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Events

General Meetings

On 23 August Dr Ray Kerkhove gave a fascinating talk to a full house at the Red Shed on 'Aboriginal presence in the Brisbane area'. He has found evidence through paintings, maps and journal records of more than 80 Aboriginal campsites including a number around Oxley Creek which he has recorded in a book 'Aboriginal Campsites in Greater Brisbane. An Historical Guide' available at Boolarong Press.

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

Peaks to Points Festival 2016

The 2016 Peaks to Points Festival was held from Saturday 16 July to Sunday 31 July finishing with the Festival Family Day. Highlights included:

- Tours of Greenbank Military Training Area, the Rochedale landfill and Recycling Centre, and the Oxley Sewage Treatment Plant.



- Guided walks around Whites Hill, White Rock, Pooh Corner, Flinders Peak, Spring Mountain, Wellington Point, Acacia Ridge Toohey Forest,

Karawatha Forest

- 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 problems with plastics, native beekeeping, composting and worm farming, sustainable gardening
- Festival Family Day on 31 July at the Oxley Creek Common

Here's a selection of photos from the many Festival events.





OCCA's 20th Anniversary

OCCA celebrated with a function at the EcoCentre, Griffith University where we were joined by 50 of our members and supporters including State members and local Councillors.



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 we hope it will include community representatives. This body will complement the Oxley Creek Task Force which will continue to consider key issues such as erosion management.

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.

Updated BCC Flood Maps

Brisbane City Council has updated its flood mapping which changes the flood status of a few thousand properties. The maps will be available on the BCC website from 9 September.

Weeds of SEQ app

Wanting to find out what weeds you have on your land – well this is the app for you! A free app compatible with android, apple and google devices contains descriptions and photographs of over 600 weed species found in South East Queensland. Download *Suburban and Environmental Weeds of South East Queensland* now and increase your knowledge and awareness of the weeds in your area. (Courtesy of Land for Wildlife June 2015 Newsletter.)

Frogs of Australia app

If you're a budding herpetologist then this is the app for you. It contains detailed descriptions, photographs and calls of nearly 240 species. It costs \$24.99 and is compatible with android and apple devices. (Courtesy of Land for Wildlife June 2015 Newsletter.)

Events

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.

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. 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:

- 21 September
- 19 October

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@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:

- 1 September – Oxley Creek Common, Rocklea
- 8 September – Pennywort Creek, Corinda
- 15 September – Strickland Terrace, Sherwood
- 22 September – Les Atkinson Park, Sunnybank
- 29 September – Benarrawa Park, Corinda
- 6 October – Cliveden Avenue Reserve, Corinda
- 13 October – Gaddes Park, Sunnybank
- 20 October – Russ Hall Park, Salisbury
- 27 October – Nosworthy Park, Corinda
- 3 November – 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 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:

- 24 September
- 22 October

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. New areas have been fenced off and will be planted up in September/October as part of a University of Queensland research project. We will be looking for community help to plant up some areas in late October.

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.

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

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