

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.

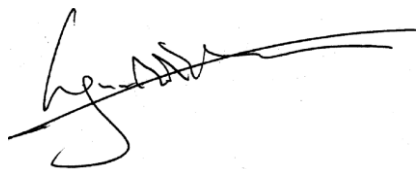
There was excellent attendance at many of the events, with some activities such as the native bee workshop and the bus tour to the Greenbank Military Training Area fully-subscribed. The Festival reached a wide audience spread across a large geographic area. Most activities were intentionally small scale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



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 5th 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) 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) 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
- Ipswich.qld.gov.au
- Australia.shopsafe.com.au
- Healthywaterways.org
- Redland.qld.gov.au
- Logan.qld.gov.au
- Landcare.org.au
- Pleasetakemeto.com
- Thegreatsoutheast.com.au
- Brisbane-australia.com
- aroundyou.com.au
- Theweekendedition.com.au
- Qorf.org.au
- annettemcfarlane.com
- familiesmagazine.com.au

- stevegriffithsmoorooka.com
- sustainablejamboree.org
- activities4kids.com
- bubhub.com.au
- abc.net.au
- whatson.com.au
- weekendnotes.com.au
- eventful.com
- godo.com.au
- visitbrisbane.com.au
- webchild.com.au
- Brisbanekids.com.au
- Raywhitesherwood.com.au
- 4zzzfm.org.au
- Bmag.com.au
- 96five.com
- Kidsonthecoast.com.au
- Newslocker.com
- Oq.asn.au
- Goduckling.com.au
- Fightforthereef.org.au
- Allevvents.in
- Landcarelife.com
- Riverfoundation.org.au
- 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 th 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

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
TOTAL	3587

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
TOTAL	2350

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

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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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Celebrate our environment at

Festival Family Day

presented by Brisbane MarketPlace

10am to 4pm
Sunday 31 July

Come down to the Oxley Creek Common, Sherwood Road, Rocklea to learn more about your local environment at the Peaks to Points Festival Family Day presented by Brisbane MarketPlace.

This free community event features live entertainment, an assortment of children's craft activities and games, information displays, farm animals and canoeing, plus a range of food and drinks. Set against the beautiful backdrop of the Common, Festival Family Day is the perfect opportunity to relax in the winter sun, enjoy the atmosphere and help us celebrate the end of the 16 day Peaks to Points Festival.




Can you spot a platypus?

The Wildlife Preservation Society of Queensland (WPSQ) needs volunteers for its PlatyCount 2016 platypus survey. Spotters will be positioned at various sites along Oxley Creek and its tributaries, to help document the local platypus population.

Event hosted by the Wildlife Preservation Society of Queensland and the Platypus Watch Network.

5am to 7am Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 July. For meeting point details phone the WPSQ on 3844 0129.

Wear warm clothes and covered footwear. Binoculars and cameras may be helpful! Light refreshments available after the survey.
Contact Matt Cecil: 3844 0129
platypus@wildlife.org.au

Witness the restoration of Pennywort Creek

Join members of the Pennywort Creek Bushcare Group for a morning of planting, followed by a guided walk of the restored habitat areas along Pennywort Creek. Bring along samples of problem weeds in your garden and local Agronomist, Trevor Armstrong, will identify the weeds and provide control tips.

Event hosted by Habitat Brisbane and Brisbane City Council.

6:30am to 9:30am Saturday 16 July. George Scarlett Park, Pratten St between Cliveden Ave & Brushbox Pl, Corinda.

Morning tea will be provided. Please RSVP for catering purposes.
Contact Trevor Armstrong:
trevor.armstrong@gmail.com
0414 691 264

Take in the view from Flinders Peak

Head to Flinders Peak to plant a tree, take in the view and explore the natural wonders of the area on a guided walk. The 3km walk takes in the Goolman and Rocky Knoll lookouts and Flinders-Goolman trail and is of moderate difficulty. Light refreshments available to keep your stamina up.

Event hosted by Bremer River Fund, Ipswich Creek Catchment Group and the Ipswich City Council.

8am to 11am Saturday 16 July.
Flinders-Goolman Conservation Estate, Carmichael's Rd, Purga (Ipswich).

Bookings essential. Please bring water, sunscreen, hat and wear enclosed shoes.

Contact Vada Hoger: 0457 564 619
vhoger@ipswich.qld.gov.au

Travel back in time on a history walk

Join local historian Beryl Roberts for a gentle walk around Acacia Ridge to look at places of historical significance. Acacia Ridge was established after World War II to house returning servicemen and their families. Many of the original post-war dwellings still stand.

Event hosted by Oxley Creek Catchment Association.

9am to 10:30am Saturday 16 July.
Elizabeth St shops carpark, corner Beaudesert Rd & Elizabeth St, Acacia Ridge.

Please bring own water and snacks.

Contact Beryl Roberts: 0448 040 442
bberlyroberts@gmail.com

Spend a day with marine environment experts

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 (limited numbers) and guided walk to King Island. The morning seminar will feature three presentations: The World Heritage Values of Moreton Bay, Citizen Scientists and PlatypusWatch.

Event presented by Wildlife Queensland Coastal Citizen Science and Bayside Branch.

9:15am to 3pm Saturday 16 July.
Seminar will be held at Redlands Indigiscapes Centre, Runnymede Rd, Capalaba.

(after midday activities conducted from Wellington Point Reserve, Main Road, Wellington Point). Morning and afternoon tea provided. BYO lunch. Please RSVP as numbers are limited.

