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Events

Peaks to Points Festival 2016

The 2016 Peaks to Points Festival is fast approaching. This year it is being held from **Saturday 16 July to Sunday 31 July** with the **Festival Family Day on Sunday 31 July** at the Oxley Creek Common, Sherwood Road, Rocklea. If you would like to have a stall or display at the Family Day, please contact OCCA at info@oxleycreekcatchment.org.au or phone 3345 5541 as soon as possible.



Go to the website www.peakstpoint.com.au to find out about some of the 40 activities that will be on offer at about 30 locations. These include:

- Tours of Greenbank Military Training Area, the Rochedale landfill and Recycling Centre, and the Oxley Sewage Treatment Plant. Tours are free for OCCA members and \$15 or \$20 for non-members
- Guided walks around Whites Hill, White Rock, Pooh Corner, Flinders Peak, Spring Mountain, Toohey Forest, Karawatha Forest, Wellington Point, Acacia Ridge
- Birdwatching at Pooh Corner, Oxley Creek Common, Hardings Paddock, Greenwood Lakes
- Planting and weeding at Cleveland, Corinda, Greenwood Lakes, Acacia Ridge, Granard wetlands
- Forums and workshops on the problems with plastics, native beekeeping, composting and worm farming, sustainable gardening
- Festival Family Day on 31 July at the Oxley Creek Common

Look out for a segment about the Peaks to Points Festival, featuring Heather at Whites Hill and Michael at Wellington Point, on Channel 7's 'Great South East' program.

OCCA's 20th Anniversary

OCCA began as a catchment group in 1996, holding its first Annual general meeting that year, and gaining official incorporation in July 1997, so in 2016 we are celebrating our 20 years with a number of events. There will be a formal celebration on Saturday 23 July at the EcoCentre, Griffith University Nathan Campus from 6.30pm. This event is free for OCCA members and \$20 for non-members. To book please call OCCA on 3345 5541 or email info@oxleycreekcatchment.org.au by 19 July.

There will also be an informal BBQ for OCCA members and volunteers on Friday 29 July, from 5 – 7pm at the Catchment Centre, 9 Macdevitt Street, Coopers Plains. All welcome.

General Meetings

David Niland from Birds Queensland spoke at our June meeting on 'Citizen Science through Bird Surveys'. He recounted his findings of the locations of various species over the years at a number of sites across Brisbane.

23 August – Dr Ray Kerkhove – 'Aboriginal history of the Oxley Creek catchment'

OCCA's AGM will be held on **22 November** and our guest speaker will be Dr Samantha Lloyd of the SEQ Fire and Biodiversity Consortium who will speak on the subject of 'Fire Ecology in the Australian Landscape'.

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

Catchment News

Brisbane City Council to spend \$15 Million over 4 years on Oxley Creek

OCCA has been keen to find out what is happening with regard to the LNP's election commitment of \$100 Million over 20 years for revitalisation of Oxley Creek and

surrounding lands from the mouth at Graceville/Tennyson to Johnson Road.

The Brisbane City Council budget confirms expenditure for the next 4 years of \$1 382 000, \$4 515 000, \$4 587 000, and \$4 653 000. Council expects to also raise a matching \$15 million from other (unspecified) sources.

What we do know is that as well as restoration of degraded lands, the proposal includes development of 'eat street' style markets, other economic developments (unknown), an aviary, zip line, and sports facilities, in particular a rowing course.

The Oxley Creek Taskforce met recently and provided a brief update on this proposal. It will be managed by a specially constituted Management Authority but there are no details available yet on the representation or terms of reference of the Authority.

Whilst OCCA is not averse to more money being spent on the area, it is concerned that the focus on economic development will take precedence over natural area restoration. There has been no public consultation to date and OCCA and Friends of the Oxley Creek Common will be working to ensure that meaningful and timely consultation takes place throughout the development and implementation of the project.

Fire Ants on the Oxley Creek Common

Biosecurity Queensland has found Fire Ant nests on the Oxley Creek Common. One is in the planted area behind the Red Shed and others are in the riparian zone along the track. They are ringed with fluoro pink paint and a stick with red tape. They have been baited but please do not disturb the area.

Whilst most people have been aware of the issue for many years, the finding of Fire Ants on the Common is a timely reminder that we cannot be complacent. As a refresher, OCCA is organising a Fire Ant ID and training workshop which will likely be held at the Red Shed in late August. Numbers are limited so if you would like to attend, please contact OCCA on 3345 5541 or email info@oxleycreekcatchment.org.au

SEQ Regional Plan

The SEQ Regional Plan 2009 – 2031 is being reviewed to reflect the current size and demographics of the region. The revised Plan will set new policy directions and targets to guide development aiming for a region that is smart, sustainable, compact, connected, safe and healthy now and into the future.

A new draft SEQRP will be available for public consultation later in 2016. You can input ideas to the Plan by going to the [Shaping SEQ website](#) where you can add your ideas on

how to shape future development. Ideas are sought in the areas of 'grow', 'live', 'sustain', 'prosper' and 'connect'. The natural environment features in the 'sustain' section.

