

# ***PEAKS TO POINTS***

## ***Festival***

### ***2016***



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# PEAKS TO POINTS FESTIVAL 2016

**16 - 31 July 2016**

## FOREWORD

The fifth Peaks to Points Festival was bigger and better than before. Over its 16 days some 3600 people enjoyed a mix of 45 activities and events at 37 locations on the southside of the Brisbane River.

The Festival was initially conceived as the Oxley Creek Water Festival. In 2007 it was extended across the southside of the Brisbane River and the Peaks to Points Festival was born. The name celebrates the corridor of natural areas from Flinders Peak in the west, the source of Oxley Creek, to all the points on Moreton Bay south of the Brisbane River mouth - Point Halloran, Wellington Point and Victoria Point to name but a few.

This year's Festival followed the same approach as the inaugural Festival. It highlighted the issues facing the creek catchments in the area – Oxley Creek, Bulimba Creek, Norman Creek, Wolston/Centenary, Bayside and creeks in the Ipswich area – through showcasing the activities of the environmental and community groups working to improve our creeks and natural areas. through the Festival Family Day, workshops, walks, plantings, forums, nature journaling. The tours to the Oxley Sewage Treatment Plant and the Rochedale Landfill showcased key industries and demonstrated the highly technical processes involved in managing our wastes and protecting our environment.

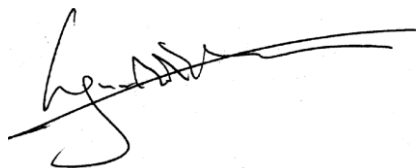
There was excellent attendance at many of the events, with some activities such as the native bee workshop and the bus tour to the Greenbank Military Training Area fully-subscribed. The Festival reached a wide audience spread across a large geographic area. Most activities were intentionally small scale and intimate so that people could easily talk to the group members about the area and group activities.

The ongoing support of so many environmental and community groups, government organisations and industry sponsors and supporters has ensured that the Festival is a fixture in the South East Queensland environmental events calendar.

Brisbane City Council was again the major supporter. This year the Festival was also sponsored by Ipswich City Council, Brisbane MarketPlace, Lend Lease, Bmag, Channel 7 and 4 ZZZ. The Festival Family Day was presented by Brisbane MarketPlace.

The Festival was organised by the Oxley Creek Catchment Association with the support of Team Lacey Consultancy and Rachel Grant PR.

I thank you all for your continued support for the work of the many environment and catchment groups in South East Queensland and encourage you to continue the journey with us to improve our environment – from Peaks to Points.



Lynn Whitfield

**Chair Peaks to Points Festival**

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The Peaks to Points Festival is a biennial, regional, environmental festival that raises awareness of the Flinders-Greenbank-Karawatha natural areas corridor and showcases and celebrates the connection between businesses, governments and communities and the natural environment on the southside of Brisbane and the activities of local groups to improve their environment.

The Festival was held over two weeks from 16 - 31 July 2016 with the Festival Family Day held at the Oxley Creek Common on 31 July, thereby closing the Festival.

45 events were held at 37 locations over the 16 days attracting 3600 people. Events included tree plantings, bushwalks, history walks, birdwatching, platypus spotting, seagrass monitoring, workshops and talks addressing native bee-keeping, sub-tropical gardening, composting, and pond gardening, forums addressing issues associated with plastics, invasive species, Moreton Bay, and environmental activism, and the ever-popular bus tours to Greenbank Military Training area and the Oxley Sewage Treatment Plant. This year there was also a tour of the Rochedale Landfill.

This report describes the events and activities that took place during the Peaks to Points Festival.

A copy of the Festival Program is provided in Attachment 1.

## 2. FAMILY DAY

The Peaks to Points Festival was officially closed on 31 July at the Festival Family Day. Shannon Ruska, representing the Nunukal Jagera people provided the Welcome to Country. The Brisbane Lord Mayor Graham Quirk, spoke, as did Lynn Whitfield, President Oxley Creek Catchment Association, and Chair Peaks to Points Festival.

The Festival crowd was entertained on the main stage by a variety of entertainment, some with participation from the crowd including:

- Diddly Squat
- Bazil Grumble children's show
- Bollywood Dhamaka Dancers
- Recycling Olympics
- Corinda State High School Dance Program

- Corinda State High School Music Program

The Bollywood dancers also involved the Festival attendees in a dance workshop; Bazil Grumble kept the children enthralled with their antics local group Diddly Squat played well-known blues rock music, Jocelyn Clarkson from the Oxley Creek Environment Group had the kids running and learning in the Recycling Olympics and Shoop the Sugar Glider also provided an educational experience.



Children's entertainment included:

- Face Painting
- Making Bush Baby toys and birds using twigs, leaves, straw and yarn
- Card making using leaves
- Making a woven bird's nest/ basket using rope, sisal and cane.
- Water testing
- Jumping Monster truck
- Queensland Museum artefacts display

All the displays from environment, history, and community groups generated considerable interest amongst Festival patrons.

Displays were presented by:

- Australian Electric Vehicle Association
- Australian Marine Conservation Society
- Birds Injured Rehabilitated and Orphaned
- Bob the Bee Man (native stingless bees)
- Brisbane MarketPlace
- Bugs Ed
- Corinda State High School Agricultural Program
- Expressive Bikes
- Friends of Oxley Creek Common
- Graceville Community Garden

- Little Green Thumbs
- Martial Arts
- Orangutans project
- Oxley Creek Catchment Association
- Oxley Men's Shed
- Queensland Frogs
- Queensland Urban Utilities
- Reptile Rehabilitation Qld
- RSPCA
- Sherwood Girl Guides
- Spurtopia
- Sustainable Population Australia
- The Greens
- Viridian Energy

Delicious foods and drinks were provided by:

- Pamphlett Sea Scouts – sausage sizzle
- Phunky Dory seafood
- Gluten Off coffee and food



### 3. ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

The Festival program offered a wide range of activities that explored the natural environment from Ipswich to Moreton Bay.

Activities and events were hosted by local governments and by environmental and community groups across the area including:

- Birds Queensland
- Benarrawa Park Bushcare Group
- Bethania Street Community Garden
- Black Swamp Bushcare Group
- Bremer River Fund
- Brisbane Airport Corporation

- Brisbane City Council
- Bulimba Creek Catchment Coordinating Committee
- Butterfly and Other Invertebrates Club
- Carindale Library
- Cliveden Avenue Recreation Reserve Bushcare Group
- Cornerstone Living Community Garden
- Department of Defence
- Friends of Pooh Corner
- Griffith University
- Habitat Brisbane
- Ipswich Creek Catchment Group
- Ipswich City Council
- Karawatha Forest Protection Society
- Logan City Council
- Mount Gravatt Environment Group
- Norman Creek Catchment Coordinating Committee
- Oxley Creek Catchment Association
- Oxley Golf Complex
- Pennywort Creek Bushcare Group
- Queensland Urban Utilities
- Redlands Indigiscapes Centre
- SEQ Catchments
- St John's Oxley Community Men's Shed
- Strickland Terrace Park Bushcare Group
- Sugarbag Bees
- Sunnybank Hills Library
- The Platypus Watch Network
- Whites Hill – Pine Mountain Community Group
- Wolston and Centenary Catchments
- Wildlife Preservation Society of Queensland
- Wildlife Queensland Coastal Citizen Science

#### Platypus spotting – 16 and 17 July

The Wildlife Preservation Society of Queensland organised 13 hardy volunteers to brave the cold of a winter's morning at dawn to look for platypus at a number of sites along Oxley Creek at Greenwood Lakes. Unfortunately, no-one spotted a platypus, although this does not mean there aren't any as they are notoriously hard to spot. However, participants did see a Brahminy kite hunting for fish in the waterway and also collected 7kg of rubbish from the creek and surrounding riparian bush.



### Restoration of Pennywort Creek – 16 July

Agronomist Trevor Armstrong took five visitors on a tour of Pennywort Creek to view the uncleared, weedy tributary and eroded banks to the restored habitats viewing native Shield Pennywort, and the endangered Angle-stemmed Myrtle. They also planted almost 80 wetland plants and two fig trees and then continued discussions over morning tea.



### Flinders Peak walk – 16 July

Eleven people joined members of the Ipswich Creek Catchment Group on a short walk on Flinders Peak followed by a tree planting.



### Acacia Ridge History Walk – 16 July

Five people joined local historian Beryl Roberts on a gentle walk around Acacia Ridge to view the many places of historical significance remaining in this area which was established after WWII to house returning servicemen and their families.

### Marine environment talk and walk– 16 July

Fifty people attended a morning seminar to hear speakers on the subject of Quolls, Platypus, Gliders, Seagrasses, citizen science and the world heritage values of Moreton Bay. Despite a showery afternoon, 45 people continued to Wellington Point to take a guided walk to King Island.



The event was also attended by representatives of Vision Australia due to the initiative of Michael Lusi to prepare information in braille for vision-impaired people.

### Nature Journaling workshop – 16 July

Eleven people attended a workshop led by Paula Peeters into the art of nature journaling at the B4C Sustainability Centre. Participants learned about different art mediums to use, were shown examples of nature journaling, explored the immediate surroundings they were in and undertook a number of exercises to explore nature and creativity. They also learned about some of the flora and fauna in the gardens before relaxing over a delicious morning tea.

### Walking with Life – Blunder Creek – 17 July

Twenty people including four children explored a small patch of remnant bushland along Blunder Creek at Durack. With no marked paths the group threaded its way between the trees and other vegetation. The site is part of a remnant wetland system that is relatively undisturbed with an assortment of algae, lichens, small herbs, sedges, grasses and diverse other species but with some invasive weeds starting to take hold along the creek edge.

### Community Garden launch – 17 July

35 people attended the launch of this new community garden provided by the Consolidated Properties Group, developers of the Cornerstone Living development, with ten signing up for their own garden plot. Local MP Peter Russo provided a sausage sizzle which was enjoyed by all.



### Restoration sites walk – 18 July

OCCA's Phil Gunasekara and Chris Jensen and Carole Bristow guided a group of 30 people keen to find out about the flora of Pennywort Creek, Oxley Creek and Cliveden Avenue Recreation Reserve. The group viewed the endangered Angle-stemmed Myrtle (*Gossia gonoclada*) and discussed the work undertaken by OCCA and the Bushcare groups to restore the areas. As well as flora people were treated to sights of King Parrots and a Pacific Baza.



### Go behind the wire at Greenbank – 18 July

24 people joined the Oxley Creek Catchment Association on a tour of the Greenbank Military Training Area, generally off-limits to the public. They were told about the history and environment of the

area and were shown the remaining huts used to house troops during WW2. The tour stopped at the Oxley Creek road crossing to view the remnants of the bridge destroyed during the 2002 flood and the high creek banks resulting from ongoing erosion of the dispersive sandy soils.

### Pooh Corner bird walk – 19 July

Birds Queensland led 10 people on a walk around Pooh Corner to view the local avifauna.

### Sewage treatment plant tour – 20 July

15 people toured the Oxley Creek Sewage Treatment Plant and learnt about the process and technical intricacies of managing our effluent.

### Toohey Forest walk – 20 July

Beryl Roberts led 20 people on a pleasant 5km walk through Toohey Forest, where she kept provided an entertaining overview of the area's history and environmental features.

### Oxley Creek Common bird walk – 23 July

11 people took advantage of the warm weather and joined Rae Clark of Birds Queensland on a walk through the varied landscapes of the Oxley Creek Common. Nearly 50 species of the over 200 bird species recorded on the Common were sighted. Birders and non-birders alike by a group of 8-10 Golden-headed Cisticolas lined up along a fence as well as active Fairy Wrens.

### Lantana weeding at Mount Gravatt – 23 July

The Griffith Mates Bushcare Group and the Fox Gully Bushcare Group hosted a guided walk from Griffith Mt Gravatt Campus to Fox Gully Bushcare site where members and 18 volunteers worked on clearing Creeping Lantana from the site.





### Spring Mountain walk – 23 July

33 people enjoyed a 7km guided walk in Spring Mountain Forest Park organised by Logan City Council. They took in the spectacular views and learnt about the plants, animals and history of the Park.



### Nature journaling workshop – 23 July

Paula Peters led 9 people through the Minnippi Parklands where they learned about different art mediums to use, were shown examples of nature journaling, explored the parklands and undertook a number of exercises to explore nature and creativity.

### Picnic in the park – 23 July

About 25 people of all ages enjoyed an afternoon of fun, games and kite-flying and afternoon tea provided by the Oxley Creek Environment Group.



### Karawatha Forest walk – 23 July

65 people, including a number of scouts joined 6 members of the Karawatha Forest Protection Society on a variety of walks through the forest to view the flora and the bird and butterfly life.