Contact Debra Henry: 0439 914 631
debrahenry@wildlife.org.au

Join a nature journaling workshop

Learn how to improve your appreciation for nature at a nature journaling workshop with Paula Peeters. Participants receive a pack which includes a journal and graphite pencil (\$29 for workshop and pack, \$19 for workshop only if you BYO materials). Bookings via www.eventbrite.com.au Morning tea provided.

Event hosted by Bulimba Creek Catchment Coordinating Committee.

9:30am to midday Saturday 16 July.
B4C Sustainability Centre, corner Old Cleveland Rd and Wright St, Carindale.

Contact Heather Barns: 0410 840 343
or b4c@bulimbacreek.org.au

Celebrate a new community garden

Come along to the launch of Cornerstone Living Community Garden at an open day and help get the garden growing by planting seedlings. The new garden features 20 raised garden beds, a composting bay, greenhouse, storage shed and covered area. The event includes a free sausage sizzle.

Event presented by Consolidated Properties.

11am to 2pm, Sunday 17 July.
Cornerstone Living Community Garden, Corner of Troughton and Boundary Roads, Coopers Plains.

Contact Belinda Murray:
0418 117 441, 3229 8350,
belinda@consprogroup.com.au

Learn about restoration activities at three Brisbane sites

Join the Oxley Creek Catchment Association for a walking tour of three natural restoration sites. The walk will visit Pennywort Creek Bushcare, Cliveden Avenue Reserve and the Oxley Golf Complex. The site leaders will be on hand to share their rehabilitation techniques and philosophies. Covered shoes, hats and long sleeves must be worn. Bookings are essential.

Event hosted by the Oxley Creek Catchment Association, SEQ Catchments' What's Your Nature Program, and the Brisbane City Council.

9am to 12pm Monday 18 July.
Richlands Park, corner of Pratten & Deniven St, Corinda.

Bring water, lunch will be provided.
Contact Phil Gunasekara: 3345 5541
info@oxleycreekcatchment.org.au

Go behind the wire at Greenbank Military Training Area

Tours of the Greenbank Military Training Area (GMTA) are a rare offering. Here's your chance to view one of only five remaining vine forests south of the Brisbane River, on a bus tour of the GMTA. Defence staff will accompany the bus as it tours the site.

Event hosted by the Oxley Creek Catchment Association and the Department of Defence.

9:30am to 1:00pm Monday 18 July.
Greenbank Military Training Area Bus drops off and picks up at eastern side of Corinda Railway Station, Browne St, Corinda.

Please bring refreshments and water. Wear covered shoes and long sleeves. The tour is free for OCCA members and \$20 per person for non-members. Bookings essential.

Contact Oxley Creek Catchment Association: 3345 5541
info@oxleycreekcatchment.org.au

Check out the birds at Pooh Corner

Take a gentle stroll through Pooh Corner, home to more than 120 grassland and woodland bird species. Local bird experts will lead the walk. The walk concludes with morning tea.

Event hosted by Wolston and Centenary Catchments Inc.

7:30am to 11am Tuesday 19 July.
Picnic Area, Pooh Corner Environment Centre, 100 Wolston Rd, Wacol.

Bring binoculars and water and wear covered shoes. Morning tea provided.
Contact Lenore Bracey: 0423 112 861
secretary@wacc.org.au

Your sewage— see where it ends up!

If you've ever wondered what happens to your number ones and twos after you've flushed them down the toilet, here's your chance to find out! Queensland Urban Utilities operates the Oxley Sewage Treatment Plant which treats domestic wastewater and trade waste. Join a bus trip and see how applied science and engineering are protecting Moreton Bay.

Event hosted by Queensland Urban Utilities.

9:30am to 12pm Wednesday 20 July.

Oxley Sewage Treatment Plant Bus drops off and picks up on eastern side of Corinda Railway Station, Browne St, Corinda.

Tour is free for OCCA members and \$15 for non-members. Bookings essential. Covered shoes, hats, and long sleeves must be worn. Please bring water and snacks.

Contact Oxley Creek Catchment Association: 3345 5541
info@oxleycreekcatchment.org.au

Discover the magic of Toohey Forest

Join a guided walk in Toohey Forest with local conservationist and historian, Beryl Roberts. The forest is home to koalas, echidnas and more than 75 bird species. Beryl will provide walkers with a snapshot of the forest's history and demonstrate how to gather native seeds for future propagation. The 5km walk is suitable for people with an average level of fitness.

Event hosted by the Oxley Creek Catchment Association.

10am to 12pm Wednesday 20 July. High picnic area, eastern side of Toohey Rd, Toohey Forest, Nathan.

Please bring own water and snacks.
Contact Beryl Roberts: 0448 040 442
bberylroberts@gmail.com

Explore one of Brisbane's best birding spots

Join a guided walk around one of the best birding spots in Brisbane, the Oxley Creek Common, home to an amazing array of birdlife, with more than 210 species recorded in the past 15 years. The 4km return walk travels along an unsealed track by Oxley Creek. Finish with morning tea at the big red shed.

Event hosted by Birds Queensland.

7:30am to 11am Saturday 23 July. Oxley Creek Common, Sherwood Rd, Rocklea.

BYO morning tea. Bookings essential.
Contact Rae Clark: 3391 1642
rae.clark@bigpond.com

Become a Lantana Weed Buster

Help the Griffith Mates Bushcare and Fox Gully Bushcare volunteers remove lantana from small bird habitat at Mount Gravatt Outlook Reserve. Lantana is one of the major threats to native plants in the Reserve, due to its toxicity and smothering habit.

