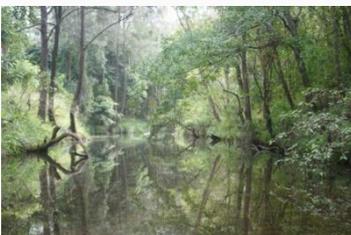




This Week by the Creek

September 2018

Welcome to This Week by the Creek, monthly e-news and updates from Brisbane City Council's Creek Catchment Officers to the Brisbane Catchment Community.



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We'd love your feedback!

If you enjoy this newsletter, and find it useful, please tell us what you like most. Do you have ideas for improvements or inclusions?

We'd love to hear what you think - please reply to this email with any thoughts!

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Training Opportunities

The Creek Catchments Program provides training and education for members of Brisbane's Catchment Groups. We do this by:

Providing funding for members to attend relevant training programs.

&

Developing and implementing tailored, relevant training programs that are of interest to the catchment groups.

If you are interested in attending any of the programs listed here or you see a need for other training that would be useful to your Catchment Group, please contact your relevant Creek Catchment Officer or [reply to this email](#) with your request or idea.

We can work with a training provider to tailor relevant training to suit your needs.

If you are not a member of your local catchment group, [contact us](#) to find out how to join, or visit the Brisbane Catchments Network [contact page](#) to find the link to your local catchment group

Promoting training opportunities to your broader membership is a great way to

recruit new, active volunteers! Email these opportunities to your wider membership, or post them on your group's Facebook page and/or your website.

[Contact Us](#)

Fish Survey Training

Sunday 23 September

This workshop is part of the Waterway Health Assessment Training (WHAT) provided by Council's Creek Catchment Program. Native fish expert Leo Lee will guide participants through the requirements and methodology to undertake an Fish surveys in your local creek. Training will include capture techniques, identification of fish species, and how the results relate to waterway health. This is a fantastic workshop for those interested in monitoring creek health, and providing and protecting aquatic habitat.

When: Sunday 23 September

Time: 8:45am for a 9:00am start to 2:00pm (morning tea & lunch provided)

Where: Corra-Mulling Park, Yoorala Street, Ashgrove

RSVP & Questions: By Friday 14 September to Anna Bourke (07) 3407 0925, or via [email](#).

First Aid Training

This financial year, the Creek Catchment Program will fund two members per catchment group to attend a 2 day Red Cross first aid training course. The course is HLTAID003 – Provide First Aid. Full details are provided [here](#).

If your catchment group is interested, select 2 candidates. Please consider your candidate's ability / willingness to act as first aid officers at catchment group events. Candidates then select a course date [here](#) and [email](#) us to let us know their name, contact details and preferred date.

The training center is in Milton.

Website Management Training

The Creek Catchment Program will manage the costs of website administration training for catchment groups in the coming months. If you have members interested in refining their skills or are recruiting a new website administrator, please register your interest with us by

[email](#) or talk to your Creek Catchment Officer (if you haven't already!).

Our Community Training

In addition to hosting regular training events across most capital cities, [OurCommunity.org](#) also offers tailored training programs that can be designed and delivered to meet your needs in any area of our eight areas of community practice:

- Grants & Fundraising
- Boards, Governance & Leadership
- Finance, Insurance & Risk Management
- People Management
- Strategic Planning, Review & Revitalisation
- Communication and Promotion via the Web
- Community Engagement & Advocacy
- Marketing & Media

If there is something you are keen to train in and there are no sessions available, let the Creek Catchment Program know through the [Creek Catchment Officers email](#) and we may be able to help you out!

Grants & Funding Opportunities

The Creek Catchment Program provides a range of support functions for Brisbane's Catchment Groups in applying for grants by supporting the development of grant proposals, facilitating land manager approvals and providing justification and other support.

If your group is interested in applying for a grant or funding support [contact us](#) to find out how to join, or visit the Brisbane Catchments Network [contact page](#) to find the link to your local catchment group

Obtaining grants are a great way to improve catchment group outcomes!

Queensland Government Gambling Community Benefit Fund

Not-for-profit groups operating in Queensland can apply for grants from \$500 to \$35,000 through the [Gambling Community Benefit Fund](#) (GCBF). This fund is Queensland's largest

one-off grants program, distributing approximately \$54 million per year.

The fund allocates grants to not-for-profit community groups, to enhance their capacity to provide services, leisure activities and opportunities for Queensland communities.

Final round for 2018 closes Friday 30 November

The Aurizon Community Giving Fund

Eligible charities and community groups in the areas of health and wellbeing, community safety, environment or education can apply for cash grants up to \$20,000 from the Aurizon Community Giving Fund.

Next round opens September 2018

The Norman Wettenhall Foundation

Small Environment Grants Scheme

The Small Environment Grants Scheme is to provide support for people undertaking projects that will make a difference to the natural living environment, in land, sea or air, rural or urban.