### Oxley Men's Shed– 23 July

Federal and State MP's and local MPs and Councillors joined Shed President John Brown and over 100 people at the open day to celebrate the shed's 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Oxley State School music students provided entertainment and the shed and church members sold their handicrafts and produce



### OCCA's 20th Anniversary Celebration – 23 July



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. After a delicious meal and some generous speeches by Minister Mark Bailey, and Councillors Steve



Griffiths and David McLachlan, Lynn Whitfield (President) and Anne Clark (Executive Officer) cut the celebratory cake.

#### [Whites Hill walk - 24 July](#)

Heather Barnes of the Whites Hill - Pine Mountain Community Group led 25 people on a bushwalk to the Whites Hill summit. Along the way Heather pointed out native trees and plants, discussed the history of the reserve, the work of the Bushcare group and problems with damage from mountain bikes. Participants were then treated to Heather's legendary morning tea.



#### [Tree planting at Wishart – 24 July](#)

To celebrate National Tree Day the Wishart Outlook Bushcare Group hosted a community tree planting at Maisie Dixon Park. 40 volunteers planted 380 plants as part of the riparian restoration plan for this stretch of Bulimba Creek and were then treated to lunch.



#### [Brassall Tree Planting – 24 July](#)

Ipswich City Council hosted a tree planting at Gregory Street Reserve, Brassall to celebrate National Tree Day.

About 30 people including many families, turned up to help plant up an area of the riparian zone along Ironpot Creek. Participants enjoyed the planting, learned some information about the creek and were rewarded with coffee and light refreshments.

#### [Composting Workshop – 24 July](#)

Bethania Street Community Garden hosted a Brisbane City Council composting workshop where Waste Education Officer Clytie Binder introduced 27 people to the benefits of composting and worm farming. Clytie discussed various composting methods, what can and can't be used to make compost and how to overcome any problems. She also talked about the Bokashi method of indoor composting. Participants were given a container to take home as part of a BCC research project on how much organic waste is generated from a household and could be diverted from landfill. Participants then enjoyed a delicious morning tea.

#### [Sub-tropical gardening – 24 July](#)

75 keen gardeners attended a workshop at Carindale Library where Paul Plant, editor of Subtropical Gardening magazine talked about selecting the best flowering plants to suit Brisbane's local soil and climate.

#### [Pooh Corner Walk and Talk – 24 July](#)

22 people joined Nikki Parker and Simon Birrell on a walk around Pooh Corner to view the resident kangaroo population. Simon talked about the history of the area including its use as an army base in WWII and pointed out a number of old structures. Nikki then talked about the history of Pooh Corner and how community campaigning saved this precious area.

#### [White Rock Walk – 26 July](#)



12 people joined local environmentalist Ed Parker from Wolston and Centenary Catchments on a 4km walk in the White Rock Conservation Park. They were stunned

at the scenery in an area that is close to urban areas but unknown to most until this event. Participants appreciated Ed's wide-ranging knowledge of the geography, fauna, flora and natural values of the area.

#### [Rochedale Landfill Tour – 27 July](#)

Oxley Creek Catchment Association took 18 people on a bus tour of the Rochedale landfill where they learnt about the construction, daily management, and rehabilitation of the landfill cells and the extraction of gas which is used to generate electricity.

#### [Invasive species talk – 27 July](#)

Twenty people attended a talk hosted by the Bulimba Creek Catchment Coordinating Committee on the threats posed by invasive species to biodiversity, in particular the Common Myna bird due to its territorial behaviour and nest cavity competition.

#### [Hardings Paddock Bird Walk – 28 July](#)

Hardings Paddock at Purga near Ipswich was the venue for an early morning birdwatching walk hosted by Birds Queensland. 10 people enjoyed the varied birdlife in this delightful and little-known area and the avian expertise of Margaret Cameron.

#### [Plastics Forum – 28 July](#)

About 100 people attended the forum at the Griffith University EcoCentre to hear about the impacts and the latest research and legislative approaches to the management of plastics. Toby Hutcheon talked about the proposed container deposit legislation. Prof Chris Frid gave an overview of the use of plastics and their impacts on marine life.

#### [OCCA's Catchment Centre BBQ – 29 July](#)

About 25 people joined OCCA to celebrate 20 years of environmental care with an informal BBQ at the Catchment Centre.

#### [Bee-keeping Workshop – 29 July](#)

Thirty six people attended this booked-out workshop by entomologist Dr Tim Heard which covered a wide range of topics relating to native stingless bees, and included practical sessions in which Tim demonstrated how to split a hive. Tim has been rescuing threatened hives of native stingless bees for almost 30 years, and has perfected the art of propagating these hives.



#### [Wellington Point – King Island walk – 30 July](#)

Michael Lusi led 12 people on this walk across Moreton Bay at low tide on a glorious winter day. This was a repeat of the walk on 16 July which was held in wet and windy conditions.

#### [Black Swamp weeding day – 30 July](#)

Five people helped to remove the invasive Singapore Daisy from this site at Cleveland.

#### [Pond garden workshop – 30 July](#)

Brisbane nurseryman and author Noel Burdette was joined at Sunnybank Hills Library by 35 people, all keen to learn about the intricacies of pond gardening. Noel talked about the options for construction and care of a pond garden, types of plants suitable for different water depths, species of fish and why they are important, and surrounding conditions such as trees and shading.

#### [Norman Creek Family Fun Day – 30 July](#)



Norman Creek Catchment Coordinating Committee celebrated 20 years by hosting a Family Day at its centre at Greenslopes. Uncle Bob Anderson gave the welcome to country, N4C's founder Damien Madden provided a brief history of the organisation and cut a celebratory cake. Over 250 people were entertained by a ukulele band, and enjoyed food and market stalls.



### **Benarrawa Park Planting – 30 July**

Eight people helped plant out a new area on the banks of the creek under the expert guidance of Benarrawa Park Bushcare Group leader Noel Standfast, resulting in 2 new volunteers for the group.



### **Greenwood Lakes Bird Walk – 31 July**

10 people joined Peter May, Logan City Council Environment Officer on a bird watching walk around the old sand mining area that is now the picturesque Greenwood Lakes.

### **Greenwood Lakes Tree Planting – 31 July**

As part of Planet Ark's National Tree Day, 60 people joined Logan City Council's Natural Areas Supervisor Peter May to plant native species in areas around Greenwood Lakes.

### **Plant a tree by the sea – 31 July**

45 people joined the Bulimba Creek Catchment Coordinating Committee to celebrate National Tree Day by planting 460 native plants at Constellation Parkway, Wynnum. The event forged a new connection between B4C and volunteers from Boeing who are keen to participate in future events.



### **Mount Gravatt Reserve planting – 31 July**

Michael Fox was joined by 115 volunteers from Griffith Mates Bushcare Team, Ahmadiyya Muslim Association, Alpha Omega Phi and Viridian Energy at Mount Gravatt Outlook Reserve to celebrate National Tree Day. Together they planted over 560 plants including creepers, grasses, shrubs and trees. As well as planting, they also helped to clear a large area of lantana and weeds, using the weeds to form swales to retain water on the slope. All that hard work culminated in a delicious morning tea and a talk about native bees from Len Kann.



## **4. SUPPORT**

The Peaks to Points Festival was developed and realised through many partnerships within the community, government and business.

### **PARTNERS AND SPONSORS**

Major Partner – Brisbane City Council

#### **Sponsors**

- Brisbane Market Place
- Ipswich City Council
- Lend Lease

#### **Media Partners**

- Bmag
- Channel 7
- 4 ZZZ

### **GOVERNMENT SUPPORT**

State and Federal Government members and Councillors from Brisbane City Council, Logan City Council, and Ipswich City Council supported the Festival and attended



a number of events. The Oxley Creek Catchment Association and other organisers of events appreciate the advertising and photocopying support provided by local councillors.

State Government support was also provided by the Department of Housing and Public Works, the managers of the Oxley Creek Common.

The Federal Government supported the Festival through the involvement of the Department of Defence.

## 5. FESTIVAL MANAGEMENT

Lynn Whitfield (Chair) OCCA

Anne Clarke OCCA

A Festival Manager and Marketing Manager were engaged to help develop the program and promote Festival events and activities.

Festival management was provided by Wendy Lacey, Emily Bennett and Kate Lacey at Team Lacey Consultancy, with Rachel Grant PR providing marketing and publicity support.

Oxley Creek Catchment Association staff and volunteers provided organisational support, in particular Phil Gunasekara, Chris Jensen, Susan Hodgson, Larissa Mar Fan, David Kent, Trevor Armstrong, Beryl Roberts, Karen Toms, Amelia Mack, Carole Bristow, Sam Franklin, Luke Nuttall, Dave Whitfield and Richard Whitfield.

Oxley Creek Catchment Association is very grateful to all the volunteers who supported the overall coordination of the Festival Family Day helping out with traffic management, site management and general information duties, and who also came to many events. An estimated 300 volunteers were involved with the Festival events and on Family Day.

## 6. BUDGET

The 2016 Festival attracted total funding of \$84,570 through a grant from Brisbane City Council (\$74,000), sponsorship (\$9,500) and income (\$1,070). All was expended on events, activities and Festival management, publicity and administration.

The generous contribution of Brisbane City Council as the major funding source, is gratefully acknowledged.

As always, the Peaks to Points Festival depends on additional funding from sponsorship to support the events and activities. The funding and in-kind contributions of additional Festival sponsors – Ipswich City Council, Brisbane MarketPlace, Lend Lease, Channel 7, Bmag, and 4 ZZZ, and supporters – Department of Defence, and Queensland Urban Utilities are also gratefully acknowledged.

## 7. MARKETING AND PROMOTION

The marketing and promotional strategy aimed to encourage Brisbane residents, particularly those on the southside of the Brisbane River, to attend the Festival Family Day and the local events and activities.

Rachel Grant PR developed and managed the festival publicity campaign. The marketing and publicity plan was designed to gain maximum media exposure for the Festival through web, print, radio, and program and poster distribution, including social media, with minimal paid advertising.

Some highlights of the marketing strategy included:

- Channel 7 airing a 'Save the Planet' advertisement featuring the Festival in the weeks leading up to the Festival and Family Day.
- Extensive coverage by Bmag through advertising and articles in its online newsletter.
- 4ZZZ producing and airing a community service announcement.
- Extensive coverage of events through the Quest newspaper network.
- Promotion of festival events on the ABC 612 morning program with Spencer Howson.
- An extended interview about the Greenbank Military Training Area with OCCA's CEO, Anne Clarke, airing on the 612 ABC Drive program.
- An interview with OCCA's President, Lynn Whitfield, airing on 96.5 Family Radio.
- Inclusion of information on Festival events in a wide range of event, environment and tourism-focused websites such as Must Do Brisbane, and Weekend Notes.
- Extensive promotion through the websites, Facebook pages and twitter accounts of the Peaks to Points Festival, and the Oxley Creek Catchment Association.

- An e-newsletter, Quick Peaks, was distributed to the festival's database on a monthly basis and more frequently in the lead up to the festival.

Copies of the print media generated by the Festival are provided in Attachment 2.

## PRINT MEDIA

10,000 programs were printed of which 8,400 were distributed to suburbs around the Oxley Creek Common by PMP Distributors with the remainder distributed through shops, train stations, cafes, libraries, councillor offices and through the Festival area via the participating groups.

4000 copies of a DL flyer advertising the Family Day were distributed through a variety of outlets including the Brisbane Markets, train stations, parks, libraries, cafes and childcare centres.

200 copies of an A3 Festival poster were printed and distributed to catchment groups, event partners and sponsors and put up at local businesses, shops, community notice boards, cafes, libraries, and council ward offices.

Some participating groups also printed their own flyers to distribute via letterbox drops in their local areas.

Articles on specific Festival events appeared in newspapers and magazines including:

- Southern Star
- South West News
- Springfield News
- South East Advertiser
- The Satellite
- Springfield Times
- Living in the Shires
- Kids in the City magazine
- Wynnum Herald
- Courier Mail

## RADIO MEDIA

4ZZZ was the Festival's radio media partner and provided regular updates on festival activities. 612 ABC Brisbane interviewed Ann Clarke and provided information on some Festival events.

Lynn Whitfield gave an interview on 96.5 Family radio.

All Brisbane radio stations were provided with information for their event diaries.

## DIGITAL MEDIA

Promoting the festival, particularly Family Day, through digital channels was a core component of the marketing strategy in 2016 with as much funding dedicated to digital promotion as to the production and distribution of print materials.



PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY



The digital strategy identified the Bmag, The Weekend Edition, and Must Do Brisbane websites and associated

facebook, twitter and Instagram accounts, as key advertising mechanisms.

#### **PeakstoPoints.com.au**

A new format was developed for the festival website ([www.peakstopoints.com.au](http://www.peakstopoints.com.au)) which provided easier navigation for users and was more suited to listing of multiple events. The 2016 website included:

- The festival program in a HTML format (events listed by category) as well as a PDF of the program.
- Background information about the festival.
- Information about the festival catchment area – its geography, history, flora and fauna.
- Background information about each of the catchment groups with links to their websites.
- A list of festival sponsors and partners.
- Full integration with social media (Facebook and Twitter) and the ability to subscribe to the e-news.
- Information about how individuals and organisations could become involved in the festival.

