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Events

Volunteer week BBQ, 12 May

Volunteer Week is 9-15 May and OCCA is throwing a BBQ to celebrate all its volunteers, past and present. Come along to the Catchment Centre on Thursday 12 May from noon – 2pm and enjoy a sumptuous lunch. RSVP by 10 May to OCCA on 3345 5541 or email info@oxleycreekcatchment.org.au

St David's Community Fair, Coopers Plains, 14 May

OCCA will be having a display at this neighbourhood fair on Saturday 14 May from 10am to 1pm. Drop in to the Community Centre on Orange Grove Road, opposite Coopers Plains State School and see our display and enjoy the festivities.

Logan Eco Action Festival, 5 June

OCCA will again be having a display at LEAF at the Griffith University campus at Meadowbrook on World Environment Day, Sunday 5 June. Come down and watch the entertainment, visit OCCA's and all the other environment-focused displays and have a great day out.

CreekWatch Business Breakfast, 7 June

OCCA will host a free breakfast focussing on planning for floods and the on-line resources available. See the CreekWatch section for more information.

General Meetings

About 20 people at our April general meeting heard Michael Fox talk about the Pollinator Link Program which aims to engage households to make their backyards friendly for bees, butterflies and birds by providing appropriate water, food and shelter.

28 June – David Niland, Birds Queensland – the role of citizen science in relation to birds

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 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

OCCA's 20th Anniversary

OCCA began as a catchment group in 1996, holding the 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 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

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

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.

Peaks to Points Festival 2016

The 2016 Peaks to Points Festival will be held from Saturday 16 July to Sunday 31 July. This year the Festival Family Day will be held on Sunday 31 July at the Oxley Creek Common, Sherwood Road, Rocklea. 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.

Go to the website www.peakstopoint.com.au to find out about some of the activities that will be on offer.

Connect to your Creek Week at Rocky Water Holes

OCCA celebrated 'Connect to your Creek Week' with the Rocky Water Holes Catchment Group on 16 April at a community event at Russ Hall Park, Salisbury. The event

was popular with local families with over 30 people attending. They planted over 100 trees to provide habitat and shade over the creek. The Wild Rangers wildlife show was popular with the kids who got to handle and learn about some Australian animals. And the Salisbury Rotary Club cooked a cracking BBQ for everyone. Overall it was a great day with many signing up to volunteer with the Rocky Water Holes Catchment Group. The kids had a great time too getting their hands dirty and learning about the local environment. If you would like to volunteer with OCCA or the Rocky Water Holes Catchment Group please contact partnerships@oxleycreekcatchment.org.au



OCCA happenings

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

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. 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

A **free Business Breakfast** for CreekWatch partners and local businesses will be held on Tuesday 7 June, from 7 – 9am at the Croatian Community Centre, Dunn Road, Rocklea. The breakfast will feature a number of speakers talking about how to prepare your businesses for floods and the resources that are available on-line. Contact OCCA on partnerships@oxleycreekcatchment.org.au or 3345 5541 to RSVP and for more information

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:

- 18 May
- 15 June
- 20 July

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@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:

- 5 May – Pennywort Creek, Corinda
- 12 May – Strickland Terrace, Sherwood
- 19 May – Les Atkinson Park, Sunnybank
- 26 May – Benarrawa Park, Corinda
- 2 June – Cliveden Avenue Reserve, Corinda
- 9 June – Gaddes Park, Sunnybank
- 16 June – Russ Hall Park, Salisbury
- 23 June – Nosworthy Park, Corinda
- 30 June – Oxley Creek Common, Rocklea
- 7 July – Pennywort Creek, Corinda

Vale Cam McPhee

In April 2016 the CreekCare team lost one of our stalwart members when Dr Cam McPhee passed away suddenly following a surfing accident. Cam was a regular contributor to Creekcare, Nosworthy Park and Boreen Point Bushcare groups and although you would not know it from his modest demeanour, he was a world-renowned geneticist and pioneering animal scientist. Most importantly, Cam was a good bloke and all the CreekCare team and those at OCCA who knew him appreciated his knowledge, enthusiasm and sense of humour. He will be greatly missed and our sympathies go to Faseny and family.

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, 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 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 our Corporate Volunteer Program, contact Karen Toms on partnerships@oxleycreekcatchment.org.au or phone 3345 5541.

Other OCCA Projects

Litter and Illegal Dumping Partnership

OCCA has been working with Healthy Waterways to identify the extent of littering and illegal dumping taking place in an area of Stable Swamp Creek. In the last 2 months about 50 bags of rubbish have been collected by OCCA volunteers and a number of instances of illegal dumping reported to Brisbane City Council. A workshop focused on Community Based Social Marketing workshop identified a number of behaviours which can be targeted in future activities.

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 :

- 7 May
- 25 June
- 23 July

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

Dan Stiller Memorial Reserve

OCCA's Biodiversity Services is continuing to help restore parts 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

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. The Department of Public Works and Housing, Friends of Oxley Creek Common, researchers at the University of Queensland and Corinda State High School are all working with OCCA to implement this project. The mix of species to be planted is being finalised and OCCA is working with the

University of Queensland researchers on establishing plots to trial different plant mixes and management techniques. The Green Army is continuing to prepare areas for planting along the riparian zone and will shortly start to fence some areas. We will be looking for community help to plant up some areas later in the year.

MangroveWatch

Our next run down Oxley Creek will be Sunday 22 May. 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.



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

OCCA student projects

OCCA has taken on students from University of Queensland and Queensland University of Technology to help us to:

- Redesign the OCCA website
- Make some videos 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

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 St David's community Fair on 14 May, LEAF on 5 June, Centenary Rocks on 16-17 July, and 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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