Oxley Creek Common - 20 Million Trees Project**

Don't panic we're not planting all 20 million! OCCA has received funding as part of the Federal Government's 20 Million Trees Program to plant 27000 native trees and understory plants along the creek and walkways of Oxley Creek Common. The project will help to restore some of the areas damaged by flooding and storms as well as provide some shade on the pathway from the creek to Pelican Wetlands.

### **Granard Wetlands**

Granard Wetlands is a 5.5 hectare area boarded by the Ipswich Motorway, Granard Road, Marshall Road and Rocklea Bunnings. Stable Swamp Creek passes through the corner of the site before flowing into Oxley Creek.

OCCA has partnered with Energex and the Brisbane City Council to eradicate weeds, plant 25 000 grasses, shrubs and trees and maintain the site over four years. The project was launched at a planting event on 27 November 2015 when OCCA volunteers, Conservation Volunteers Australia, the Green Army, Energex and local councillors helped to plant 1500 trees and shrubs along the powerline easement adjacent to Bunnings. Bunnings are very kindly providing water from their rainwater tanks to maintain these and future plantings. OCCA's Biodiversity Services and The Green Army will be doing some more planting in February.



*OCCA and Green Army volunteers at Granard*



## MangroveWatch

Our next run will be in the next few months. This is a very popular activity so if you'd like to be involved please email OCCA at [info@oxleycreekcatchment.org.au](mailto:info@oxleycreekcatchment.org.au)



## What's Your Nature? - Oxley Golf Complex project

OCCA is working with Brisbane Boys College (BBC) and the Oxley Golf Complex on a five year vegetation and habitat restoration project at the Oxley Golf Complex, Cliveden Avenue over a 2 km stretch of Oxley Creek's western bank and part of Pennywort Creek. The site includes a specimen of the threatened Angle-Stemmed Myrtle but has extensive weed infestation and poor habitat health. Biodiversity Services has been continuing to remove weeds and maintain plantings with support from the Green Army.

For more information contact Phil Gunasekara, 33455541 or email [info@oxleycreekcatchment.org.au](mailto:info@oxleycreekcatchment.org.au)

## Oxley-Bremer Twinning

The Oxley-Bremer Twinning Project aims to identify opportunities to work with industry within the Bremer catchment and assist in the development of a industry engagement program.

For more information email Hannah Collins, Twinning Project Officer at [hannah.collins@uqconnect.edu.au](mailto:hannah.collins@uqconnect.edu.au)

## Green Army Projects 2015

Managed by Conservation Volunteers Australia, the Green Army volunteers will continue to work on the stretch of Stable Swamp Creek between Granard Wetlands and Kookaburra Park in Salisbury and the Oxley Golf Complex in Corinda for the next few months.

## OCCA student projects

OCCA has some more interns from Griffith University. Lincoln Forbes is assisting Biodiversity Services, Emma Resson is helping Phil with the water monitoring program, and Anastazia is helping Lynn with the P2P Festival and OCCA Anniversary activities. Manoela Hernandez and Mauro Sakuma from QUT are working with Tamara Taylor on developing a community monitoring program for the Angle-stemmed myrtle and the effects of Myrtle Rust.

## Grant applications

1. *Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development, Stronger Communities Programme* - for infrastructure to support our Community Native Plant Nursery including a shed, covered work area for the nursery volunteers and community workshops, garage for OCCA Biodiversity Services and a second shade house.
2. *Litter and Illegal Dumping Community and Industry Partnerships program* - a joint OCCA and Healthy Waterways application to run a behaviour change campaign in an industrial precinct adjacent to Stable Swamp Creek.

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](http://www.oxleycreekcatchment.org.au - Active Volunteer Network)

## Volunteer opportunities

Whilst the Management Committee are all dedicated and committed to OCCA's vision and objectives, we don't have all the expertise we would like to ensure that OCCA is put on a sound business footing, that we engage the community regularly, and that we can undertake all the activities we would like to do.

We are currently looking for volunteers for the positions of

- Treasurer – to work with our book keeper and help report our accounts to the monthly Management Committee meetings
- Communications Officer – to help update the website and maintain Facebook and twitter accounts.

If you would like to help please contact OCCA on 33455541 or email [info@oxleycreekcatchment.org.au](mailto:info@oxleycreekcatchment.org.au)

## 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

### ***Karawatha Forest Protection Society***

Meets third Thursday of alternate months  
(February, April, June, August, October)  
at 7pm at Sunnybank Library. Phone 3341 7365

### ***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

### ***Greening Moorooka Group, Moorooka***

Meets first Saturday of the month  
Phone 3892 7185

### ***Nosworthy Park Bushcare Group, Corinda***

Meets first Saturday of the month  
Marie Hollingworth 3278 2229

### ***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

### ***Pennywort Creek Bushcare Group, Corinda***

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

## Our Partners



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