#### **Bmag.com.au**

As part of the media partnership with Bmag, the Festival received advertising through:

- two Editor's Choice stories in Bmag's e-news, distributed to 75,000 subscribers
- Banner ads on two e-newsletters sent to 75,000 subscribers
- 75,000 banner advertisement impressions on Bmag.com.au
- Three mentions in the 'what's on this weekend' e-newsletter sent to 75,000 subscribers
- Two Facebook promoted posts
- Event listings on the website
- Social pictures on Bmag.com.au

Bmag was also engaged to distribute an exclusive electronic direct mail (eDM) piece to 5,000 Bmag subscribers living in a radius of the Oxley Creek Common (pictured left). The eDM recorded an excellent open rate of 18.5%.

#### **Must Do Brisbane**

Must Do Brisbane was engaged to promote Family Day through its Facebook, Instagram and Twitter channels (112,000 combined followers). Must Do

Brisbane also included a story about Family Day in the weekly newsletter, which is distributed to 24,000 subscribers, and a feature story about Family Day on the very popular What's On page.

#### **The Weekend Edition**

The Weekend Edition was engaged to provide a boosted Facebook post about Family Day to 10,000 followers; a banner advertisement in The Event Report e-newsletter distributed to 12,500 subscribers; an expanded event guide listing; an event highlight on the homepage and Event Guide homepage; and inclusion in the Things to Do This Weekend editorial.

#### **Social Media**

The Festival's Facebook page continued to increase its followers, with 668 people following the page, up from 548 on 1 April 2016, at the start of the marketing strategy.

In addition to the digital marketing strategies, promotion of the festival website ([www.peakstopoints.com.au](http://www.peakstopoints.com.au)) was boosted to drive Facebook users to the website. Analysis of the Facebook usage found that 67% of followers are women, most fans are Brisbane-based with only a small number from Ipswich and the Gold Coast.

#### **Other Online Marketing**

The festival was listed on a wide range of event, tourism, government, community and environmental websites:

- [Brisbane city life.com.au](http://Brisbane.citylife.com.au)
- [Totaltravel.com.au](http://Totaltravel.com.au)
- [Ipswich.qld.gov.au](http://Ipswich.qld.gov.au)
- [Australia.shopsafe.com.au](http://Australia.shopsafe.com.au)
- [Healthywaterways.org](http://Healthywaterways.org)
- [Redland.qld.gov.au](http://Redland.qld.gov.au)
- [Logan.qld.gov.au](http://Logan.qld.gov.au)
- [Landcare.org.au](http://Landcare.org.au)
- [Pleasetakemeto.com](http://Pleasetakemeto.com)
- [Thegreatsoutheast.com.au](http://Thegreatsoutheast.com.au)
- [Brisbane-australia.com](http://Brisbane-australia.com)
- [aroundyou.com.au](http://aroundyou.com.au)
- [Theweekendedition.com.au](http://Theweekendedition.com.au)
- [Qorf.org.au](http://Qorf.org.au)
- [annettemcfarlane.com](http://annettemcfarlane.com)
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- [activities4kids.com](http://activities4kids.com)
- [bubhub.com.au](http://bubhub.com.au)
- [abc.net.au](http://abc.net.au)
- [whatson.com.au](http://whatson.com.au)
- [weekendnotes.com.au](http://weekendnotes.com.au)
- [eventful.com](http://eventful.com)
- [godo.com.au](http://godo.com.au)
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- [Brisbanekids.com.au](http://Brisbanekids.com.au)
- [Raywhitesherwood.com.au](http://Raywhitesherwood.com.au)
- [4zzzfm.org.au](http://4zzzfm.org.au)
- [Bmag.com.au](http://Bmag.com.au)
- [96five.com](http://96five.com)
- [Kidsonthecoast.com.au](http://Kidsonthecoast.com.au)
- [Newslocker.com](http://Newslocker.com)
- [Oq.asn.au](http://Oq.asn.au)
- [Goduckling.com.au](http://Goduckling.com.au)
- [Fightforthereef.org.au](http://Fightforthereef.org.au)
- [Allevvents.in](http://Allevvents.in)
- [Landcarelife.com](http://Landcarelife.com)
- [Riverfoundation.org.au](http://Riverfoundation.org.au)
- [Carindaleconnect.com.au](http://Carindaleconnect.com.au)

Participating catchment groups were also provided with information about the Festival to include on their own websites.

#### ***E-newsletters***

Seven editions of the festival e-newsletter “Quick Peaks” were distributed in the lead up to, during and after the festival, from April through to August (see attachments). The newsletter contained short, informative articles about upcoming events, as well as a message from the Festival Chairperson and a list of sponsors. The newsletter was distributed in HTML format using MailChimp.

A number of Brisbane City Councillors supported events through their local e-newsletters and via their Twitter accounts. Their support was greatly appreciated.

#### **SIGNAGE**

Large banners featuring the Festival and Family Day, date and website were hung at the Brisbane Markets,

Oxley Road roundabout, Ipswich Road, Seventeen Mile Rocks Road, Fairfield Road, Boundary Road, and at the Oxley Creek Common.

The Brisbane City Council branding was prominent on all publicity materials and large signs were displayed at the Festival Family Day.

#### **SUMMARY**

Highlights for the two weeks of the Festival included:

- A number of events attracted the biggest participation in the festival’s 8 year history. The tree planting event at Mount Gravatt attracted 115 volunteers and the community forum on plastic waste at Griffith University was attended by more than 100 people.
- The Festival reaching a wide audience spread across a large geographic area, with approximately 2000 people attending Family Day on 31 July.
- Excellent coverage in print and electronic media, with Channel 7 airing a ‘save the planet’ advertisement about the Festival in the week prior to the start of the festival, and a variation of that advertisement focusing on Family Day, in the week prior to Family Day.
- Festival activities attracted some new members and volunteers for some organisations and resulted in additional contacts and linkages with other organisations. All groups are keen to participate in future festivals.

#### **8. OUTCOMES**

The Festival featured a program of events and activities devised to highlight and raise awareness of issues confronting Brisbane’s southside including loss and clearing of vegetation, poor water quality and increases in pest species in the catchment. Activities to raise awareness of these issues included tours of key areas, tree plantings in bushcare areas, seed collecting, platypus spotting, history walks, and guided walks in local conservation areas.

The Festival Family Day featured displays from some of the many environmental and community groups across the area.

Some 3600 people attended the 45 events and activities during the Festival. The majority were at the Festival

Family Day which is to be expected as it provided concentrated entertainment and activities. Smaller, localised events aimed to raise awareness of the local environment and its issues and as such would be expected to attract a more limited demographic. The following list shows the attendance numbers at each event.

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| Platypus spotting, Greenwood Lakes              | 13  |
| Pennywort Creek restoration                     | 5   |
| Flinders Peak walk                              | 15  |
| Acacia Ridge history walk                       | 5   |
| Indigiscapes seminar                            | 50  |
| King Island walk                                | 45  |
| Nature journaling, Carindale                    | 11  |
| Cornerstone Living Community Garden             | 35  |
| Walking with Life – Blunder Creek               | 20  |
| Three sites restoration walk                    | 30  |
| GMTA tour                                       | 23  |
| Pooh Corner birdwalk                            | 10  |
| Oxley Sewage Treatment Plant tour               | 22  |
| Toohey Forest walk                              | 20  |
| Oxley Creek Common birdwalk                     | 11  |
| Mount Gravatt Reserve weeding                   | 18  |
| Nature Journaling, Minnippi Parklands           | 9   |
| Spring Mountain Forest Park walk                | 35  |
| Karawatha Forest walks                          | 65  |
| Oxley Men's Shed                                | 100 |
| Family picnic in the park, Graceville           | 25  |
| OCCA's 20 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration | 50  |
| Whites Hill walk                                | 25  |
| National Tree Day planting, Eight Mile Plains   | 45  |
| National Tree Day planting, Brassall            | 30  |
| Composting workshop                             | 27  |
| Sub-tropical garden workshop                    | 75  |
| Pooh Corner walk                                | 22  |
| White Rock walk                                 | 12  |
| Rosedale Landfill tour                          | 18  |
| Invasive species talk                           | 20  |
| Hardings Paddock bird walk                      | 10  |
| Plastics forum                                  | 100 |
| Native bee workshop                             | 36  |
| OCCA Catchment Centre Open Day                  | 25  |
| Black Swamp Bushcare weeding day                | 5   |
| Benarrawa Park Bushcare planting                | 10  |
| Pond Garden workshop                            | 35  |

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|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| Norman Creek Family Day             | 250         |
| Wellington Point – King Island Walk | 12          |
| Greenwood Lakes bird walk           | 10          |
| Greenwood Lakes tree planting       | 60          |
| Mount Gravatt tree planting         | 115         |
| Plant a tree by the sea at Wynnum   | 45          |
| Festival Family Day                 | 2000        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                        | <b>3587</b> |

The Festival would not be able to take place without the volunteers who devote hours to organising events and activities and the community participants. The following table indicates the approximate hours spent organising and participating in the Festival activities such as plantings. It is estimated that 2350 hours were worked by volunteers and/or those who took part in planting activities. Note that some activities do not record hours as they were organised by council or other staff in work hours and did not involve volunteers.

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| Platypus spotting                             | 50  |
| Pennywort Creek restoration                   | 20  |
| Flinders Peak walk                            | 0   |
| Acacia Ridge history walk                     | 5   |
| Indigiscapes seminar                          | 10  |
| King Island walk                              | 20  |
| Nature journaling, Carindale                  | 10  |
| Cornerstone Living Community Garden           | 70  |
| Walking with Life – Blunder Creek             | 10  |
| Three sites restoration walk                  | 15  |
| GMTA tour                                     | 10  |
| Pooh Corner birdwalk                          | 10  |
| Oxley Sewage Treatment Plant tour             | 10  |
| Toohey Forest walk                            | 5   |
| Oxley Creek Common birdwalk                   | 5   |
| Mount Gravatt Reserve weeding                 | 40  |
| Nature journaling, Minnippi Parklands         | 5   |
| Spring Mountain Forest Park walk              | 0   |
| Karawatha Forest walks                        | 50  |
| Oxley Men's Shed                              | 10  |
| Family picnic in the park                     | 10  |
| OCCA's 20th Anniversary celebration           | 105 |
| Whites Hill walk                              | 10  |
| National Tree Day planting, Eight Mile Plains | 100 |
| National Tree Day planting, Brassall          | 100 |
| Composting workshop                           | 0   |
| Sub-tropical garden workshop                  | 0   |

|                                     |             |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| Pooh Corner walk                    | 20          |
| White Rock walk                     | 20          |
| Rosedale Landfill tour              | 10          |
| Invasive species talk               | 10          |
| Hardings Paddock bird walk          | 5           |
| Plastics forum                      | 0           |
| Native bee workshop                 | 0           |
| OCCA Catchment Centre Open Day      | 10          |
| Black Swamp Bushcare weeding day    | 20          |
| Benarrawa Park Bushcare planting    | 30          |
| Pond Garden workshop                | 0           |
| Norman Creek Family Day             | 100         |
| Wellington Point – King Island walk | 10          |
| Greenwood Lakes bird walk           | 0           |
| Greenwood Lakes tree planting       | 180         |
| Mount Gravatt tree planting         | 350         |
| Plant a tree by the sea at Wynnum   | 125         |
| Festival Family Day                 | 800         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                        | <b>2350</b> |

## TESTIMONIALS

*"We have had such a great time exploring the natural areas around Brisbane and also meeting lots of interesting people."*

*"I have recently moved to a property which adjoins the (Spring Mountain Forest) park. I received lots of information on the park, its history and, as a result, the history of my block."*

*"Learning new information from the excellent guide Jimmy. Enjoying seeing an area (Spring Mountain Forest Park) we didn't know about and had never*

*visited before. Meeting other people from and socialising with our extended community."*

*"Guided tour (of the Spring Mountain Forest Park) highlighted history and environment. Great exercise!"*

*"Thanks for opportunity to plant and learn about BushCare."*

## 9. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The support and involvement of the many Festival sponsors and supporters – Brisbane City Council, Ipswich City Council, Brisbane MarketPlace, Lend Lease, Channel 7 *bmag* and 4 ZZZ – is gratefully acknowledged, in particular the generous funding and input provided by the major supporter, Brisbane City Council.

Thank you to the Department of Housing and Public Works for again giving permission for the Festival Family Day to be held on the Oxley Creek Common.

The staff and volunteers of the Oxley Creek Catchment Association are gratefully acknowledged as providing substantial logistical, administrative and organisational support, as well as organising events and activities.

The success of the Peaks to Points Festival is also due to the army of volunteers who invested their time and energy to organise each event.

We look forward to another wide-ranging and successful Festival in 2018.

