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News

Team Quirk's Oxley Creek Vision

One of the Lord Mayor's election commitments is \$100M to the transformation of Oxley Creek from the Brisbane River to Larapinta into a revitalised green corridor with new parkland, lakes for recreation and flood mitigation, a new environmental education centre, an events plaza, restaurants and cafes, a public aviary, sporting fields, bikeways and green trails. Find out more details at <https://www.teamquirk.com.au/oxley-creek-to-become-landmark-brisbane-green-space/>

OCCA is supportive of any activities and funding that will improve Oxley Creek and its riparian zone as a sustainable habitat corridor for our valuable native wildlife but is keen to ensure that any changes are done sensitively, in keeping with the environment and in consultation with the community. OCCA welcomes any comments you may have on the proposals to info@oxleycreekcatchment.org.au

Events

General Meetings

The first General Meeting of 2016 was held on 23 February. Our guest speaker was Matt Cecil, Senior Project Officer at the Wildlife Protection Society Queensland, who talked about gliders in SEQ, the Glider Protection Network and the glider monitoring program. With lots of interesting photos and graphs Matt showed that gliders move between a number of nestboxes, they prefer boxes more than 6m above ground, on smooth-barked trees and facing either south or north. Of course not all boxes house gliders, other inhabitants have been found including snakes, bees, ants and possums.

26 April - Michael Fox of Mount Gravatt Environment Group, will talk about the Pollinator Link project which is all about creating innovative urban wildlife corridors using your backyards

28 June – David Niland, Birds Queensland

23 August – speaker to be confirmed

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 bushfires and 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

CreekWatch Clean Up Australia Business Day

Staff from Sims Metal Management and ALS joined OCCA, on 1 March to help clean up Dunn Road, Rocklea. Thanks to Paul, Isabel, Brenton, Anne, Phil, Lynn, Karen and Amelia we cleaned up 6 tyres, a giant real estate sign, lots of large cardboard and carpet pieces and mesh fencing, and about 20 bags in total of the usual plethora of drink bottles, cans, paper, polystyrene and various plastics, as well as lots of rubber, plastic and metal bits from vehicles.



Amelia (OCCA), Paul and Isabel (Sims Metal Management)



Brenton (ALS) and Amelia (OCCA)

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. These workshops have been very popular and this one is fully booked out. Contact researcher@bulimbacreek.org.au to find out about any other workshops.

OCCA's 20th Anniversary

OCCA was officially incorporated in July 1996 so we will be celebrating our 20 years with a number of events. We are also hoping to put together some brochures celebrating our programs, key projects, staff and volunteers. If you have any anecdotes or photos from any of the OCCA happenings over the years we would love to see them. Email them to OCCA at info@oxleycreekcatchment.org.au or Lynn Whitfield at lynn_whitfield@hotmail.com

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. This year the Festival Family Day will be held on Sunday 31 July. If you would like to organise an event in your area or advertise an existing event or activity, contact OCCA at info@oxleycreekcatchment.org.au or phone 3345 5541.

Connect to your Creek Week: 9 – 17 April

Healthy Waterways is looking for groups to host events as part of [Connect to Your Creek Week](#). To register an event [click here](#). This year the Creek Catchment Program will partner again with BCN to host a display of activities of all the catchment groups at New Farm Park on Saturday 16 April. OCCA will also be hosting a community planting event and sausage sizzle to support the local Habitat Brisbane group on 16 April at Russ Hall Park, Salisbury, from 10am to noon. Contact Karen on 3345 5541 or email partnerships@oxleycreekcatchment.org.au for more information.

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 direct 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.

OCCA happenings

New Partnerships and Education Manager

Introducing our new Partnerships and Education Manager, Karen Toms. She replaces Larissa Mar Fan who unfortunately left us at the end of November. Karen has a degree in Environmental Management and a Diploma in Conservation and Land Management and has 10 years experience in waterway and catchment management, environmental rehabilitation, monitoring and community engagement and education. Karen is also working with Healthy Waterways so will be with us for 2 days a week.



New Book keeper

Amelia Mack has joined OCCA as our Bookkeeper replacing Melinda McInturff. OCCA is very sad to lose Melinda, but we are hoping to continue to work with her and the Yeronga community. Amelia is a recent Ecology and Zoology postgraduate and will also help Karen in the role of Partnerships and Education Manager whilst continuing to manage a local veterinary practice.