Event hosted by the Mount Gravatt Environment Group.

8am to 11am Saturday 23 July. Mount Gravatt Outlook Reserve, "Shire Road, Mount Gravatt.

Meet at the water reservoir near the summit. Gloves and equipment provided. Parking available at the summit. Bring water and wear covered shoes.

Contact Michael Fox: 0408 769 405
megoutlook@gmail.com

Explore Spring Mountain

Enjoy spectacular views from Spring Mountain Forest Park and learn about its plants, animals and history on a guided walk. The 10km walk is suitable for people with a moderate level of fitness. It covers some steep and unstable terrain.

Event hosted by Logan City Council.

9am to 12:30pm Saturday 23 July. Spring Mountain Forest Park, Warbler Ct, Greenbank.

Light refreshments provided after walk. Bookings essential.

Contact Logan City Council:
3412 4491, www.logan.qld.gov.au/
environmentalevents

Expand your appreciation of nature

Join scientist and keen nature observer, Paula Peeters for a nature journaling workshop. Enjoy an activity which increases mindfulness and appreciation of beauty.

Participants receive a pack which includes a journal and graphite pencil (\$29 for workshop and pack, \$19 for workshop only if you BYO materials). Morning tea provided. Bookings via www.eventbrite.com.au.

Event hosted by Bulimba Creek Catchment Coordinating Committee.

9:30am to midday Saturday 23 July. Minnippi Parklands, Stanton Rd, Tingalpa.

Contact: Heather Barns, 0410 840 343
or b4c@bulimbacreek.org.au

Discover nature's marvels at Karawatha Forest

Bring the family to an interactive morning focused on learning about Australian wildlife and exploring beautiful Karawatha Forest. There will be talks about its native animals and plants in the forest, followed by a guided walk. Hear more about local butterflies, their life cycles and host plants, at a talk by members of the Butterfly and Other Invertebrates Club. Allow time before or after the event to explore Brisbane City Council's newly opened Discovery Centre.

Event hosted by the Karawatha Forest Protection Society and the Butterfly and Other Invertebrates Club.

10am to 12pm Saturday 23 July. Discovery Centre, Acacia Rd entrance, Karawatha Forest, Karawatha.

Contact Paula Ross: 0424 650 560
secretary@karawatha.com

Celebrate with the Oxley Community Men's Shed

Join members of the St John's Oxley Community Men's Shed to celebrate the group's fifth anniversary. This event includes a display of the club's wares and sale of items made by members, along with surplus equipment. Enjoy morning tea and check out the nearby community garden.

Event hosted by the St John's Oxley Community Men's Shed.

10am to 1pm Saturday 23 July. St John's Oxley Community Men's Shed, 18 California Rd, Oxley.

Contact John Brown: 3379 6096
johnbrown1931@bigpond.com

Kick back at a family picnic in the park

Relax in the winter sun while enjoying a family picnic under the fig trees with children's activities on the green in Strickland Terrace Park. There will be games for children and kite flying if the weather is suitable. Bring a rug, picnic and your own kite, or buy one for a gold coin donation.

Event hosted by the Strickland Terrace Park Bushcare Group.

3pm to 4:30pm Saturday 23 July.
Strickland Terrace Park, junction of Thomas, Egmont & Johnstone St, Sherwood (enter at Thomas St).

Contact Jocelyn Clarkson: 3379 6021
qldquolls4h.jc@gmail.com

Celebrate OCCA's 20th anniversary

Join members of the Oxley Creek Catchment Association (OCCA) to celebrate the Association's 20th anniversary. OCCA was formed in 1996 and its dedicated members and volunteers have worked hard to protect and restore the Oxley Creek catchment, in partnership with businesses, schools and governments. Enjoy drinks and a light supper while reflecting on and celebrating OCCA's achievements.

Event hosted by the Oxley Creek Catchment Association.

6:30pm to 7pm to 9pm Saturday 23 July, Griffith University Eco Centre (Building N68), South Ring Rd, Nathan Campus, Griffith University.

Event is free for OCCA members and guests, \$20 per person for non-members. Free parking is available. Please RSVP by 17 July.

Contact Lynn Whitfield: 3345 5541
info@oxleycreekcatchment.org.au

Explore Whites Hill on a guided walk

The indigenous name for the Whites Hill area is 'Boolimbe' meaning place of magpie larks. Walkers will see lots of birdlife on this easy one hour walk around Whites Hill Reserve.

Event hosted by the Whites Hill- Pine Mountain Community Group.

7:30am to 8:30am Sunday 24 July.
Meet at reserve entrance, corner Jones Rd & Kildare St, Carina.

Morning tea provided after walk.
Contact Heather Barns: 0410 840 343
heather.barns@bulimbacreek.org.au

Plant a tree for National Tree Day

Join thousands of people across the country for National Tree Day by planting a tree along Ironpot Creek. Ipswich City Council has teamed up with Planet Ark to restore the Ironpot Creek wildlife corridor, which is home to koalas, kangaroos and some of our colourful flying friends. Coffee and light refreshments available.

Event hosted by Ipswich City Council.

9am to 11am Sunday 24 July.
Gregory Street Reserve,
Gregory St, Brassall.

Please wear closed in shoes and bring hat, water and sunscreen.

Contact Vada Hoger: 0457 564 619
vhoger@ipswich.qld.gov.au

Compost and worm farms — do you dig them?