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## ATTACHMENT 1: FESTIVAL PROGRAM

ATTACHMENT ONE – MEDIA COVERAGE for PEAKS TO POINTS 2016

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### Go Behind the Wire at Greenbank Military Training Area

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Rare opportunity to tour the military training area

On Monday 18th July, the community will have the opportunity of "going behind the wire" at [Greenbank Military Training Area](#) (GBTA).



Greenbank Military Training Area - Photo Courtesy of Peaks to Points Festival Website

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The [GBTA](#) area of land covers a large eucalypt forest and three endangered regional ecosystems. Oxley Creek flows through the site and there is estimated approximately sixty species of plant, including the common lillipillies ([Eugenia spp](#)) through to more exotic plants such as [cats claw creeper](#) and [madeirva vine](#). The land is thought to also contain Aboriginal heritage, although this has not yet been documented. Much of the land is undeveloped and well vegetated, making an excellent habitat for the greater glider ([Petauroides Volans](#)) and Koala ([Phascolarctos Cinereus](#)). Of course with a heavily vegetated area, feral animals have been recorded in the area and these include the fox, cat, horse and pig. On 28th May 1996, the area was listed on the Australian Heritage Database.

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**Event: 16/07/2016 - 31/07/2016**

### Connect to the Environment

July is the month for Brisbane City Council to spotlight the work being done to care for the creeks and catchments areas in the southern suburbs from Ipswich to Redlands.

The Peaks to Points Festival, which runs from 16th to 31st July, aims to celebrate the diverse ecosystems of greater Brisbane's southern region through an interesting and varied program of fun-filled, educational events.



*Get close to nature. All images from website.*



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Activities and events include:

#### [Spot a Platypus](#) - July 16, 5.00 -7.00 am

Although the platypus is an Australian icon many of us have never seen one in the wild. Here is your chance to change that. You do, however, have to be willing to get up early.

#### [Step Back in Time at Acacia Ridge](#) - July 16, 9.00 - 10.30 am

Local author and historian Beryl Roberts will lead a walk pointing out the history of the area.

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Event: 16/07/2016

### Magnificent views from the Scenic Rim to Moreton Bay

[The Peaks to Point Festival](#) is being held this year from 16th July through to 31st July with lots of activities during the two week period for the whole family. On Sunday 16th July from 8.00am to 11.00, your family can head to [Flinders Peak](#) to plant a tree and to take a guided walk around the area. Cost for the event is free.



*Photo courtesy of Flinders Peak Guided Tour Website*

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Flinders Peak was originally named High Peak by [Lieutenant Matthew Flinders](#) and the peak was used by surveyor [John Oxley](#) during his explorations of the area in 1824.



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## Discover Nature's Marvels at Karawatha Forest

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Event: 23/07/2016

### Frog and Butterfly habitats at Karawatha Forest Park

I am beginning to discover not too far from Brisbane there are many bushland areas, forests, wetlands, reserves and parklands, all just waiting for us to visit and delight in the beauty of what nature has given us. [Karawatha Forest Park](#) is just one of many and is no more than eighteen kilometres or approximately twenty minutes driving from the Brisbane CBD. The forest is around 900 hectares in size and one of the largest areas of bushland within the city of [Brisbane](#).



*Photo Courtesy of Karawatha Forest Protection Society Facebook page*  
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On Saturday 23rd July, the [Karawatha Forest Protection Society](#) and the [Butterfly and Other Invertebrates Club](#), in conjunction with the [Peaks to Points Festival](#) will be holding a family fun morning from 10am to 12 noon. During the morning guests can hear local experts impart knowledge on the wildlife native to the forest and plant species, as well as learn about the life cycles of the local butterflies.



*Photo courtesy of Karawatha Forest Park Website*



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Event: 16/07/2016 - 31/07/2016

### Jam packed events scheduled for Peaks to Points Festival

Over a two week period from 16th July through to 31st July, [Peaks to Points Festival](#) has a terrific line-up of events organised by various groups for all to enjoy. These events cover a wide range of topics from guided walks, workshops, seminars, dinners, spotting wildlife, history talks, planting trees, monitoring seagrass in Moreton Bay, tours to Greenbank Military training area, sewage treatment plants and so on. A more in depth reference of the events can be read on their website, however below is a brief overview of the events and the dates allotted to them.



*Peaks to Points Festival (photo courtesy of Peaks to Points Festival website)*

### 16 July 2016

- [Can you spot a Platypus](#), which is being held at various sites along Oxley Creek. This is something you would not often get the chance to partake in and although the morning is an early start, I still think it would be lots of fun for everyone.

- [Travel back in time on a history](#) work by local historian Beryl Roberts. This is conducted in conjunction with a walk around Acacia Ridge where you will see that many of the post-war buildings still stand today.



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## Learn the Basics of Keeping Native Stingless Bees

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Event: 29/07/2016

### No Sting Bees Come and Learn About Them

Bees - they sting don't they? No, not all. There are some eleven species of stingless bees that call Australia home - and live in the warmer climates of the country.



*Native bees at Caboolture Historical Village*

Entomologist, Dr Tim Heard has been keeping native bees for over 30 years, and will be conducting a workshop as part of the [Peaks to Points Festival 2016](#), on Friday 29th July, from 11 am to 1 pm at the Griffith University Eco Centre, which is at the Nathan Campus and part of Toohey Forest. Click [here](#) for details about the Eco Centre location.



[Food Brunch Safari Brisbane](#)



[Crochet in a Cafe: Granny Squares](#)



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[High Tea Walking Tour](#)



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You will learn the basics of keeping these native stingless bees, at the workshop, and learning about opening and splitting a hive and other practical information about managing your own hive.





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## Be Surprised at Rochedale Landfill

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Event: 27/07/2016

### See what happens to your waste

Did you know Australians are one of the highest per-capita producers of waste in the world? Be surprised about what happens to your waste on a bus tour of the world-class engineered Rochedale Landfill and the Towards Zero Waste Education Centre.

Rochedale Landfill is an exemplar of landfill management, harvesting methane from decomposing waste to generate power. According to the Brisbane City Council, in 2013-14, 33,545 Mega Watt hours (MWh) of green energy was produced this way. That's enough to power 6,500 homes per year and abate 146,043 tonnes of carbon dioxide. Also on-site, the Towards Zero Waste Education Centre explores how the landfill operates and aims to show how to minimise the amount of waste we dispose of.



*Towards Zero Waste Education Centre Pic: City of Brisbane*



[High Tea Walking Tour](#)



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The bus tour is being run on the **27th of July 2016**, from 9:15am-12:15pm. It costs \$15, or free for members of the Oxley Creek Catchment Association. Bookings are essential as numbers are limited.



To book contact the Oxley Creek Catchment Association by phoning 3345 5541 or emailing [info@oxleycreekcatchment.org.au](mailto:info@oxleycreekcatchment.org.au). The bus picks up and drops off at the eastern side of Corinda Railway Station, Browne St, Corinda. You will need to wear covered shoes and bring water and snacks.

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Event: 20/07/2016

### Where does yours go?

Have you ever been curious about what happens to your ones and twos after you press the 'flush' button? Well, here is your chance to find out!

Join a unique tour of the Oxley Sewage Treatment Plant, where domestic wastewater and trade waste from the southern and western regions of Brisbane is treated by Queensland Urban Utilities.



[Dumpling Bar Food Tour](#)



[Roaming High Tea](#)



[Crochet in a Cafe: Granny Squares](#)



[Knitting Class For Beginners](#)



[Food Brunch Safari Brisbane](#)



[Crochet in a Cafe](#)

The bus tour of the Sewage Treatment Plant will uncover the science and engineering behind treating your waste. It may also surprise you to know that the power of poo is being used to produce biogas from sewage sludge, which can be used to generate electricity.

### Compare Electricity Plans

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The tour is also a good reminder of the impact we can all have. For example, flushing incorrect items down the toilet can cause big problems further down the line.





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## Exploring Pooh Corner

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Event: 24/07/2016

### See the largest urban kangaroo population at Pooh Corner

Have you ever heard about Pooh Corner Environmental Centre? Situated in Wolston Road Wacol, [Pooh Corner](#) is an important part of natural habitat encompassing Australian wildlife and environmental walking trails. Pooh Corner is bounded by Wacol Station Road and Ipswich Railway with neighbouring suburbs of Sumner and Riverhills. The land was to be zoned for industrial development however the locals fought hard to retain it as a community area and to protect the wildlife.



*Photo Courtesy of Peaks to Points Festival Website*

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The area is home to Australian largest urban kangaroo population as well as numerous wallabies, koalas and birdlife and 16 plant species. On Sunday 24th July from 4.30pm to 7.00pm the Pooh Corner Environment Centre in conjunction with the [Peaks to Points Festival](#) will be providing a guided walk around Pooh Corner which will include a presentation by local conservationists. This will be a great opportunity for you to see the wildlife, get some gentle exercise and have time for question and answer at the end of the night. You may even get a chance to see a grey kangaroo in the wild.

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**AUTHOR TALK**  
Author Jennifer Burgo will discuss her experiences in writing her books *The Devil Wears Dogs* and *Singapore Salvation* at Carden City Library on July 22, from 10-11am. Bookings essential.  
Details: 3403 77 45

**BIKE RIDE**  
Explore Toohay Forest Park by bike from 11.30am-1pm on July 15. The ride is for anybody 12 years and over who has experience on geared bike and hill climbs. Cost is \$5 for bike hire. Meet at Toohay picnic area.  
Details: 0403 293 533

**TECH SESSIONS**  
Sunnybank Hills Library will host a Technology for Seniors session on Friday, July 22, from 10.30-11.30am. The free session is designed for seniors to get answers to any questions they have about computers.  
Details: 3407 0571

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## COMMUNITY

**LADIES DAY**  
Souths Sunnybank Rugby League Club will host Ladies Day on July 30, from 1-5pm in support of Matar Chicks in Pink. Tickets cost \$60 per person or \$500 for a group of 10. Price includes drinks and food. There will also be a lucky door prize and auction.  
Details: 0400 776 100

**NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**  
Holland Park 4 Neighbourhood Watch will hold its annual general meeting on August 21, from 2pm at the Mt Gravatt State School library.  
Details: 0424 632 302

**FOR KATE BUSH FANS**  
MacGregor resident Kristian Fletcher is hosting a Kate Bush tribute on Saturday, July 16. At 2pm he is calling residents to re-enact the *Wuthering Heights* music video at Bedford Park, Spring Hill, followed by a tribute party at New Globe Theatre, Fortitude Valley. Tickets from \$16.  
Details: Kristian Fletcher.com

**CHECK OUT THE DUMP**  
Take a bus tour of Brisbane



Children's workshops are on at Bunnings Warehouse.

City Council's landfill site at Rockdale on July 26 from 9.15am-12.15pm. The tour is free for Oxley Creek Catchment Association members and \$15 for non-members. The bus will pick up and drop off at the east side of the Corinda train station. Bookings essential.  
Details: 3345 5541 or [info@oxleycreekcatchment.org.au](mailto:info@oxleycreekcatchment.org.au)

**SATURDAY MARKET**  
The Kuraby Farmers and Food Markets are on every Saturday, from 6am-noon, next to the Kuraby train

station. They are packed with fresh produce and children's activities.  
Details: [kurabymarkets.com.au](http://kurabymarkets.com.au)

**SUPER SALE**  
Bag a bargain at a sale of pre-loved goods on Saturday, July 2 at St David's Hall, 561 Orange Grove Rd Coopers Plains, from 9am-4pm. You can also grab sausage sizzle, hamburger or drink while you shop. Proceeds benefit Neighbourhood Centre programs and the South Sudan School project.  
Details: 327 43 401

**TOASTMASTERS CLUB**  
Join the Upper Mt Gravatt Toastmasters Club at Coopers Plains Library on the first and third Monday of each month, from 6-8.45pm. Meet new friends, improve your confidence and speaking skills.  
Details: 3429 4406 or 3735 5313

**RUN RUN**  
The Skye Parkrun is held every Saturday at Calamvale District Park at 7am. Register before your first run.  
Details: [parkrun.com.au](http://parkrun.com.au)

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As the official Community Inclusion and Multicultural Partner of the AFL, Australia Post is encouraging new and existing fans to come to a match during the 2016 Toyota AFL Multicultural Round to experience how Australia's game connects us all. Round 16 on 7-10 July. For more info, visit [afl.com.au/multiculturalround](http://afl.com.au/multiculturalround)

## KIDS AND FAMILY

**BUNNINGS FOR KIDS**  
Children can create a piece of art to hang on the wall at home, at Bunnings' Rocklea and Mt Gravatt stores on Saturday, July 2.  
Details: Rocklea on 3722 1000, Mt Gravatt on 3850 4100

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**ART CLASS**  
A holiday art workshop for girls aged eight years and older will be held on July 9 at Algeest, from 9-11.30am. Costs \$30. Book early.  
Details: 307 20125

**PARK TRIP**  
Head to Mt Gravatt Outlook Reserve and enjoy the park, walking trails and view.  
Details: [brisbane.qld.gov.au](http://brisbane.qld.gov.au)

**ARTS ON THE GREEN**  
Cavendish Road State High School's art and hospitality faculty will present *Arts on the Green* on July 22, from 5.30pm, featuring music, performances and artworks on display. Admission includes two serves of food from a selection of "street food". Entry via gate 1. Costs \$10 for adults, \$5 for children aged 5 and up and free for children under 5.  
Details: 3994 0777



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National Tree Day is on July 24.

