SOWN
Save Our Waterways Now Inc.

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INTERPRETING THE SEQ REGIONAL PLAN

Mercy Conference Centre
371 Simpson's Road,
Bardon

Sunday 20 Nov 2016
9am - 3.30pm

The objectives of SOWN include:

- Rehabilitation of waterways to restore the ecological balance and fauna habitat.
- Increased community awareness and understanding of creek life and its management.
- To promote expanded community access to, and amenities for, waterways in the region.
- To help protect sensitive areas from damage and misuse.

The Draft SEQ Plan on Biodiversity.

The Draft SEQ Regional Plan currently out for community consultation envisages that over the next 25 years "the following goals will have been achieved:

Regional biodiversity values have been mapped in SEQ and identify:

- large tracts of vegetation
- aquatic connectivity
- areas of species richness and diversity
- areas of ecosystem representation and uniqueness
- climate adaptation zones and refugia.

These values are critical at a regional scale to enable the protection of interacting ecosystem functions and their associated species and diversity. These values are to be investigated and refined by local government for protection as matters of local environment significance (MLES). This is in addition to protecting those areas identified as having MSES (Matters of State Environmental significance). These areas are important as they contribute to an ecologically sound and resilient regional network of habitats and corridors." (P73 Draft SEQ Regional Plan)

SOWN has organised a community information and networking event which meets our objectives. We are hoping that this will give the local community information to help them understand issues outlined in the SEQ Regional Plan and to assist them to develop a submission if they wish to do so.

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The program is as follows:

9.00 Tea/Coffee		
9.30-10.00am	Welcome to Country Don Butler Qld Herbarium	Current status of biodiversity mapping in SE-Queensland
10.30-11.00	Paul Mc Donald SEQ Catchments	What is aquatic connectivity and why is it important to SEQ
11.00-11.30 Morning Tea		
11.30 to 12.00	John Abbott SOWN Committee Member	Comparing Regional Plans – past and present
12.00 – 12.30	Ted Fensom QCC Representative Environment & Community Consultative Committee SEQ Regional Plan	Report on Regional planning issues
12.30-1.30 Lunch	End Formal Presentations Lunch & Networking	
1.30 -2.30	Informal Presentations Various Community Groups	What Can We Do? Helpful information
2.30pm-3.00pm Afternoon Tea		

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