Join a free community workshop to learn how to turn kitchen and garden waste into rich nutrients for your soil. This workshop is suitable for all ages. Morning tea will be provided.

Event hosted by Bethania St Community Garden and the Brisbane City Council.

9am to 12pm Sunday 24 July.
Bethania St Community Garden,
Bethania St, Lota.

Wear a hat and enclosed shoes. Bring water and sunscreen. Bookings required.

Contact Brisbane City Council: 3403 8888

Give your garden the wow! factor

Learn more about the wonderful range of stunning foliage and flowering plants suited to subtropical Brisbane gardens at a free workshop with Paul Plant, editor of subTropical Gardening magazine. Bookings essential as places are limited.

Event hosted by the Brisbane City Council.

1pm to 3pm Sunday 24 July.
Carindale Library, Westfield Carindale Shopping Centre,
1151 Creek Rd, Carindale (near Millennium Blvd).

Contact Carindale Library: 3407 1490

What makes Pooh Corner special?

Take a guided walk around Pooh Corner and learn why locals fought so hard to protect it from industrial development. The area is home to one of Australia's largest urban kangaroo populations. This gentle walk will be followed by a presentation by local conservationists, to discuss how community campaigning can result in wins for the environment.

Event hosted by Friends of Pooh Corner, and Wolston and Centenary Catchments Inc.

4:30pm for walk, followed by 6pm talk Sunday 24 July.
Pooh Corner Environment Centre,
100 Wolston Rd, Wacol.

Bring water and wear covered shoes. Contact Simon Birrell: 0429 149 472
kanga@poohcorner.info

Take a scenic walk at White Rock

White Rock is home to many native animals including echidnas, wallabies and even the endangered Glossy Black Cockatoo. The area features prominent white sandstone outcrops, providing views in all directions. The 3.5km return walk is rated easy to moderate, with a few steep sections. Bookings essential.

Event hosted by Wolston and Centenary Catchments Inc.

9am to 1pm Tuesday 26 July.
White Rock Conservation Park,
Redbank Plains (details provided upon registration).

Please bring lunch, snacks and water. Contact Ed Parker: 0419 490 925
ed@wacc.org.au

View a world-class landfill site

Join a bus tour of the Brisbane City Council's world-class engineered landfill site at Rochedale and then visit the Towards Zero Waste Education Centre at the landfill. The site harvests methane from decomposing waste to generate around 33,000MWh of energy annually—enough to power around 6500 homes each year.

Event hosted by the Brisbane City Council and the Oxley Creek Catchment Association.

9:15am to 12:15pm Wednesday 27 July, Brisbane City Council Rochedale Landfill Site and Education Centre. Bus picks up and drops off at eastern side of Corinda Railway Station, Browne St, Corinda.

Tour is free for OCCA members and \$15 for non-members. Bookings essential as numbers are limited. Wear covered shoes and bring water and snacks.

Contact Oxley Creek Catchment Association: 3345 5541
info@oxleycreekcatchment.org.au

Go bird watching at Hardings Paddock

A very knowledgeable Birds Queensland guide will take participants on the Gamlen Circuit (rated moderate, about 3.5km) at Hardings Paddock in the Flinders-Karawatha corridor. The walk passes through grassy areas, open woodland and forest. Finishes with morning tea at the picnic ground.

Event hosted by Birds Queensland.

7:30am to 11am Thursday 28 July. First picnic ground, Hardings Paddock Reserve, Purga (Ipswich) BYO morning tea.

Contact Margaret Cameron: 3282 9151
mcameron01@optusnet.com.au

We need to talk about plastic

Plastic pollution causes significant deaths to marine life while reducing the amenity of our waterways and bays. For many years campaigners have pushed for a ban on plastic bags and the creation of a Queensland-relevant cash for container scheme. This community forum will explore the current status of these campaigns and identify ways to reinvigorate and support the fight against plastic pollution. The forum will be led by experts at the frontline of the debate—Boomerang Alliance's Toby Hutcheon and Griffith University's Head of the School of Environment, Professor Chris Frid.

Event hosted by Griffith University and the Boomerang Alliance.

6pm to 8pm Thursday 28 July. Griffith University EcoCentre (Building N68), South Ring Rd, Nathan Campus, Griffith University.

Bookings essential. Light refreshments provided from 5:30pm, your gold coin donation appreciated. Free parking available for this event. Visit EcoCentre reception to pick up parking slip.

Contact Delwyn Langdon: 3735 7124
ecocentre@griffith.edu.au

Learn the basics of native bee-keeping

Learn the basics of keeping native stingless bees at a workshop with entomologist, Dr Tim Heard. Tim has been keeping native bees for more than 30 years. The workshop includes a presentation and a practical session demonstrating opening and splitting a hive. Cost is \$20 (includes morning tea). Bookings essential.

Event hosted by Sugarbag Bees.

11am to 1pm Friday 29 July. Griffith University EcoCentre (Building N68), South Ring Road, Nathan Campus, Griffith University. For bookings phone 3735 7992 or ecocentre@griffith.edu.au

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Check out OCCA's new centre

Come along to the Oxley Creek Catchment Association's Community Open Day to celebrate the group's 20th anniversary and its first year at its new base at Coopers Plains. Join OCCA members for a free sausage sizzle and drinks. Bookings required.

Event hosted by the Oxley Creek Catchment Association and the Brisbane City Council.