OCCA Community Native Plant Nursery

The OCCA Nursery continues to take shape under the guidance of Beryl Roberts. We have been offered some watertanks which, when all connected, will help to make the nursery self-sufficient for water (and reduce our water bills!).

Thanks also to Wayne Brown, Trevor Armstrong, Richard Thomson, Dave Whitfield and Green Army volunteers for helping to erect a storage shed (see photo), a more difficult task than was first thought!

The 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*). For more information contact Beryl Roberts on 0448 040 442 or bberylroberts@gmail.com or come along to the Nursery on Thursday mornings from 10am – noon.



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.

<http://goo.gl/forms/MjEDHZs6pK>

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 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 7-10am followed by morning tea. The next dates are:

- 16 March 2016
- 20 April 2016

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

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 or phone 0417798008.

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

- 3 March – Pennywort Creek, Corinda
- 10 March – Strickland Terrace, Sherwood
- 17 March – Les Atkinson Park, Sunnybank
- 24 March – Benarra Park, Corinda
- 31 March – Cliveden Avenue Reserve, Corinda
- 7 April – Gaddes Park, Sunnybank
- 14 April – Russ Hall Park, Salisbury
- 21 April – Nosworthy Park, Corinda
- 28 April – Oxley Creek Common, Rocklea

Tuesday Common Carers

A new restoration working group has been established at the Oxley Creek Common. It meets every Tuesday from 7 – 9am. For more information contact Mary Lou Simpson 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.

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, Sgt Dan Stiller Memorial Reserve, the Oxley Golf Complex, Frenay 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 3345 5541 or email bsu@oxleycreekcatchment.org.au

Biodiversity Services has purchased a 1500 litre water trailer which will make the watering of planted areas much easier and more efficient. The water trailer is also available for hire to bushcare and catchment groups – contact Chris Jensen for more information.



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 or Amelia Mack on partnerships@oxleycreekcatchment.org.au or phone 3345 5541.

Other 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.

Litter and Illegal Dumping Community and Industry Partnerships

We expect to receive funding to implement a behaviour change campaign, jointly with Healthy Waterways. This will take place in an industrial precinct adjacent to Stable Swamp Creek, to help reduce the amount of littering and illegal dumping taking place in the area.

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 on Saturdays from 8am – 12 noon on :

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

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

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.

Oxley Creek Common - 20 Million Trees Project

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. We are currently discussing locations for the trees and understory with the

Department of Public Works and Housing which manage the Common, Friends of Oxley Creek Common, researchers at University of Qld and Corinda State High School which has cattle and sheep grazing the Common as part of its Agricultural Program.

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 is partnering with Energex and Brisbane City Council to eradicate weeds, and replace with 25 000 grasses, shrubs and trees over four years. Bunnings, which is adjacent to the site, is very kindly providing water from their rainwater tanks to maintain these and future plantings. OCCA's Biodiversity Services and The Green Army will be working regularly on the site.

The CreekWatch Works Program is also focussing on Granard Wetlands and will host monthly working bees there on the third Wednesday of each month, the next ones being on 16 March and 20 April.

MangroveWatch

Our next run down Oxley Creek towards the end of March. This is a very popular activity and we currently only have room for 5 people so if you'd like to be involved please email OCCA at info@oxleycreekcatchment.org.au ASAP to book a place.



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. In February we farewelled our Twinning Project Officer, Hannah Collins, who is expecting her first child in March. We thank Hannah for all her hard work with OCCA and hope everything goes well.

For more information on the Twinning Project, contact OCCA on 3345 5541 or email info@oxleycreekcatchment.org.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. A Green Army team will also be supporting our 20 Million Trees sites at Oxley Creek Common.

OCCA student projects

Our Griffith University interns are now completing their projects. Lincoln Forbes worked with Biodiversity Services, Emma Resson helped Phil with the water monitoring program, and Anastazia Ludwig helped Lynn update contacts, organise the Xmas Party and Open Day, and implement a volunteer project. This semester's intern will be Justin Jenkins who will be joining our Biodiversity Services Team. 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. We are also talking to UQ and QUT about more exciting student projects.

Grant applications

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.

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

Sign up to OCCA's Active Volunteer Network at www.oxleycreekcatchment.org.au - [Active Volunteer Network](#)

Volunteer opportunities

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 3345 5541 or email 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

