

Community Conservation Partnership Programs
Creek Catchments Program



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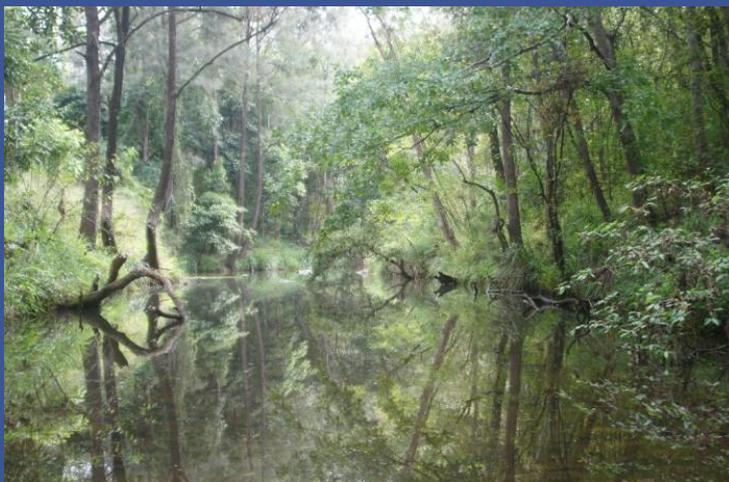


This Week by the Creek

February 2021

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.

Soon we will be transitioning these updates from This Week by the Creek to a closed portal for volunteers via Council's Your.Say Brisbane - a repository for engagement activities and information all on the one platform. Registration and further details will be provided in the coming months.



In this edition:

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- News & more!

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.

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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.

Healthy Land and Water Mapping Tool:

By now, your Creek Catchment Officer would have explained the importance of this method of collecting and collating information about sites within your catchments that you would like to see projects occur on over the next 5 years. The login for the mapping tool is <https://arcg.is/08PKbP>

The process of adding sites to the mapping tool is not complicated, however, if you are having any difficulty using the mapping tool, we are hosting two training sessions to assist you with getting those sites of interest added!

Where: Kenmore Library

When: Tuesday 23rd February &
Wednesday 17th March

Time: 6:15 – 8:45pm

What to bring: your own laptop and mouse and
any refreshments you like

RSVP: 22/02/2021

to brendan.mcintyre@brisbane.qld.gov.au

Remember, we need your sites, no matter how big or small, added to the mapping tool by the end of March 2021 for sites to be considered for future projects!

Upcoming Events

Brisbane Biodiversity Seminar series – Aquatic Anomalies

As the most biodiverse capital city in Australia, Brisbane is home to some extraordinary rule breakers. Come and hear about current research and rehabilitation efforts for two of our most baffling aquatic creatures – a fish that has lungs and a mammal that lays eggs!

Event details

Date: Tuesday 9 March 2021 - 6.30pm - 8.30pm

Location: Kenmore Library Meeting Rooms

Due to social distancing requirements, numbers are limited to 40 attendees, therefore this Seminar will also be Live Streamed online via "Teams".

Schedule of events

6:15pm Doors open. Free Tea and Coffee will be available throughout the evening.

6:30pm Welcome

6:45pm – 7:30pm Tamielle Blunt (UQ PhD candidate & WPSQ Project Officer)

Platypus an Elusive Enigma - Tamielle will speak about all things platypus from history, biology, ecology, conservation, latest DNA sampling technologies and her PhD research.

Tamielle hopes through research and community education, protection for this iconic species will become a priority because they are a species that may disappear right under our noses.

7:45pm – 8:30pm Mark Waud (Senior Scientist, Healthy Land and Water)

Lungfish Rehabilitation Project – Mark is heading up an exciting project which is giving the Australian Lungfish a helping hand by restoring their critical breeding habitats in the Brisbane River, significantly damaged by recent floods. He will take you through the surprising twists and turns in a project which is focussed on re-establishing the submerged aquatic plants that are vital for lungfish breeding.

RSVP: Bookings are essential. Book your spot through [Eventbrite](#) by noon Tuesday 9 March. If you register for the Live Stream, you will be sent the link and instructions on how to join the online event once you've registered.

For any enquiries, please call Tony Mlynarik on 0414 784 222

WHAT to expect in 2021

It is safe to say that the events of 2020 disrupted business as usual for most of the world. As we take our first tentative steps into 2021 the Creek Catchment Program as part of the wider Community Conservation Partnership Programs is planning training and events in line with our a pre-2020 expectations, and the new norm of having multiple contingency plans and fulfilling CovidSafe guidelines.