Next round opens Tuesday 18 September

CS Energy Community Investment Program - Now Open

The first round of the CS Energy Community Investment Program provides financial or in-kind support to projects, events or activities that benefit the local communities in which they operate. Areas of focus are: Safety & Environment; Social & Community Development; Education; Culture & Art; Active & Healthy Communities.

Closes Friday 28 September

Volunteer Grants 2018 - Now Open

The Australian Government is inviting applications via an open process to apply for funding to support volunteers under the Volunteer Grants Activity.

Volunteer Grants aim to support the efforts of Australia's volunteers. The grants provide small amounts of money that organisations and community groups can use to help their

volunteers. The grants form part of the Government's work to support the volunteers who help disadvantaged Australian communities and encourage inclusion of vulnerable people in community life.

Closes Tuesday 18 September

State Government Multicultural Events Funding - Now Open

Funding is available for Community groups, non-government organisations, and local government councils that involve or support migrants and refugees from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds. The objectives for Multicultural Events are:

- enhance appreciation and recognition of diverse cultures in Queensland
- promote community awareness about the benefits of multiculturalism
- foster positive interaction and cohesion across diverse cultural groups and the wider community facilitate increased understanding and intercultural connection between diverse cultural groups.

Closes Friday 14 September

Brisbane City Council Community Grants

Brisbane City Council's community grants programs provide funding to help local non-profit community groups to develop and improve facilities and services in Brisbane. Grants are also given to individuals who require financial assistance to promote creativity and the arts, encourage historical, cultural and physical events and activities and help others in their community.

Access and Inclusion Community Partnership Program - Closes Monday 17 September

Building Stronger Communities Grants - Closes Monday 24 September

Roddenberry Foundation - The Catalyst Fund

The Catalyst Fund makes grants between \$2,500- \$15,000. The Fund accepts applications on a continuous basis with no deadlines. There is no limit to the number of projects we'll support in any given year. From time to time we will post a request for proposals for a specific problem we find particularly compelling or underfunded.

Find out more [here!](#)

Upcoming Events

There is always a reason to celebrate our community and environmental care. The Creek Catchment Program promotes a range of community based environmental events, [contact us](#) to find out more about these events and how you can get involved.

Email these opportunities to your wider membership, or post them on your group's facebook page and/or website.

September

- [National Biodiversity Month](#)
- [National Wattle Day](#) - 1st
- [Sea Week](#) - 1st to 9th
- [National Landcare Week](#) - 3rd to 9th
- [National Threatened Species Day](#) - 7th
- [National Bilby Day](#) - 10th
- [Sustainable House Day](#) - 16th
- [International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer](#) - 16th
- [Bushcare's Big Day Out \(previously Bushcare's Major Day Out\) – BBDO](#) - 16th
- [World Car-Free Day](#) - 22nd
- [World Maritime Day](#) - 29th

Save the date: CCPP events

- *Brisbane Biodiversity Seminar, Threatened Species of Brisbane* - Thursday 6 September from 6pm at Mt Coot-tha Botanic Gardens
- *Sharing land with wildlife, Land for Wildlife 20th anniversary art show* - Saturday 8 September to Sunday 16 September, 10am to 3pm (all week long) at The Old Friary, 139 Brookfield Rd, Kenmore Hills

October

- [World Habitat Day](#) - 2nd

- [World Space Week](#) - 4th to 10th
- [All Energy 2018 conference](#) - 3rd to 4th
- [National Walk to Work Day](#) - 5th
- [National Ride 2 Work Day](#) - 17th
- [International Day for Disaster Reduction](#) - 13th
- [World Food Day](#) - 16th
- [International Day for the Eradication of Poverty](#) - 17th
- [Bird Week](#) - 22nd to 28th
- [Aussie Backyard Bird Count](#) - 22nd to 28th
- [National Water Week](#) - 21st to 27th
- [United Nations Day](#) - 24th
- [World Day for Audiovisual Heritage](#) - 27th

Landcare Conference 10-12 October - *FREE Tickets*

Landcare - Building a Better Tomorrow

The Creek Catchment Program has purchased 10 tickets for catchment group members (one per group to be shared amongst interested members) to attend the 2018 National Landcare Conference.

The conference offers three days of knowledge sharing, insightful discussion, as well as informative presentations by pioneers, leaders of NRM bodies, scientists, academics, government, and environmental, climate and biodiversity experts.

The four streams that will be covered include;

- Sustainable Agriculture – Innovation and Conservation in a Changing Landscape
- Community in Action – Grassroots with a Purpose
- Partnerships – Collaboration for Successful Outcomes
- Environment – Improving and Protecting our Natural Assets

Checkout the [conference program](#) to see what sessions interest you! Please contact your Creek Catchment Officer for further information.