## PUPPET PLAY

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Dorfmans David Hamilton and his cast of fun puppets in an action-packed musical extravaganza on centre stage at Forest Lake Shopping Centre. Centre stage is located opposite Wandys in the Food Court. Shows are taking place at 10.30am and 12.30pm daily until July 2. No bookings required.

OLYMPIC LEGO

Ipswich Central Library hosts an Olympic Lego build workshop for children today, June 29, from 10-11.30am. The workshop is free to library members. To book, visit the website: [library.ipswich.qld.gov.au/](http://library.ipswich.qld.gov.au/)

**NAIDOC WEEK**

Enjoy a special story time celebrating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures at Inala Library on July 7. Presented as part of Black History Month, this special event is ideal for children aged two to five years. The session will run from 10.30-11am and bookings are essential by calling 3403 2205. This story time is a free event.

HA KERSPACE

Drop in to Inala Library to enjoy free DIY craft activities all day, every day of the school holidays. This is an ideal activity for children aged four to eight years and their carers.

3345 5541 or email  
info@oxleycreekcatchment.  
vic.gov.au

**HELP OUT**

### SPOT A PLATYPUS

The Wildlife Preservation Society of Queensland needs more volunteers for its PlayCoun 2016 playpus survey. Spots will be positioned at various sites along Oxley Creek and its tributaries at Greenwood Lakes, to help document the local playpus population. It's an early start at 5am, wrapping up by 7am on Saturday July 16 and Sunday July 17. Wear warm clothes and covered footwear. Binoculars and cameras may be helpful. Light refreshments will be available after the survey.

## REFERENCES

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## CHRISTMAS IN JULY

On July 30 the Greater Springfield Zions club will be hosting a Christmas in July function at the Orion Hotel. The celebration will help raise funds to host a Blinching Kit Assembly Day at St Peter's Lutheran College. Tickets are available at the website [eventbrite.com.au](http://eventbrite.com.au)

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**JULY 8 TO 17**

**VIVA SURFERS PARADISE**

For 10 days of fun, music, food, and more, the Viva Surfers Paradise festival is back. This year, the festival will be held at the new, state-of-the-art, 10,000sqm Viva Surfers Paradise festival grounds, which will be open all day long. The festival will feature a variety of live music acts, including local and international artists. There will also be a variety of food and drink stalls, as well as a variety of other activities, including a variety of workshops and a variety of other activities.

[www.vivasurfersparadise.com](http://www.vivasurfersparadise.com)



**JULY 16 TO 31**

**PEAKS TO POINTS FESTIVAL 2016**

For 16 days of fun, music, food, and more, the Peaks to Points Festival is back. This year, the festival will be held at the new, state-of-the-art, 10,000sqm Peaks to Points festival grounds, which will be open all day long. The festival will feature a variety of live music acts, including local and international artists. There will also be a variety of food and drink stalls, as well as a variety of other activities, including a variety of workshops and a variety of other activities.

[www.peakstopoints.com.au](http://www.peakstopoints.com.au)



**JULY 16 AND 17**

**REGIONAL FLAVOURS**

For 2 days of fun, music, food, and more, the Regional Flavours festival is back. This year, the festival will be held at the new, state-of-the-art, 10,000sqm Regional Flavours festival grounds, which will be open all day long. The festival will feature a variety of live music acts, including local and international artists. There will also be a variety of food and drink stalls, as well as a variety of other activities, including a variety of workshops and a variety of other activities.

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## COMMUNITY

### MEDITATION CLASSES

Free Brahma Kumaris learn to meditate classes will be held at Coopers Plains Library, 107 Orange Grove Rd, on July 11 and 25, 11.15am-12.45pm. Bookings are essential.

Details: [0420 719 622](tel:0420719622)

### QUILTS OF QUALITY

The Mt Gravatt Show will this year celebrate its 101st anniversary on July 23-24. Entries are now open for the Quilts of Quality competition, with 11 categories including novice, amateur, group, school student and professional. Quilts will be accepted on July 20. Costs \$5 per entry.

Details: [0407 483 497](tel:0407483497)

### TECHNOLOGY SESSIONS

Sunnybank Hills Library will host a Technology for Seniors session on Friday, July 22, 10.30-11.30am. The free session is designed for seniors to get answers to any questions they have about computers.

Details: [3407 0571](tel:34070571)



Walking for Pleasure also holds night walks.

### CIRCLE OF MEN

Giving only 90 minutes of their time a week, the Circle of Men provide friendship for our lonely men in aged care homes across the southside. More volunteers needed.

Details: [0448 387 840](tel:0448387840)

### HEALTHY LIVING

Mt Gravatt Plaza will host a workshop on gut health and fermented foods on Wednesday, July 13. Dr Sarah

Lantz will present the workshop from 6.30pm to 8.30pm outside Coles. Costs \$20 and booking is essential.

Details: [mtgravattplaza.com.au](http://mtgravattplaza.com.au)

## ACTIVE

### BIKE RIDE

Explore Toohey Forest Park by bike on July 15, 11.30am-1pm. The ride is for anybody 12 years and over who has experience on geared bike and hill climbs. Cost is \$5 for bike hire. Meet at Toohey picnic area.

Details: [0403 293 533](tel:0403293533)

### TAKE A WALK

Walking for Pleasure welcomes people for a 90 minute guided fitness walk up Mt Gravatt Mountain or through Toohey Forest every Saturday morning. The group meets at the bus park 'n'ride, Klumpp Rd, Upper Mt Gravatt, at 6.45am for a 7am start. Walkers should take water and wear joggers or hiking boots. Essential to call before attending.

Details: [0457 197 664](tel:0457197664) or [walkingforpleasure.com](http://walkingforpleasure.com)

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### FUN RUN

Enjoy a Saturday morning 5km run with parkrun, from 7am, at Calamvale District Park and Wishart Community Park. You can join in whatever your pace. Register

before your first run.

Details: [parkrun.com.au](http://parkrun.com.au)

## KIDS AND FAMILY

### FAMILY DAY

Learn about the environment at Brisbane MarketPlace's Festival Family Day on Sunday, July 31. It will be held at the Oxley Creek Common, Sherwood Rd, Rocklea from 10am to 4pm.

Details: [brisbane.qld.gov.au/what's-on/type/festivals](http://brisbane.qld.gov.au/what's-on/type/festivals)

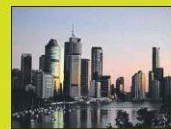
### LEARN TO SKATE

Learn to skate at Hibiscus Skate Park on July 8, 15 and 22, from 3.30-5pm. Free class for all ages. Take your own skateboard, helmet and water. Bookings required.

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The Circle of Men community group, which offers company to lonely men in aged care homes, is searching for new volunteers in Brisbane's southeast. Helpers are only needed for about 90 minutes a week. Details: 0448 387 840

**NO STRINGS FUN**  
Build your own Anzania De Saint-Exupery-inspired puppet using upcycled items at the Brisbane Multicultural Arts Centre on July 7 or 8. The workshop is on from 9am-4pm daily, at 102 Main St, Kangaroo Point. Cost: \$60. Details: 0433 014 433

**WILD PHOTOS**  
Photographer Elean Budin captures natural wonders in her latest exhibition at the ArtWorld Studio Gallery in Norman Park. Opening night is on Saturday, July 16, at 28 Bodalla St, from 6pm. Details: 3900 7485

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## COMMUNITY

**SPINAL LIFE NETWORK**  
Spinal Life Australia will host its next Brisbane Spinal Injuries Network meeting at 11am on Wednesday, July 6. Find the venue at 108 Logan Rd, Woolloongabba. Parking available on Balacava St. Details: 3370 4771

**IMPROVE YOUR WRITING**  
Build on basic communication skills at the Big Ideas for Small Budgets workshop at Centdale Library on Thursday, July 7, from 6pm. Participants will learn to produce copy for web, newsletters, flyers and more. Details: 34 07 1400

## ENTERTAINMENT

**DISNEY FAVOURITES**  
Catch some of your favourite live action Disney flicks on the big screen at Brant Cinemas Centdale throughout Winter. *Maleficent* will screen on July 30-31, *Enchanted* on August 6-7, *Into the Woods* on August 13-14, *Cherub* on August 20-21, and *Peter's Dragon* on August 27-28. Tickets cost \$10 or a



Challenge yourself at the annual Stadium Stomp.

session pass for \$30. Details: [event.cdnemas.com.au](http://event.cdnemas.com.au)

**TRIVIA CHAMPIONS**  
Test your pop culture knowledge at a Man V's Bear trivia night, on every Wednesday at Shady Palms on Logan Rd, Stones Corner. Details: [manvsbeartrivia.com](http://manvsbeartrivia.com)

**CHARITY CHALLENGE**  
The Stadium Stomp charity

event is returning to Woolloongabba on Sunday, July 24, to raise money for the Mater Little Miracles. Participants will climb up, down and around the boys of The Gabba on a course, set to music, between 7am-11am, with staggered starts. Details: [stadiumstomp.com.au/gabba](http://stadiumstomp.com.au/gabba)

**MAGICAL MUSICAL**  
Jimmie MacColl's new presentation 2016 musical *The Wizard of Oz* will be at the Chander Theatre on July 22 and 23. Families will enjoy the classic tale, performed by a cast of 200 students, and enhanced with graphics and LED technology. Both showings will begin at 7pm at the corner of Old Cleveland and Tilley roads, Chandler. Cost: \$40 adults or \$30 children. Details: [jpc.qld.edu.au](http://jpc.qld.edu.au)

**GREEN INSPIRATION**  
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**OUT OF THIS WORLD ART**  
The Woolloongabba Art Gallery's latest exhibition *SPACE JUNK ALERT* is on until July 23. Works explore themes of "paranoia, alienation and the inevitable apocalypse". Find the gallery at 615 Stanley St. Open Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 10am-5pm, Thursday 10am-7pm and Saturday 10am-3pm. Details: [wag.com.au](http://wag.com.au)

**SWIMMING COURSE**  
Swimmers can prepare for the 2016 McDonald's Old Short Course with a two-day short course at the Sleeman Sports Centre on Saturday, July 16. Cost is \$7 adults or free for children under 16. Details: [sleemansports.com.au](http://sleemansports.com.au)

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### MARKET

#### EUROPEAN SIESTA

The Rocks Riverside Sunday Siesta will be a feast of

European flavours on July 24, from 3-7pm. Head to the twilight markets at 5 Coulburn Rd, Seventeen Mile Rocks, and take a culinary trip from sunny Spain, across to Italy, up to the large and bold Germany then finish with some French delights. There will be entertainment for everyone to enjoy.

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#### WEAR YOUR PYJAMAS

National Pyjama Day is on Friday, July 22 and helps raise much needed awareness and funds for children in Australia's foster care system. As the Major Community Partner of The Pyjama Foundation, Australia Post is encouraging people to get involved and help disadvantaged children achieve a better and brighter future. To register, visit [thepyjamafoundation.com/nationalpyjamaday](http://thepyjamafoundation.com/nationalpyjamaday)

**CHRISTMAS IN JULY**  
Head to the RSPCA Wool Animal Care Campus at 130 Wacol Station Road this Sunday from 8am-noon and enjoy RSPCA's Christmas in July Markets. Enjoy market stalls, children's entertainment and music and Santa will pop in to say g'day. There will also be a raffle, meet and greet. Brant organisers recommend leaving your pets at home, after all, there will be plenty of animals waiting for your attention at the market. Entry is by gold coin.

### CULTURE

#### CELEBRATE NAIDOC

Honour Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, culture and achievements at NAIDOC celebrations in Carole Park on Sunday, July 23, from 11am-3pm. Entertainment will include traditional dance performances, children's rides and stalls. This is a free community event.

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## Month of partying for enviro group

OXLEY Creek Catchment Association (OCCA) is celebrating two decades of championing the environment this year.

The group held its first annual general meeting in 1995, and gained official incorporation in July, 1997.

A formal celebration will be held on Saturday, July 23

at the EcoCentre at Griffith University's Nathan Campus from 8.30pm.

The event is free for OCCA members and \$20 for non-members.

There will also be an informal barbecue for OCCA members and the community on July 20, from 5pm at the Catchment Centre, 9

Macdonald St, Coopers Plains.

OCCA is also heavily involved in the Peak To Points Festival, which runs from July 16-31.

To book for the formal celebration on July 23, contact 5545 5541 or send an email to [info@oxleycreekcatchment.org.au](mailto:info@oxleycreekcatchment.org.au) by July 15.