5pm to 7pm Friday 29 July. Oxley Creek Catchment Association Centre, 9 Macdevitt St, Coopers Plains

Please RSVP by 27 July.
Contact Lynn Whitfield: 3345 5541
info@oxleycreekcatchment.org.au

Are you a friend of the Black Swamp?

Help the Black Swamp Bushcare Group eliminate the noxious groundcover, Singapore Daisy, at a small patch of bushland in Cleveland. Singapore Daisy is a declared weed which spreads rapidly, smothering native shrubs. The event will be followed by morning tea.

Event hosted by the Black Swamp Bushcare Group.

8:30am to 10:00am Saturday 30 July. Queen St, between Haggup & Wellington St, Cleveland.

Please bring water and wear covered shoes.

Contact Deirdre Hargreaves: deidrehargreaves@hotmail.com

Help with creek restoration at Corinda

The Benarrawa Bushcare Group is restoring riparian habitat along a small un-named tributary of Oxley Creek at Benarrawa Park, Corinda. The creekside was once a run down, overgrown suburban wasteland. The area is a designated recovery site for the endangered angle-stemmed myrtle. Join the group for a tree planting and mulching activity followed by morning tea.

Event hosted by the Benarrawa Bushcare Group.

9am to 12pm Saturday 30 July. Benarrawa Park, Gray Ave, Corinda.

Wear closed in shoes and bring water. Contact Noel Standfast: 0417 703 442, hstandfa@iinet.net.au

Learn how to create a pond garden

Learn the basic elements of creating a pond garden using unique landscaping and plant species to attract frogs at a free workshop hosted by horticulturalist, Noel Burdette. Bookings essential.

Event hosted by the Brisbane City Council.

10am to 11:30am Saturday 30 July. Sunnybank Hills Library, Sunnybank Hills Shoppingtown, corner Compton and Calam Rd, Sunnybank Hills.

Contact Sunnybank Hills Library: 3407 0571



Join a free family fun day

Celebrate the 20th birthday of the Norman Creek Catchment Coordinating Committee (N4C), with a Fun Day at N4C's Community Resource & Environmental Education Centre. The day will include fun family activities, native plant advice, food stalls, and a birthday cake!

Event hosted by the Norman Creek Catchment Coordinating Committee.

11am to 2pm Saturday 30 July.
Community Resource and Environmental Education Centre,
66 Baron St, Greenslopes.

Contact Damien Madden:
0438 118 580
normanck@bigpond.net.au

Go bird watching at Greenwood Lakes

Join a guided bird watching walk around Greenwood Lakes. Situated on the banks of Oxley Creek, the area is a haven for many bird species and other native wildlife. The walk finishes with a free morning tea. Bookings essential, please RSVP by 22 July.

Event hosted by Logan City Council.

8.30am to 10.30am Sunday 31 July.
Edwards Park, 77-123 Paradise Rd,
Forestdale (meet at the gazebo).

Contact Peter May: 3412 5578
petermay@logan.qld.gov.au

Plant a tree at Greenwood Lakes

Celebrate National Tree Day in Logan by helping plant a tree. Native shrubs will be planted at Greenwood Lakes. The area forms part of a key wildlife corridor between Brisbane and Beaudesert. Bookings essential, please RSVP by 22 July.

Event hosted by Logan City Council.

8.30am to 11am Sunday 31 July.
13-35 Paradise Rd, Greenwood
Lakes.

The event includes a free sausage sizzle. Please bring water and wear covered shoes. Gloves provided.

Contact Peter May: 3412 5578
petermay@logan.qld.gov.au

Help National Tree Day volunteers

Help the Mount Gravatt Environment Group on National Tree Day by planting native shrubs at Mount Gravatt Outlook Reserve. Members of the group will be walking to the Reserve from Griffith University Mount Gravatt Campus Undercroft and volunteers are welcome to join the walk. Morning tea provided.

Event hosted by the Mount Gravatt Environment Group.

9am to 12pm Sunday 31 July.
Mount Gravatt Outlook Reserve,
Shire Rd, Mount Gravatt.

Meet at the water reservoir near the summit or walk with the group from Griffith University. Gloves and equipment provided. Parking available at the summit. Please bring water and wear covered shoes.
Contact Michael Fox: 0408 769 405
megoutlook@gmail.com

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Go Behind the Wire at Greenbank Military Training Area

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by [Susan Bowes](#) ([subscribe](#))

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Event: 18/07/2016

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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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: 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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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](#).



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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.



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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.



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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by [Di Hill](#) ([subscribe](#))

I love writing, taking photos, travelling and enjoying life. I have a BA of Adult and Vocational Teaching and a Master of Arts (Writing). My business card says Writer, Traveller, Camera Addict, and Bamboo Fan

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](#)



[Photography Course for Beginners](#)



[High Tea Walking Tour](#)



[Newstead Food Night Safari](#)



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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](#)



[Asian Food Walking Tour](#)



[Winter Family Portrait Mini-Sessions](#)



[Photography Course for Beginners](#)



[Beginners Photography Group](#)



[Cafe Knitting](#)

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. 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.

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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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by [Susan Bowes](#) ([subscribe](#))

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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 Garden City Library on July 22, from 10-11am. Bookings essential.
Details: 3403 77 45

BIKE RIDE
Explore Toosha 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 Toosha picnic area.
Details: 0403 293 533

TECH SESSIONS
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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 \$3.5 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

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

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 43401

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

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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

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: 317 20125

PARK TRIP
Head to Mt Gravatt Outlook Reserve and enjoy the park, walking trails and view.
Details: 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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PUPPET PLAY

Dorfmies 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 Wards 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/events

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 340 9 2205. This story time is a free event.