There will hopefully be a return to face to face delivery of our **Waterway Health Assessment Training (WHAT)** program, with the addition of online content and resources available through the *Your.Say Brisbane* platform (see details below on how to get access). The WHAT program dates are still to be determined, but essentially the program will look like this:

- **Open Days** - A fun day for families and citizen scientists to learn about catchment group water quality monitoring programs. Previously trained volunteers can refresh their skills and get some practice in the creek, and catchment groups are encouraged to attend and promote their individual water quality monitoring programs. The first event will be held at Yagarapul Park, Sunnybank early in 2021.
- **Biological Monitoring: Fish & Aquatic Macroinvertebrates** - A full day event that covers the sampling methods and identification of fish and aquatic macroinvertebrates.
- **Horiba calibration & use; data storage and interpretation** - A full day event that teaches a crucial step to phys/chem sampling - keeping equipment in good working order! As well as introducing data storage and interpretation.

Other training events to be run this year include the following which were postponed in 2020:

- **Fluvial Geomorphology** - May 2021 more details soon
- **Professional Writing for Not-for-Profits** - Date TBD

Let us know if your group has any other training wants and needs in 2021!

Grants at a Glance

Each of these grants has been vetted to ensure they are available to Creek Catchment groups and their goals.

For more details on opportunities to increase your groups financial sustainability read the monthly **Fill Your Bucket** enews!

[Foundation for National Parks & Wildlife Community Conservation Grants](#) - Closes 26 February 2021

[Gambling Community Benefit Fund](#) - Closes 28 February 2021

[Stronger Communities Program](#) - Round 6 closes 22 March 2021

[NAB Foundation Community Grants](#) - Closes 31 March 2021

[Lord Mayor's Community Fund](#) - Closes 11 June 2021 (or once funds are fully assigned)

[Sheargold Foundation Grants](#) - Ongoing

[Australian Communities Foundation](#) - Ongoing rounds

[The Norman Wettenhall Foundation Small Environment Grants](#) - Ongoing

[New Hope Group Community Sponsorship Program](#) - Ongoing rounds

[Google Ad Grants](#) - Ongoing rounds

[Lord Mayor's Direct Covid Assistance Program](#) - Closes when funding is expended

[IGA Community Chest](#) - Ongoing rounds

[Roddenberry Foundation Catalyst Fund](#) - Ongoing rounds

[Charity TV Global Grants](#) - Ongoing rounds

Offerings from [Our Community](#):

Online training

[Step In, Step Up](#) - Everything a New Community Board Member Needs to Know.

[WTF – Where’s the Funding?](#) - Fundraising is the lifeblood of most community organisations, yet it’s an often-neglected task.

[Win More Grants](#) - Around \$80 billion is given out in grants across Australia each year. Is your organisation getting its share?

Webinars

There are currently no upcoming webinars. The 2021 program will be listed here as it becomes available. In the meantime, check out [past webinars](#) [here](#).

However, check out Our Community's [Marketing & Communications Centre](#) for extensive resources covering a wide range of marketing and communication tools. From the [essentials](#), to [media contacts](#) and [image generators](#) and [going digital](#), there is so much for both the novice and experienced marketing coordinator to gain from these resources.

Information, News and Resources

Community Conservation Partnership Programs coming to...*Your.Say Brisbane*

The Community Conservation Partnership Programs - Creek Catchments, Habitat Brisbane, and Wildlife Conservation Partnerships - are coming to the informative and interactive *Your.Say Brisbane* platform.

These pages will hold numerous resources - factsheets, templates, news - as well as provide tools for you to tell us your ideas, share stories and wisdom, and much more.

In order to be ready for these pages going live in early 2021 we would like to invite you to [register with *Your.Say Brisbane*](#) (if you haven't already). Once you are registered please [email us](#) and let us know which programs you are a part of:

- Creek Catchment, and/or
- Habitat Brisbane, and/or
- Wildlife Conservation Partnerships.



Habitat Restoration Action Plans

The Creek Catchments Program is in initial stages of developing Habitat Restoration Action Plans for the creek catchments of Brisbane. We will be using information from many sources, including the Healthy Land and Water mapping tool to note where there are community concerns. Your Creek Catchment Officer will be discussing the details with you further over the coming months!



Weeds to watch for now

Tecoma stans is a wide spread bushland weed that is very conspicuous at this time of year when in flower. As a species it is very easily dispersed via windborne seeds that can easily spread into bushland areas where it's fast growth pattern and fire tolerance make it a persistent threat native woodlands. Many weeds lay hidden until they burst into their flowering glory! This month keep an eye out for

The Weed Spotters Network also provides excellent month to month updates on what to look out for.

(Picture source: Brisbane City Council Weed Id Tool, 2020)



Environmental Dates

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 socials and/or website.

February 2021

- [World Wetlands Day](#) - 2nd
- [Anniversary of the Apology \(2008\)](#) - 13th



March 2021

- [Business Clean Up Day](#) - 2nd
- [World Wildlife Day](#) - 3rd
- [Schools Clean Up Day](#) - 5th
- [Clean Up Australia Day](#) - 7th
- [World Wildlife Day](#) - 3rd
- [Earth Hour](#) - 27th

April 2021

- [Wild Pollinator Count](#) - 11th to 18th
- [Earth Day](#) - 22nd

We'd love your feedback!

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