OXLEY

## Rare chance to watch sewage plant in action

QUEENSLAND'S second biggest sewage treatment plant will open its gates to the public on July 20 as part of the Peaks to Points Festival.

Queensland Urban Utilities spokeswoman Michelle Cull said the tour would allow people to see how far the Oxley Creek Sewage Treatment Plant had come since the 2011 floods, when 2m of water caused \$12 million in damage.

"Our Oxley Creek plant is also home to one of our re-generation machines, which converts methane gas into electricity to help power the site," Ms Cull said.

"This innovation has enabled us to cut our energy costs by \$1800 a day and reduce our reliance on the electricity grid by half."

She said the plant received 65 megallitres of sewage every day, the equivalent of 26 Olympic swimming pools.

The sewage treatment plant has been open to the public only a handful of times in the past decade.

Bookings are essential. Email Oxley Creek Catchment Association at [info@oxleycreekcatchment.org.au](mailto:info@oxleycreekcatchment.org.au) or phone 5545 5541.

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**GAMER DELIGHT**

Browse retro video games and comics at the Brisbane Video Game & Pop Culture Market at Shady Palms, Scopes Corner, on Sunday, July 24. Visit 4.27 Logan Rd from 9am-1pm. Details: [facebook.com/shadypalmscafe](https://facebook.com/shadypalmscafe)

**STREET MARKET**

One of Brisbane's largest bazars, the Scopes Corner Street Market, is back on Sunday, July 24. Browse giftware, art, books, specialty food, sweets and more from 10am-3pm at Logan Rd, Greenslopes. Details: 3189 2878

**MUSICAL CHEERS**

Sample some of Brisbane's best craft beers and enjoy live music at the Five Flavours Festival at Riverlife Adventure Centre at Kangaroo Point, on Saturday, July 23. The event will run from noon-5pm. Cost \$39. Details: 3891 5766

**ENTERTAINMENT**

**CELEBRATE HISTORY**

Some of the country's best indigenous musicians will unite for a special show at the Brisbane Multicultural Arts Centre on July 21 and 22. The free Wholaway Uncle concert will be presented by Brisbane City Council as part of Black History Month. The line-up includes Garano Barn, Joe Gela and Troy Brady. Performances start at 6.30pm each night, at 102 Main St, Kangaroo Point. Details: 3361 4493

**NATURE**

**GROW FOR YOUR FAMILY**

Gardener Roman Spur will teach people how to grow 50-75 per cent of their fruit and vegetable needs in a small backyard at Holland Park Library on Friday, July 15. The free workshop will start at 1pm, at 81 Seville Rd. Bookings are essential. Details: 3409 7755

**WILDLIFE JOURNALING**

Connect with nature and tap into your creativity at a Nature Journaling Workshop on

Garano Barn is part of the Wholaway Uncle show.

Saturday, July 16. Ecologist and artist Paula Peeters will lead the session at the Sustainability Centre, on the corner of Wright St and Old Cleveland Rd, Carindale, from 10am. Buy an art pack for \$24 or bring your own and join for \$18. Details: [genrobey@gmail.com](mailto:genrobey@gmail.com)

**ACTIVE**

**POWER FREE SWIM**

The Bulimba Golf Club will

host its free play day on Saturday, July 16, from 10am-3pm, with live music and a jumping castle, at the courts on Quay St, Bulimba. Details: [bulimbagolfclub.com.au](mailto:bulimbagolfclub.com.au)

**YOGA MADE EASY**

Enjoy yoga from the comfort of a chair at Carindale PCYC on Mondays, 11am-noon. It's a nine-week course. Details: Kay on 0451 826 204

**CHILDREN**

**FAIR FOR NINE DECADES**

Celebrate Camp Hill State Infants and Primary School's rich history at its 90th birthday fair on Saturday, July 30. Families will enjoy their favourite rides, food and entertainment from noon-6.30pm. The day will conclude with a fireworks display. Details: [camphillpcyc@ntse.bigpond.com](mailto:camphillpcyc@ntse.bigpond.com)

**LITTLE JAR & QUARRIES**

Children aged three to five can create an aquarium in a jar at Bunnings Warehouse Cannon Hill on Thursday, July 14. Join

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from 10-11.30am, at the store on 1881 Creek Rd, Cannon Hill. Bookings are essential. Details: [bunnings.com.au/stores/cannonhill](http://bunnings.com.au/stores/cannonhill)

**MUSICAL FOR WIZ KIDS**

John Paul College will present its 2016 musical *The Wiz*, at the Chandler Theatre, at the corner of Old Cleveland and Tilley roads, on July 22 and 23, from 7pm daily. Cost: \$40 adults or \$30 children. Details: [jpc.qld.edu.au](mailto:jpc.qld.edu.au)

**BUNG FOR THE CRIB**

Children can make their own Glitter Feather Mobile to beautify their rooms at the next mini-makers workshop at Westfield Carindale on Wednesday, July 27. Join in at 9.45-10.15am, 10.30-11am, 11.15-11.45am or noon-12.30pm, at the Glassbox on level one. The session is free, but a gold-coin donation to the Spina Bifida Hydrocephalus charity can be made at the door. Details: [westfield.com.au](http://westfield.com.au)

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## CARNIVAL TIME

The Indian Programming Group, in association with Radio 4BB, is hosting a Multicultural Carnival on August 6 at Rocklea Showgrounds from 11am-8pm. International food and live performances. Details: 0412 031 301

## RUNCORN FETE

Runcorn Heights State School's annual fete is on September 3, 10am-4pm, at 200 Namies Rd, Runcorn. The fun will include rides, games, showbags, giveaways, food, beer and entertainment. Details: 37 11 8333

## WWI EXHIBITION

The On the Home Front exhibition at the Queensland State Archives will run until the end of the year. It gives an insight into what happened in communities across Queensland and once the troops left. Entry is free. Details: 3131 7777

## COMMUNITY

### PUBLIC SPEAKING

Upper Mt Gravatt Toastmasters meets at the Coopers Plains Library on first and third Monday of each month, at 6.45pm. Meet new friends and improve your confidence and speaking skills. It's free to get along and find out more. Details: 3420 4496 or [mahakaly@tpg.com.au](mailto:mahakaly@tpg.com.au)

### WALKING GROUP

The Acacia Ridge Walking Group meets at Brandon Park Reserve, first carpark on the left, Mortimer Rd, Monday to Saturday, at 5.30am. Distance is 5km, and walks take 45-60 minutes. Details: [cheyanne@nys1990@gmail.com](mailto:cheyanne@nys1990@gmail.com) or 0410 754234

### LADIES' DAY

South Sunnybank Rugby League Club is hosting its second annual ladies' day to help support the Mater Chicks in Pink foundation. The 18-plus event will be held on July 30, 1-5pm, at 82 Wolf St, Sunnybank. Cost:



Strap on your helmet for the Toohay Forest bike ride.

\$60 (\$500 for groups of 10) includes nibbles, drinks. Details: 0400 776 109 or [southsunnysbank.com.au](mailto:southsunnysbank.com.au)

### SELF-DEFENCE

Children aged 5-13 can learn self-defence, based on the Japanese style ninjutsu, at the Wishart Scout Hall, Abbotsville St, Upper Mt Gravatt. Classes start July 14, from 4pm, and July 16, from 9.30am. First class is free. Details: 0413 319776

## HISTORY

### MEETING

The seventh meeting of the Sunnybank District History Group will be held on August 6, 1-3pm, at the meeting room in Sunnybank Hills Library (level 2, Sunnybank Hills Shopping Centre). It will include a discussion on the historical connection of the district with the Chinese community. Details: 0416 046 420

## MUSIC

### MUSICAL EVENING

Enjoy a fun night out based around music. The theme for Musically Speaking's next meeting, on July 14 at the Mt Gravatt Community Centre, 1603 Logan Rd, is "Something Borrowed - Music with References to Time". The event starts at 7.30pm. Free entry. Details: 3216 8366 or [musicallyspeaking.org](http://musicallyspeaking.org)

## SPORTS

### BIKE RIDE

The Toohay Forest Explorer 2016 bike ride will be held on July 16, from 11.30am-1pm.

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Meet at the Toohay Forest picnic area off Toohay Rd, Nathan. Cost: \$5. Mountain bike, helmet, water bottles supplied. Details: 0403 203 533

## FESTIVAL

The Peaks to Points Festival is on from Saturday, July 16, to Sunday, July 17. It's an environment-focused festival with many free events, including the launch of the Cornerstone Living Community Garden on July 17. The McGrath Environment Group will hold a lantern-walk-busker event and tree planting, both at Mt Gravatt Outlook Reserve. Karawatha Forest Protection Society will host a half-day event at the Karawatha Forest Discovery Centre on July 23. The event will conclude with a family festival at Oxley Creek Common, Sherwood Rd, Rocklea, on July 31, from 10am-4pm. Details: [peakstopoints.com.au](http://peakstopoints.com.au)

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## THINGS TO DO AROUND THE REGION



### Mum and dads fitness class

Thursday, July 14, from 9.30-10.30am at the Sherwood Arboretum. TONE your body with this fun exercise class. Bring along your baby or toddler and meet other mums and dads. It is free to attend and bookings are not essential. If you would like to attend, meet the instructor at the playground.

### Photos around Brisbane

Saturday, July 16, from 9-11am at the Brisbane Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha. JOIN a professional photographer who will show you how to find interesting and artistic ways to take pictures. This is suitable for people aged 50 and over. It is free to attend but bookings are necessary. Phone 3857 1152 to reserve your place. Participants must bring their own camera.

### Centenary Rocks Festival

July 16 and 17 at Rocks Riverside Park, Seventeen Mile Rocks. THE annual Centenary Rocks Festival is on once again, and will feature a wide array of bands, amusement rides, food and more. See our special four-page lift-out for more information about the event.

### Peaks to Points Festival

From July 16-31 at various

locations across Brisbane and Ipswich.

THE festival offers a host of free, hands-on events with an environmental focus. Local environment and community groups are joining forces to host a series of events over two weeks, including guided walks, tree planting and weeding activities, community forums, bus tours and workshops. The Peaks to Points Festival culminates with Festival Family Day on Sunday, July

31, from 10am-4pm at the Oxley Creek Common, Rocklea. This free day-long event will feature live entertainment, children's craft activities, information displays, farm animals and canoeing. A range of food and drinks will be on sale. Download the festival program at [www.peakstopoints.com.au](http://www.peakstopoints.com.au). The Peaks to Points Festival is supported by the Brisbane City Council and the Ipswich City Council. The festival is hosted by the Oxley Creek

Catchment Association. For enquiries phone 3343 5541 or email [info@oxleycreekcatchment.org.au](mailto:info@oxleycreekcatchment.org.au).

### RSPCA Christmas in July Markets

Sunday, July 17, from 8am-noon at the RSPCA Wacol campus. HELP support the RSPCA by heading on down to its first Christmas in July markets. There will be lots of international food stalls, tasty treats, homewares, kids stuff, and more.



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BEYOND SELFIES: Learn how to take great pictures with a professional at Mt Coot-tha.

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## Volunteers wanted for this weekend's annual platypus survey

15 July 2016 , 4:27 AM by Spencer Howson | Comments (0)



*Left: Lou Bromley looks for a platypus in Oxley Creek.*

The Peaks to Points Festival starts tomorrow. There are lots of activities this weekend.

For example, tomorrow morning you can join historian Beryl Roberts for a gentle walk around Acacia Ridge, looking at places of historical interest.

You can learn why Moreton Bay is such a special part of our waterways at a half day event with marine environment experts. A morning seminar at Redlands Indigiscapes Centre will be followed by a seagrass monitoring activity and guided walk to King Island.

Sunday from 11am, there's the launch of Cornerstone Living Community Garden in Coopers Plains.

And both tomorrow and Sunday mornings, from 5am till 7am, the Wildlife Preservation Society's annual Oxley Creek Platypus Survey. How does it work? Let's wind the clock back to the 2014 event and [this story](#) by 612 community correspondent Lou Bromley:



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## Peaks to Points Festival Coopers Plains Sunday

A new community garden - Cornerstone Living Community Garden at 88 Troughton Rd - is being launched at 11am as part of the Peaks to Points Festival, with a planting of seedlings and sausage sizzle. The garden has 20 raised garden beds, a covered work area, compost bays, storage shed and a greenhouse. The festival comprises events and activities that highlight how the community is looking after creek catchments and natural areas. It includes a walking tour along part of Blunder Creek on Sunday from 1.45. Or on Saturday from 5am, why not help out the Wildlife Preservation Society of

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Queensland as it conducts its platypus count from sites along Oxley Creek. The festival runs until July 31.

**Price:** Free (price applies for some events)

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by [Lynne Cargill](#) ([subscribe](#))

I'm a grandmother, a retired teacher, an avid reader and Pinterest addict who loves historical re-enactment, English Country Dance, writing and Op Shopping. My business [www.Step Into History.com.au](#) is designed to help children experience history.