MAKERSPACE

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 eighty years and their carers.



National Tree Day is on July 24.

OUT AND ABOUT

GO BEHIND THE SCENES

Join a tour of the Oxley Sewage Treatment Plant. The bus tour will be held on Wednesday, July 20, from 9.30am-noon. Pick-up and drop-off are at the eastern side of Corinda Railway Station, Browne St, Corinda. Covered shoes, hats, and long sleeves must be worn. You will also need to bring water and snacks. The tour is free for members of the Oxley Creek Catchment Association and \$15 for non-members. Bookings are essential via the Oxley Creek Catchment Association on 3345 5541 or email info@oxleycreekcatchment.org.au

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THE ROUT

SPOT A PLATYPUS

The Wildlife Preservation Society of Queensland needs more volunteers for its Platypus Count 2016 platypus survey. Spotters will be positioned at various sites along Oxley Creek and its tributaries at Greenwood Lakes, to help document the local platypus 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.

FOR THE DIARY

PLANT A TREE

Plant a tree along Ironpot Creek to celebrate National Tree Day on July 24. Ipswich City Council has teamed up with Planet Ark to restore the Ironpot Creek wildlife corridor, which is home to koalas, kangaroos and some of our colourful flying friends. Coffee and light refreshments will be available. Head to Wallaby Ware Park, Gregory St, Brassall from 9am-11am. Please wear closed-in shoes and bring hat, water and sunscreen.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

On July 30 the Graciar Springfield Zomba club will be hosting a Christmas in July function at the Orion Hotel. The celebration will help raise funds to host a Birthing Kit Assembly Day at St Peter's Lutheran College. Tickets are available at the website eventbrite.com.au

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Il Locale - Rosalie

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Presented at the heart of the golden age of rock and roll, the VIVA SURFERS PARADISE festival will bring you the best of the 1960s and 1970s. The festival will feature a variety of live music, including the best of the 1960s and 1970s. Visit www.vivasurfersparadise.com.au

JULY 16 TO 31
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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)

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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

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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

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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

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

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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FIESTA TIME
The Colombian Street Festival is on in Ballow St, Fortitude Valley, on July 16. Come along for exotic food, drink, as well as music and dance that promises an extraordinary cultural experience. gphotel.com.au

BASTILLE DAY
The Brisbane French Festival returns to South Bank's parklands from July 8-10. Traditionally celebrating Bastille Day, join the festivities for gourmet fair and a celebration of French heritage. lefestival.com.au

HOLIDAY FUN

LOCOMOTION

The Rail Workshops Museum at Ipswich offers school holiday entertainment including Lego and Duplo construction stations, wagon building, model railways and more. Ideal for children aged 3-10 years, the museum is open 9.30am-4pm throughout the school holidays at North St, North Ipswich. A pass for two adults and up to four children is \$63. Visit theworkshops.qm.qld.gov.au.



Take in the sights at the Rail Workshop Museum.

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Guaranteed to blow your mind, this theatrical masterpiece is not to be missed. We *Will Rock You* is on at QRA's Lyric Theatre until August 14. It tells the story of how Queen rose to fame and made rock history. qpac.com.au

FIESTA TIME
The Colombian Street Festival is on in Ballow St, Fortitude Valley, on July 16. Come along for exotic food, drink, as well as music and dance that promises an extraordinary cultural experience. gphotel.com.au

BASTILLE DAY
The Brisbane French Festival returns to South Bank's parklands from July 8-10. Traditionally celebrating Bastille Day, join the festivities for gourmet fair and a celebration of French heritage. lefestival.com.au

HOLIDAY FUN

LOCOMOTION

The Rail Workshops Museum at Ipswich offers school holiday entertainment including Lego and Duplo construction stations, wagon building, model railways and more. Ideal for children aged 3-10 years, the museum is open 9.30am-4pm throughout the school holidays at North St, North Ipswich. A pass for two adults and up to four children is \$63. Visit theworkshops.qm.qld.gov.au.



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HELP WANTED
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 914 433

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: 3407 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.cinemax.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

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 bays of The Gabba on a course, set to music, between 7am-11am, with staggered starts. Details: stadiumstomp.com.au/gabba

HACKAL MUSICAL
Formal choir members present its 2016 musical *The Wizard of Oz* at the Chandler 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

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CLUBBY COMMUNITY
The cnr Wright St and Old Cleveland Rd, Centdale, at 10am. Buy an art pack for \$29 or bring your own and join for \$19. Details: clubbyrobbey@gmail.com

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 613 Stanley St. Open Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 10am-5pm, Thursday 10am-7pm and Saturday 10am-3pm. Details: 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

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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 Coulthart 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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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 replica mixer 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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OXLEY

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 16-21.