New organisation – Healthy Waterways and Catchments

As of 1 July 2016, Healthy Waterways and SEQ Catchments have merged to form a single organisation – Healthy Waterways and Catchments. HWaC remains a not-for-profit, community-focused and science/research based organisation but the merger will improve coordination and implementation of catchment management and make better use of funding. It will take some time to merge the two organisations. View the [website](#) for more information.

New use for the Oxley Secondary College

The State Government is seeking community input into the future use of the Oxley Secondary College which closed many years ago and was most recently used as Fire Ant HQ. The government's preferred use appears to be some form of housing but the area connects to the bushland at Canossa Hospital and the Fort Bushland Reserve which is being restored by John Lahey and his volunteers.

An Oxley Secondary Site Community Group has been established to gather information on what the community would like to happen with the site. Your input is welcomed. You can access the survey at www.surveymonkey.com/r/T2FFPG3 Please email president@cdea.org.au for more information.

OCCA happenings

Logan Eco Action Festival, 5 June

LEAF fell foul of the East Coast Low weather system that passed through the area on Saturday 4 June. Although the sun shone on the Sunday for World Environment Day, the ground was too soggy and it was too windy so the Festival was cancelled for this year. It was unfortunate but better than being drenched.

OCCA Nursery

The OCCA Nursery is gradually building 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 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, email OCCA at partnerships@oxleycreekcatchment.org.au or phone 3345 5541

CreekWatch hosted a free breakfast which focussed on planning for floods and the on-line resources available. The small but enthusiastic turnout heard from Saul Martinez of Brisbane City Council on the personalised flood information available on the [council's website](#). Peter Holden from Dulux gave a very enlightening talk on the impacts of the 2011 flood on the Dulux premises on Ipswich Road, Rocklea, what they learnt and what plans are now in place to minimise the impacts of any future flooding events. A video demonstrated the extent of the flood and the impact on all aspects of the facility.

CreekWatch Works Program

This new program focussing on restoration of Granard Wetlands, launched in November 2015. There will be regular monthly working bees on the third Wednesday of each month from 8-10am followed by morning tea. The next dates are:

- 20 July
- 17 August
- 21 September

Come along, bring your work colleagues and help 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@inet.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:

- 7 July – Pennywort Creek, Corinda
- 14 July – Strickland Terrace, Sherwood
- 21 July – Les Atkinson Park, Sunnybank
- 28 July – Benarrawa Park, Corinda
- 4 August – Cliveden Avenue Reserve, Corinda
- 11 August – Gaddes Park, Sunnybank
- 18 August – Russ Hall Park, Salisbury
- 25 August – Nosworthy Park, Corinda
- 1 September – Oxley Creek Common, Rocklea

Tuesday Common Carers

Mary Lou Simpson and her team undertake restoration of areas of the Oxley Creek Common around the Red Shed 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 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.

Biodiversity Services recently participated in the University of Queensland's Community Engagement Program through the Faculty of Business, Economics and Law. A team of seven students worked together to develop a Business Plan for Biodiversity Services. Our thanks go to Amelia Groves, Jackson Schultz, Ben Hyland, Brendan Fugate, Mahealani Delaney, Wade Janine and Connor Bennett, their mentor Wade Fitzgerald, and the program's Coordinator Cassandra Vickers.



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 how OCCA can support your school's environmental curriculum or how your staff can help through out Corporate Volunteer Program, contact Karen Toms on partnerships@oxleycreekcatchment.org.au or phone 3345 5541.

Other OCCA Projects

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 will be on Saturdays from 8am – 12 noon on:

- 23 July
- 27 August
- 24 September

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 is continuing to undertake weed control and prepare areas for infill planting along the riparian zone and track. You might have noticed some new posts in the adjacent fields. These will be used to fence off new areas which will be planted up in September/October as part of a research program with University of Queensland. We will be looking for community help to plant up some other areas later in the year.

What's Your Nature? - Oxley Golf Complex project

During the Peaks to Points Festival, OCCA is hosting a walk round three key restoration areas in Corinda – the Oxley Golf Complex, Pennywort Creek, and Cliveden Recreation Reserve. Join us to find out what the hardworking OCCA staff and Bushcare volunteers have been doing to improve the amenity of these sites.

For more information contact Phil Gunasekara, 33455541 or email info@oxleycreekcatchment.org.au

OCCA student projects

Students from University of Queensland and Queensland University of Technology worked with OCCA to help us to:

- Redesign the OCCA website
- Make a video of our volunteers and projects
- Develop a Business Plan for Biodiversity Services
- Developing a field app for Biodiversity Services
- Review Biodiversity Services Integrated Management System
- Assist the Community Based Social Marketing Litter and Illegal Dumping project

Look out for a new-looking website in a few weeks time.

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 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.

Volunteers are needed to help staff our display stalls at Centenary Rocks Festival on 16-17 July, and to help out at the Peaks to Points Festival Family Day on 31 July.

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

You can ask any questions regarding OCCA, its activities or membership, by phoning 3345 5541 or email info@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

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

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