**Event: 23/07/2016**

### Take Mary Poppins Advice

Ditch the devices, turn off the TV, grab a picnic and Lets Go Fly a Kite as Mary Poppins would advise. You could even sing the song as you do.



*Let's go fly a kite. All photos from Wikipedia commons.*

Why? It's free; it's fun; it's healthy.





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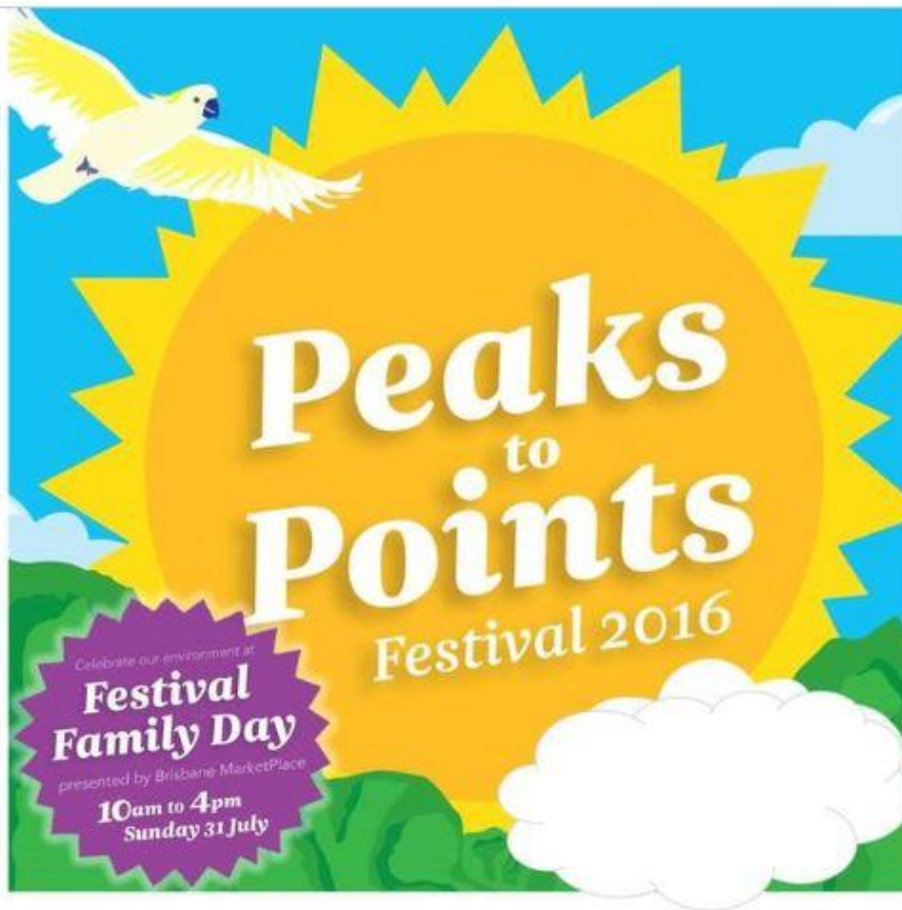
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Event: 31/07/2016

### Fun filled Family Festival Day at The Common

The [Peaks to Points Festival](#) for 2016 has been run over a two-week period in July and included an enormous amount of activities for all the family. To celebrate the conclusion of this year's festival, a Family Day will be held on Sunday 31st July at the [Oxley Creek Common](#), Sherwood Road, Rocklea. The Family Day is presented by [Brisbane MarketPlace](#).



*Photo courtesy Friends of Oxley Creek Common Facebook Page*

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Oxley Creek Common is an environmental wetland in close proximity to [Brisbane](#). Over the past eight years [Professor Hugh Possingham](#) has been recording the vast number of birds in

## peaks to points festival family day



Peaks to Points Festival culminates in a fantastic free Family Day at scenic Oxley Creek Common on Sunday August 31 from 10am-4pm.

With an emphasis on nature and a celebration of the environment, the Peaks to Points Festival Family Day offers a host of fun interactive experiences, activities and workshops that are absolutely unique.



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nik coops, 13, with Prince the alpaca, who will be at the Peaks to Points festival on July 31.

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## PRINCE TAKES ON FESTIVITIES

WALKS, TALKS AND FAMILY FUN DAYS AMONG FESTIVAL EVENTS FINISHING ON JULY 31

Emma Schaefer

PRINCE the alpaca's future is so dank for the warm necks of many south-west residents this winter, and now he's ready for his next big gig - starting in the Festival Family Day at Oxley Creek Common on July 31.

The festival is the closing celebration for the 16-day Peaks to Points Festival that kicked off last weekend.

Peaks to Points will feature more than 40 events running across Brisbane's south side from July 16-31.

Festival chairwoman, Lynn Whitefield, hoped the interactive events would draw in people of all ages to experience the natural areas between the peaks of Ipswich and the points of Moreton Bay.

"We want to encourage residents to explore new parts of south-east Queensland, learn more about

sustainable living and perhaps even join their local environment or community group," Ms Whitefield said.

"The festival has an extensive program of events which are mostly free, including guided walks, tree planting activities, bus tours, workshops, community forums and celebrations.

"Our program offers a host of activities for people who are interested in walking, gardening, growing

their own food, sustainable living, or just meeting new people."

The Festival Family Day event will run from 10am-4pm with free workshops on wicker wicking, planning, food fermentation and veggie gardening for kids; native insect and spider displays; a farm animal display; reptile rehabilitation; historic army jeep displays; thrilling bike riding with Expressive Bikes, and live music with Diddy Squad.

### FESTIVAL: WHAT'S ON

Birdwatching at Oxley Creek Common, July 23  
Family picnic at Stridano Terrace Park, July 23  
Quokka walk around Poon Corner, July 24  
Oxley Creek Catchment Association's Community Open Day, July 29  
For more information about Peaks to Points Festival, visit [www.peakstopoints.com.au](http://www.peakstopoints.com.au)

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## START JOURNAL ABOUT NATURE



Picture: ANNETTE DEW

ECOLOGIST, artist and writer Paula Peeters will introduce people to the wonders of journaling nature at the Minnippi Parklands on Saturday, July 23.

Participants will draw different species and explore the parklands. Ms Peeters said “a journal should be a playful, helpful, adventurous extension of yourself”.

The class will start at 10am with morning tea provided. The workshop prices range from \$19-\$29. Details: [genrobey@gmail.com](mailto:genrobey@gmail.com).

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## THE WIZ

Students from John Paul College will perform *The Wiz*, the pop music retelling of *The Wizard of Oz*, at The Chandler Theatre, at the Sleeman Sports Complex, from July 21-23. Tickets \$40. Details: [sleemansports.com.au](http://sleemansports.com.au)

## ENCHANTED

A fantastical anthology of children's short stories, full of fairies, dragons and wizards, written for a Mad Hatters Bookshop writing competition last year, is being launched this Saturday, July 15, at 3.30pm. Details: 3909 5130

## CHARITY LUNCH

The Epsilon Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi is holding its annual charity day at the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron on Tuesday, July 26, from 10am-2.30pm. Tickets are \$70 and include a three-course lunch. RSVP: 0417 551 806

### COMMUNITY

#### SERVICE LUNCHEON

The Wynnum RSL is having a sub-branch luncheon on Sunday, July 24, at the Pandanus Room of the Wynnum RSL, 174 Tingal Rd, Wynnum. Tickets are available at reception until Thursday, July 21. Details: 3306 7333

#### WORM FARM WORKSHOP

The Bethesda Street Community Garden, at Cox Park, Lota, is hosting a free compost and worm-farm workshop on Sunday, July 24, from 9am-noon. Bookings essential. Bookings: 3403 8888

#### LEARN ASSERTIVENESS

Tony Pappas will host a workshop covering techniques on being more assertive, how to take control of your life and the differences between passive, aggressive and assertive communication, on Saturday, July 16, from 4-6pm, at 34 Wood St, Manly. Cost is \$20. Details: 0434 626 307



Catherine Alcom as The Divine Miss B.

are his descendants. Gold-coin entry. Details: 9396 6001

### ENTERTAINMENT

#### JOIN THE CHORUS

The opening night of Sawyers' production of *A Chorus Line* is this Saturday, July 16, at the Star Theatre at Wynnum State School. It plays until July 23. Tickets are \$25-\$38, plus booking fees. Bookings: 3893 4321

#### WINTER DELIGHT

Dolphin Studio will present a night of heartwarming songs on Saturday, July 16, 4-7pm, at St Peter's Parish Church Hall, Bride St, Wynnum. Cost: adults \$10, under-15s and pensioners \$5, children under-8 free. Details: 0411 430 658

#### LIVE MUSIC AT THE PUB

The newly-renovated Waterloo Bay Hotel has live music every Friday night, from 7-11pm, and on Sunday afternoons, from 1pm. The hotel is at 75 Barrinia St, Wynnum. Details: 9899 2944

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#### MISS BETTE AT RPAC

The Divine Miss B will pay tribute to Bette Midler at the Redland Performing Arts Centre on Friday, August 12, at 7pm. Tickets \$35-\$55

throw, the man who discovered Midler, Catherine Alcom will belt out the diva's great hits. Tickets \$30-\$35. Details: [www.rpac.com.au](http://www.rpac.com.au)

### ACTIVE

#### GENTLE YOGA AT LOTA

Laughing Lotus Yoga holds a gentle yoga class suitable for beginners every Tuesday, from 6.30-7.30pm, at the Manly Lota Scout Den, 34 Wood St, Manly. Cost: \$18. Details: 0487 449 251

#### WYNNUM PARKRUN

Get your heart rate up and enjoy some fantastic scenery at the Skyr Wynnum Parkrun this Saturday. Meet at the Wynnum Wading Pool from 7am. Volunteers are also required. Bring your wristband to receive your time. Register: [parkrun.com.au](http://parkrun.com.au)

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## FOREST FACTS

A Peaks to Points environmental festival event takes place at the Karawatha Forest Discovery Centre on July 23, 10am-12pm as part of a talk about the forest's native plants and animals. A guided walk will follow. Details: 0424 650 560

## MORNING WALK

All are welcome for a Stimmium-paced daily walk with Acadia Ridge Heart Foundation walking group, which meets at Brandon Park reserve Monday-Saturday at 5.30am. The group meets at the carpark (free activity). Details: 0410 734 134

## CHINESE LINKS

Sunnybank District History Group will meet on Saturday, August 6, from 1-3pm at Sunnybank Hills Library. Discussions include the historical connection of the district with the Chinese community. Details: 0416 046 420

### SUNNYBANK

#### Buy a plot and grow a garden

THE first seedlings have been planted to mark the opening of the community garden at Cornersone Living, Sunnybank. Residents and community members are welcome to adopt a plot and plant their own fruit and vegetables. Consolidated Properties spokesman Lachlan Crane said he hoped the garden would become a much-loved addition to the \$800 million development. People can register for a plot. Phone 5945 7127.

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#### RUGBY LADIES DAY

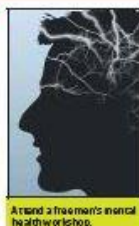
Southern Sunbank Rugby League Club will host its annual Ladies Day to help support the Hair Chick's in Pink Foundation from 1-5pm, July 30. This is an 18+ event, tickets \$60 a person, or \$500 for a group of 10. There will be an auction and raffle. Details: 0400 776 100

#### WHEELCHAIR PLEA

Help Hedyne Rodford and her family raise money for a wheelchair-accessible van by at Music for Maddie. Cost is \$20 adults (\$10 children). Karaoke available, with entertainment by comedy magician Pete Booth and showgirl Celeste. 7pm, August 13, at Sleeman Sports Club, Montmar Rd, Acadia Ridge. Details: 3277 6600

#### MENTAL HEALTH TALK

A free mental health workshop by Voices for Change, titled Moving Towards Happiness, will take place on Monday, July 25, from 9.30-11.30am at



Attend a free mental health workshop.

Holland Park Library. Guest speakers will include psychologists. The workshop is open to all male staff and community members. Attendees must register. Details: [voicesforchange.org.au](http://voicesforchange.org.au)

### LOCAL EVENTS

#### COMMUNITY MEAL

A free community meal takes place for the isolated, lonely and in need on July 30 from

11.30am-2pm at Hilson, 16 Rover St, Mt Gravatt, hosted by Mt Gravatt Community Meal. Food, games and entertainment will feature with information on support services provided. Details: 0407 758 520

#### NAMASTE FESTIVAL

The Indian Programming Group and Pacific AEB will host Namaste World Carnival, a multicultural event from 11am-5pm on August 6 at Rocklea Showgrounds. Entry is free. Details: 0410 549 680

#### MEET NEIGHBOURS

The St David's Neighbourhood Centre at Coopers Plains is holding its Community Voice Forum on Saturday, July 23, from 10am-1pm. Tea and coffee are provided. All are invited to come along and share thoughts and insights on the community and how the Neighbourhood Centre may continue to respond to the needs of their neighbouring individuals, families and organisations.