November

- [World Tsunami Awareness Day](#) - 5th
- [National Recycling Week](#) - 12th to 18th
- [Pollinator Week](#) - 11th to 18th
- [International GIS Day](#) - 14th
- [World Fisheries Day](#) - 21st

Information, News and Resources

The Creek Catchment Program plays an important role in keeping catchment group members informed.

Email these opportunities to your wider membership, or post them on your group's facebook page and/or website.

Citizen Scientists wanted

Working with Communities to Improve Urban Microclimate

RMIT University in collaboration with University of New South Wales, is seeking the help of citizen scientists to undertake research to better understand the local climate in 22 Councils across Australia. Citizens will measure urban heat island, overheating, and local climate change in selected Australian Councils, discovering how to mitigate and adapt to extreme heat.

Citizens will directly measure the air temperature, relative humidity and surface temperatures in selected precincts, supported by the researchers, achieving a better understanding of the influence of the different features of the urban fabric on its local climate. Project results may assist policy makers in predicting future health and energy needs and planning the urban built environment and open space. Importantly, through data collection and participation, citizens will be empowered to respond to extreme heat through an understanding of influential factors.

Full training will be provided, with a training workshop held sometime from November 2018 to April 2019.

If your catchment group would like to participate and can provide a small team of interested volunteers please contact your creek catchment officer.

More Citizen Science...

Be part of The Wild Macadamia Hunt!

While plantation macadamia trees are abundant in Australia, their once-plentiful wild relatives are under threat, with estimates suggesting 80 per cent of all wild macadamia habitat has been lost since European settlement.

In response, Healthy Land and Water has launched 'The Wild Macadamia Hunt' which will run from August 2018 to January 2019 with the support of Brisbane City Council.

The project is calling on Brisbane residents to find and register wild macadamia trees so they can be genetically analysed to help determine the best way to conserve the species for the future.

There are potentially thousands of wild macadamia trees hidden away on private properties or in bushland, so we need your help – and that of your neighbours and friends – to find them! If you know of an old macadamia tree or two (or several!), that could be more than 100 years old, we would love to hear from you!

Join the hunt! Find a wild macadamia tree and tell us about it.

Help us spread the words by sharing on social media [here](#)!

Citizen Science again...

Australian Brush Turkey Survey

Birds Queensland is undertaking a Citizen Science survey project to:

- Collect information on the numbers of Australian Brush turkey observed in south-east Queensland; and
- To discover how widespread the birds are.

This survey will follow on from two earlier surveys, one in 1980-81 and the second in 2002-3. The results of this survey will be compared with the results of the two earlier surveys to determine if the population has increased/decreased and whether the distribution has

expanded/contracted.

Please complete the [online form](#) to report sightings.

NEW - Launch of the new Water Quality Australia website

A joint initiative between the Commonwealth, state, territory and New Zealand governments will help better manage and protect water resources.

Head of Water at the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources, Paul Morris, said a new website had been created to publish an extensively revised, nationally-supported strategy and guidelines for improving water quality in Australian waterways.

“This new website will provide water managers with the tools and advice they need to assess, manage and monitor water quality at a local level,” Mr Morris said.

“Protecting water quality is integral to securing the health of our aquatic ecosystems, meeting the needs of people, agriculture and industry, and protecting the cultural, spiritual and natural values that we hold dear.

“The water quality website will support state and territory governments to apply the Australian and New Zealand guidelines according to local regulations and conditions.”

The website contains the National Water Quality Management Strategy and the Australian and New Zealand Guidelines for Fresh and Marine Water Quality.

The guidelines have been updated over several years using the best available science and new techniques to make them more relevant and current.

The guidelines have been used by all Australian and New Zealand governments since 1992.

The new website is available at waterquality.gov.au.

Brisbane Nature Writers Facebook Group

Do you like to write? Do you like nature? Would you like to connect with other like minded people and share your nature writing?

Come join this recently created [group](#) to read and share pieces of nature writing. This online community will be a place to respectfully come together and share your own writing

as well as thoughts and opinions on published works. It is hoped that meet ups will be organised as the group grows to provide a variety of social opportunities beyond the screen!

Volunteering QLD Skilled IT Student Project Teams

Does your organisation have an IT related project that you need students or skilled volunteers for?

Industry Placements Australia may be able to put you in touch with students with a range of IT skills who can help your IT related project –hardware, software, websites, apps, policy development, etc.

Depending on the size and complexity of the project, it may be possible to have a group of students, or new student being allocated to continue after another student has finished their placement.

For further information please [email us](#) for a Client Briefing Pack.

Is your group looking for board or committee members?

Ourcommunity.com.au has introduced a new online enterprise, the [Institute of Community Directors Australia](#).

Among a range of tools and resources to help community boards/committees run efficiently and effectively, they have a very simple section for groups to advertise board positions.

[Check out this section](#) and consider using it to advertise any vacancies you have on your board/committee. It's simple and free!

[Advertise a Board Vacancy](#)

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