To book for the formal celebration on July 23, contact 5545 5541 or send an email to 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 \$1000 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 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 Pines, Stones Corner, on Sunday, July 24. Visit 4-7 Logan Rd from 9am-1pm. Details: [facebook.com/shadypalmscafe](https://www.facebook.com/shadypalmscafe)

STREET MARKET
One of Brisbane's largest markets, the Stones 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 23 and 22. The free Whirlaway Uncle concert will be presented by Brisbane City Council as part of Black History Month. The line-up includes Geroni Bann, 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: 3403 7755

WILDLIFE JOURNALING
Connect with nature and tap into your creativity at a Nature Journaling Workshop on Saturday, July 16. Ecologist and artist Paula Peters 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 \$19. Details: genrobey@gmail.com

ARTIVE
FREE! Free! Free! 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 course on Quay St, Bulimba. Details: [bulimbagolfclub.com.au](https://www.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.wednet.nsw.gov.au](https://www.camphillpcyc.wednet.nsw.gov.au)

LITTLE JAR AQUARIUMS
Children aged three and over can create an aquarium in a jar at Bunnings Warehouse Cannon Hill on Thursday, July 14. Join from 10-11.30am, at the store on 1881 Creek Rd, Cannon Hill. Bookings are essential. Details: [bunnings.com.au/stores/cannon-hill](https://www.bunnings.com.au/stores/cannon-hill)

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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](https://www.jpc.qld.edu.au)

BLING 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 9.45-11.45am, 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 Bionics Hydrocephalus charity can be made at the door. Details: [westfield.com.au](https://www.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: 3031 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: 34 29 4496 or mahakalya@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@nynas.com.au or 0410 734234

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

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 310 776

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, 1503 Logan Rd, is "Something Borrowed - Music with References to Time". The event starts at 7.30pm. Free entry. Details: 3216 8366 or musicallyspeaking.org

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 293 533

FESTIVAL

The Peaks to Points Festival is on from Saturday, July 16, to Sunday, July 31. It's an environment-focused festival with many free events, including the launch of the Cornerstone Living Community Garden on July 17. The Mt Gravatt 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

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5 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 wedding 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. 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 3345 5341 or email 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.



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.

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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.

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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.



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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](#).

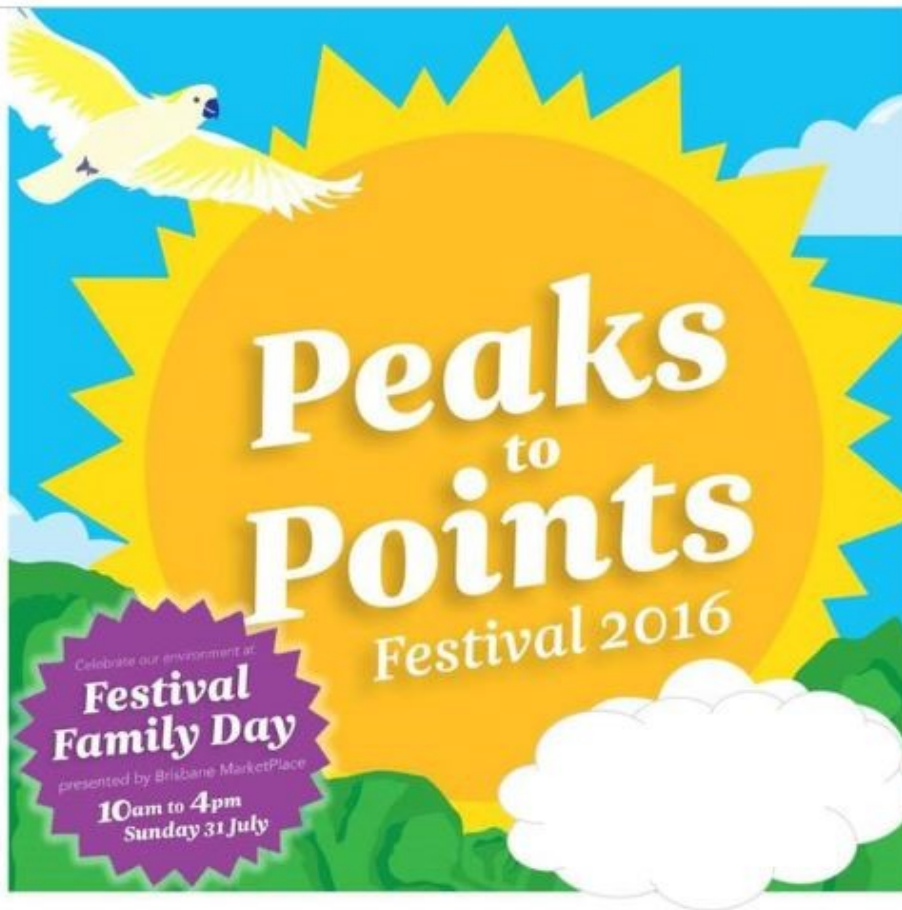


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Oxley Creek Common is an environmental wetland in close proximity to [Brisbane](#). Over the past eight years [Professor Hugh Possingham](#) has been recording the vast number of birds in

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 wicked walking 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 Didly Squad.

FESTIVAL: WHAT'S ON

Birrawatching at Oxley Creek Common, July 23
 Family picnic at Stridano Terrace Park, July 23
 Quokka walkabout around Peon 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

TINGALPA

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.

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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

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 16, 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

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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 Pappopoulos 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: 3996 6001

ENTERTAINMENT

JOIN THE CHORUS

The opening night of Sawoyards' 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 Souda 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 490 658

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 Berrima St, Wynnum. Details: 3899 2944

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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

MISS BETTE AT RPAC

The Divine Miss B show will pay tribute to Bette Midler at the Redland Performing Arts Centre on Friday, August 12, at 7pm. Tickets \$50-\$75. Details: 3909 5130

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

ACTIVITIES

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 record your time. Register at parkrun.com.au

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FOREST FACTS

A Peaks to Points environment festival event takes place at the Karawatha Forest Discovery Centre on July 23, 10am-2pm 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 5km medium-paced daily walk with Acadia Ridge Park Foundation walking group, which meets at Bradbury 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 046 429

SUNNYBANK

Buy a plot and grow a garden

THE first seedlings have been planted to mark the opening of the community garden at Cornerstone Living, Sunnybank. Residents and community members are welcome to adopt a plot and plant their own fruit and vegetables. Consolidated Properties spokesman Lachlan Cranley said he hoped the garden would become a much-loved addition to the \$800 million development. People can register for a plot. Phone 8845 7127.