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#### NOMINATE A CHAMP

Time is running out to nominate local netball inclusion champions. The 2016 Australia Post One Netball Community Awards celebrate individuals, clubs and associations which create inclusive netball environments for all. Up to 1000 including Australia Post Local 50 cards for the winners' Club or association. Entries close midnight July 31, 2016. To nominate and view the T & C, visit [www.onenetball.org.au](http://www.onenetball.org.au)

Details: [projectdavidson@bigpond.com](mailto:projectdavidson@bigpond.com)

### CHILDREN

#### RELIGIOUS YOUTH FORUM

The Religious Youth Service will host a youth forum on peace and environment on July 27, 6-8pm, at Sunnybank Hills Library meeting room. There will be an open discussion on a sustainable and peaceful future, and a light supper. A gold-coin donation is welcome. Details: [info@sprbrb.com](mailto:info@sprbrb.com)

#### SCHOOL FETE

Runcorn Heights State School's fete will take place on Saturday, September 3, from 10am-4pm. Stalls include cash and treasure, plants, books and cakes. Food, entertainment, raffles and free activities will also be available. Details: 3711 8393

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## GREENSLOPES

# Waterway wonders

## GROUP MARKS TWO DECADES

Sarah Orr

ECOLOGISTS who have cared for Queensland's most urbanised water catchment are celebrating 20 years of rejuvenation work.

The Norman Creek Catchment Co-ordinating Committee (N4C) has carried out revival projects since its formation in 1996. Foundation member Damien Madden said at the time residents were concerned about the quality of the creek, with parts bereft of vegetation. N4C superseded the old Residential Action Group for the Environment (RAGE).

"We've (since) got some good, viable projects and achieved some good results," he said.

"We want people to own their waterways and for those waterways to be naturally linked, not only for wildlife but for people to walk along and enjoy."

One of the biggest projects was the restoration of the creek's main channel at Greenslopes and Mookan Plains in Woodongabba.



Vice-president Damien Madden is looking forward to celebrating Norman Creek Catchment co-ordinating committee's two decades of work in the community. Picture: RENE ODEOP

N4C also initiated the development of the Norman Creek Master Plan, which mapped out major projects such as the Coorparoo Creek Park.

"This ongoing work is not only important for the members, but for future and ongoing generations," Mr Madden said.

The celebrations, which coincide with the Peaks to Points environment festival, will include a braai, barbeque, birthday cake, ukulele playing, potter's painting and native plant advice. N4C president Stephanie Ford said she would love to see prospective new members on the day.

### EVENT DETAILS

■ The 20th birthday run day will be held on Saturday at the Community Resource & Environmental Education Centre at 66 Baron St, Greenslopes, from 11am-2pm.  
■ For further details, phone 3360 4235 or visit [norman-creek-catchment.org.au](http://norman-creek-catchment.org.au)

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**MEET AND GREET**  
Miles Franklin Award finalist Peggy Frew will discuss her novel *Hope Farm* at Riverbend Books on Thursday, July 28, at 6.30pm. The book also made the Stella Prize shortlist. Cost \$8. Details: [riverbendbooks.com.au](http://riverbendbooks.com.au)

**STRETCH OUT**  
Unwind at Miriam Van Doorn's monthly meditation class at Holland Park on Sunday, July 31. Each class explores a different style and concept. Join at 5.30pm at the Stretch Yoga studio at 967 Logan Rd. Cost \$18. Details: 3157 3100

**PLANT A TREE**  
Lend a hand on National Tree Day and plant a sapling at the Mt Gravatt Outlook Reserve on Sunday, July 31. The group will be focusing on native species between 9am-noon. All welcome. Details: [megoutlook@gmail.com](mailto:megoutlook@gmail.com)

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## CHILDREN

**FAIR FOR NINE DECADES**  
Celebrate Camp Hill State Infants and Primary School's rich history at its 90th birthday fair on Saturday, July 30. Families will enjoy their favourite rides, food and entertainment from noon-6.30pm. The day will conclude with a fireworks display. Details: [camphillpcvents@bigpond.com](http://camphillpcvents@bigpond.com)

**BUDDING GREEN THUMBS**  
Pint-sized gardening enthusiasts can learn how to plant herbs at Bunnings Warehouse Cannon Hill on Saturday, July 30. Join at 10am at 1881 Creek Rd. Details: 3906 5000

**MAKE DAD'S DAY**  
The Carindale mini makers will craft beaded key chains for Father's Day on Wednesday, August 24, at four sessions throughout the day. Workshops are free but gold-coin donations to Spina Bifida Hydrocephalus are appreciated. Details: [westfield.com.au](http://westfield.com.au)



The Blue Cats will pay tribute to Elvis next month.

## ENTERTAINMENT

**TRIBUTE TO THE KING**  
The Blue Cats rockabilly group will pay tribute to Elvis at the Morningside Panthers club on Saturday, August 27. The night will kick off at 7pm. Details: 0474 839 674

**PHOTO BOOTH FUN**  
Share your dreams for the future at the Vision For Brisbane photo booth at Carindale Library on Monday, August 1. Guests can choose

from a range of backdrops and keep their photo free. Open from 9am-4pm at 1151 Creek Rd, Carindale. Details: 3403 8888

**PLAYWRIGHT'S HOUR**  
Join the 4MBS Shakespeare Troupe for 60 minutes of Shakespeare at Carindale Library on Saturday, August 6, at 12.30pm. The thespians will perform *Henry IV* and *Henry V* over one hour with a 30-minute interval. Details: 3407 1490

## COMMUNITY

**SPINAL NETWORK**  
Spinal Life Australia's Brisbane Post Polio Network will meet on Saturday, August 13. Guest speakers include physiotherapist Lillian Drummond, who will discuss hydrotherapy. The group will gather at 2pm at 109 Logan Rd. Woollongabba. Parking is available off Balaclava St. Details: 0403 191 698

**BOOK CLUB DISCUSSION**  
The Friends Through Books Cooparoo book and chat

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### NOMINATE A CHAMP

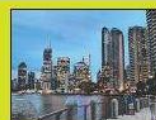
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group meets on the first and third Monday of each month. Guests discuss various popular authors. Join at the Cooparoo RSL on Holdsworth St at noon. Details: 3847 1745

**CO-PARENTING TALK**  
Separated parents and step-parents can attend a co-parenting workshop at Books@Stones. Participants can share their stories in a supportive environment and find positive solutions. Join on Wednesdays from 10am-noon throughout the school term. Cost: \$25-\$30. Details: [jolanda.horsburgh@icloud.com](mailto:jolanda.horsburgh@icloud.com)

**MYNA BIRD TRAPPING**  
Bulimba Creek Catchment Coordinating Committee will host its next common myna trapping workshop at Living Faith Uniting Church tonight (July 27). Learn how you can help control the invasive species in your backyard from 7-9pm at 330 Pine Mountain Rd, Carina Heights. Details: 3398 8003

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## SOUTHSIDE

### Norman Creek group turns 20

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## FOREST LAKE

### Birthday bash for creek crew

OXLEY Creek Catchment Association celebrated the group's 20th anniversary on Saturday.

The association was formed in 1996 and its dedicated members and volunteers have worked hard to protect and restore the Oxley Creek catchment.

The celebration was held at the Griffith University EcoCentre.

To get involved, visit [www.oxleycatchment.org.au](http://www.oxleycatchment.org.au)

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## OUT AND ABOUT

**NATURE EXPLORATION**  
Grab a magnifying glass and explore Newsworthy Park at Carindale. On July 31, from 10am to noon an Acacia Explorers Create event will be held. Meet at the park's playground, take sun protection, water, walking shoes and insect repellent. This event costs \$5 per person and is for children four years and over. To book phone 0411 246 487.

**LAGOON NOW OPEN**  
Orion Lagoon is back in business after a short-term closure for winter maintenance. The lagoon can be accessed from 8am-4pm daily.

## FAMILY FUN

**FESTIVAL DAY**  
Grab the whole family and head along to Festival Family Day at Oxley Creek Common on July 31. The free event will run from 10am-4pm with workshops on wildflower wicking planning, food fermentation and veggie gardening for kids; native insect and spider display; a farm animal display; rapscallion rehabilitation; historic army jeep displays; thrilling bike riding; and live music with Dolly Squat.

## TWILIGHT MARKETS

The free Rocks Riverside Twilight Social returns on July 29 from 4-6pm. This family friendly market offers a range of cuisines and lifestyle stalls as well as entertainment. Alcohol is available, provided by Serravallo Wineries. You will find the markets at 5 Counihan Rd, Sevenoaks Mile Rocks.

## FOR A CAUSE

**ARABIAN NIGHTS**  
Dance for a good cause at the Arabian Nights Gala at Oxley Bowls Club on August 6 from 6-8.30pm. The evening is an annual show case of

Middle Eastern dance and music. Entry is \$15 for adults, \$10 for high school students and primary school children are free. There will be market stalls, food and alcohol available. All proceeds will go to Seeds Of Change, a Mater Hospital parent bereavement group.

## COCKTAIL PARTY

Tickets are on sale now for the Brookwater Resident Winter Wonderland cocktail party on August 20 from 7pm. The black-tie event will raise money for SolarBuddy.org, providing solar-powered water to community in Uganda. Tickets are \$65 per person and can be purchased by emailing [events@brookwaterresidents.com.au](mailto:events@brookwaterresidents.com.au) or calling 3624 2500.

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## ADMISSION ONLY

**ONESIE PARTY**  
Embrace the cold of winter and wear your onesie for a night out at Orion Hotel on

August 3 from 7pm-2am. There will be Canadian Club party packs for the first 100 people plus prizes for best dressed. DJ Enzo will mix the tunes. This is an 18+ event and photo ID will be required for entry.

## FOR THE DIARY

### SCHOOL FETE

Explore the International Fair that is the Middle Park State School Fete on August 6 from 11am-5pm. There will be live entertainment all day, rides, raffles and games and even a mini Olympics. Stay late for the fireworks that will light up the sky from 7pm.

## SOMALIAN STORYTIME

Calabarra locals' cultural diversity with a special story time on August 6 from 10.30-11am. The session will feature Somali stories read in Arabic and English. This is a free event and bookings are not required.

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## Spiders and Sauerkraut: festival family day fun for all ages

Wednesday 27 July, 2016



From Spiders and sauerkraut to bee-keeping and bugs – the Peaks to Points Festival Family Day, presented by Brisbane MarketPlace features a host of free activities to help you and the kids get closer to nature.

Held at the Oxley Creek Common, Rocklea on Sunday 31 July from 10am to 4pm, the day offers all sorts of family activities to celebrate the environment.

Sustainability guru, Roman Spur will be hosting workshops on Wicked Wicking and Food Fermentation. In the Wicked Wicking workshop, Roman will create a wicking pot from up-cycled material, and show how strawberries, herbs and yummy vegies can be grown without a garden or daily watering. Children will take home a pot made from recycled materials and a plant.

In the food fermentation workshop, Roman will demonstrate how to make and prepare sauerkraut, kombucha, kefir, yoghurt and cheese. He'll share plenty of practical tips and answer all your questions about this ancient practice.

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## SUSTAINABLE FUN

**Festival Family Day**  
**Oxley Creek Common, Rocklea**  
Sunday

Sustainability guru, Roman Spur, hosts children's workshops to create a pot from upcycled materials and demonstrate how strawberries, herbs and vegetables can be grown without a garden. Young gardeners can plant their own vegetable seedling and learn how to care for herbs and vegies. Music by Diddly Squat (pictured). Runs 10am-4pm.

**Price: Free**  
[peakstpoints.com.au/](http://peakstpoints.com.au/)

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## PLANTING DAY A TREE-FOR-ALL

**WHAT:** Volunteers planted trees for National Tree Day, as part of the Peaks to Points Festival  
**WHEN:** July 31  
**WHERE:** Mt Gravatt Outlook

### PICTURED:

1. Ounkeam Douangmanh and Khamphachanah Sihavong, of Natchan  
 2. Vicki Andre, of Wishart, Tia, B  
 3. Maria Noonan, Ingrid Rojas, Juan Granados, Jodie Buddingham and Jamie De Guzman  
 4. Sienna Harris of Upper Mt Gravatt  
 5. Jenny Riley, Nathaniel Law and Jenny Law

Pictures: RICHARD WALKER



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## BRIGHT SKY FOR FAMILY FUN DAY

What: Festival Family Day  
When: Sunday, July 31  
Where: Oxley Creek Common

**Pictured:**  
1. Dylan and Tyler Thomas from Algeester  
2. Thaila Van Zeeland from Salisbury  
3. Jill Palmer with Ashlan, an eastern water dragon  
4. Koscas, Eleftheria and Eirini Tyrologos from Graceville  
5. The Corinda State High dance troupe  
6. Lucy and Lily Manson from Karamore.



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