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RUGBY LADIES DAY

Southern Sunbank Rugby League Club will host its annual Ladies Day to help support the Manly Chicks 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 Madeline Radford and her family raise money for a wheelchair-accessible van by at Music for Madeline. Cost is \$20 adults (\$10 children). Karaoke available with entertainment by comedy magician Peter Booth and showgirl Celeste 7pm, August 13, at South Sports Club, 100 Morimer Rd, Acacia Ridge. Details: 3277 6600

MENTAL HEALTH TALK

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



Around a free men's mental health workshop.

Holland Park Library. Guest speakers will include psychologists. The workshop is open to all male staff and community members. Attendance must register. Details: info@voicesforchange.org.au

FOUR FURNIS

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

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

NAMASTE FESTIVAL

The Indian Programming Group and Pacific-4EB will host Namaste World Carnival, a multicultural event from 11am-8pm on August 6 at Rocklea Showgrounds. Entry is free. Details: 0410 540 680

MEET NEIGHBOURS

The St David's Neighbourhood Centre at Coopers Plains is hosting 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 National Community Awards celebrate individuals, clubs and associations which create inclusive netball environments for all. Up to 50 winners will receive prize packs worth more than \$1000 including Australia Post Load & Go cards for the winner's club or association. Entries close midnight July 31, 2016. To nominate and view the T & Cs visit www.oneonetball.org.au

Details: projectsdavidson@bigpond.com

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 will be welcome. Details: 3711 8933

SCHOOL FETE

Runcorn Heights State School's fete will take place on Saturday, September 3, from 10am-4pm. Stalls include raffle and treasure, plants, books and cakes. Food, entertainment, rides, and free activities will also be available. Details: 3711 8933

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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 Moorbin Plains in Woodroonga.



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

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

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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

STRETCH OUT
Unwind at Miriam Van
Doom'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

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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: camphillpcevents@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
Brida Hydrocephalus are
appreciated.
Details: 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.
Woolloongabba. Parking is
available off Balacava St.
Details: 0403 191 698

BOOK CLUB DISCUSSION
The Friends Through Books
Cooparoo book and chat

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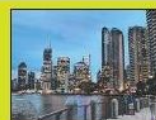
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group meets on the first and
third Monday of each month.
Guests discuss various
popular authors. Join at the
Cooparoo RSL on
Holdsworth St at noon.
Details: 3847 1745

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

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

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 has been at work since 1996.

The 20th birthday fun day will be held on Saturday, July 30, at the Community Resource & Environmental Education Centre at 66 Baron St, Greenstaps. Join from 11am-3pm. Phone 5591 4285.

FOREST LAKE

Birthday bash for creek crew

Coxley 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 Coxley Creek catchment.

The celebration was held at the Griffith University EcoCentre.

To get involved, visit coxcreekcatchment.org.au

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NATURE EXPLORATION
Grab a magnifying glass and
explore Newsworld Park at
Carindale. On July 31, from
10am to noon an Alcoa
Explorers Create event will
be held. Meet at the park's
playground, take a 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
gathering for kids, native
insect and spider displays, a
farm animal display, rapelle
rehabilitation, historic army
jeep displays, thrilling bike
riding, and live music with
Cody Squat.

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

FOR A CAUSE

ARABIAN NIGHTS
Dance for a good cause at
the Arabian Nights Gala at
Coxley Bowls Club on August
6 from 8-10pm. The event 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 Mairi
Hospital parent bereavement group.

COCKTAIL PARTY

Tickets are on sale now for
the Brookwater Resident
Wine & Wonderland cocktail
party on August 20 from
7pm. The black-tie event will
raise money for
SolidBuddy.org, providing
wheelchairs for the Waco
community in Uganda.
Tickets are \$65 per person
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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 Brazo 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 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
Celebrate India's 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
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Spiders and Sauerkraut: festival family day fun for all ages

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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 Diddy Squat (pictured). Runs 10am-4pm.

Price: Free
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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. Sunkaam Douangmanh and Khampachanah Sihavong, of Natchan
2. Vicki Andre, of Wishart, Tia, &
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

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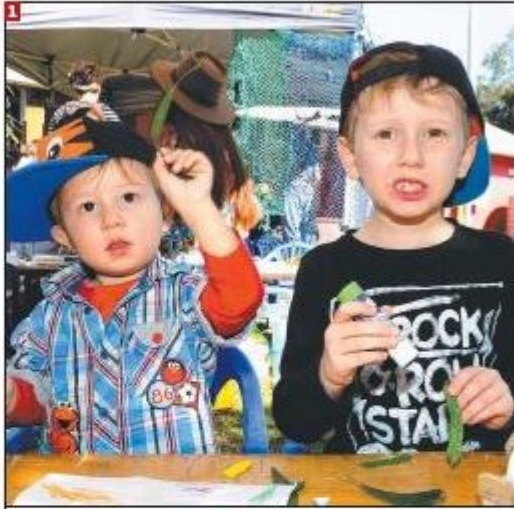
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BRIGHT SKY FOR FAMILY FUN DAY

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

Pictured:

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



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