



This Week by the Creek

June 2019

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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grants now

open

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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.

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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.

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

NEW - WHAT Phys/Chem monitoring of waterways

(Calibration and Use of a Horiba)

Sunday 7 July

Come join a member of Queensland Urban Utilities SAS Laboratory team to learn about calibrating and using a multi-probe water quality monitor. Focusing mostly on the use of a Horiba, which measures the physical and chemical properties of waterways - pH, temperature, dissolved oxygen, salinity/electrical conductivity, and turbidity - the session will cover the why, what and how of recording these parameters.

When: Sunday 7 July, 9am – 1:30pm (morning tea & lunch provided)

Where: Downfall Creek Bushland Centre, 815 Rode Road, McDowall

RSVP: By Monday 1 July CCOfficers@brisbane.qld.gov.au

This training is for catchment group members only and numbers are limited to 15 people. The event is fully catered for morning tea and lunch!

NEW - WHAT Data Storage & Interpretation

Sunday 28 July

Come join a member of the Queensland Urban Utilities SAS Laboratory team and Creek Catchment Officer, Anna Bourke to explore the options for storing your water quality data and how to interpret and make sense of what you have collected. This session will get you thinking about your water quality monitoring program and drill down to really clarify the purpose of your program.

When: Sunday 28 July, 9am – 1pm (morning tea & lunch provided)

Where: Downfall Creek Bushland Centre, 815 Rode Road, McDowall

RSVP: By Friday 19 July CCOfficers@brisbane.qld.gov.au

Free Grant-Seeking Tutorial

Friday 30 August

If you're looking to secure a grant for your cause or get a behind-the-scenes look at what donors in your area are doing, this free one hour tutorial is for you!

The tute allows you to view the [QUT Community Collection for grant-seekers, fundraisers and philanthropists](#) and shows you how to use the world's leading grant-seeking database, the Foundation Directory Online. QUT is the only institution in the Southern Hemisphere which hosts this unique collection.

Free refreshments will be provided.

When: These tutorials are held quarterly and the next date is 30 August, 2019.

RSVP: Email acpns@qut.edu.au today to secure a place.

Funding Opportunities & Grants Now Open

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!

NEW - Patagonia Environmental Grants & Support

Patagonia supports local groups working to protect local habitat, and think the individual battles to protect a specific stand of forest, stretch of river or indigenous wild species are the most effective in raising more complicated issues - particularly those of biodiversity and ecosystem protection - in the public mind.

For more information visit - <https://www.patagonia.com.au/pages/grant-guidelines>.

Applications open 1 July 2019.

Close 31 August 2019.

Australia Geographic Project Sponsorship

Round 2 Open

Each calendar year the Australian Geographic Society donates generously to maintain its programme of sponsorship of Australian adventurers, scientific and environmental research, and community projects. Over the years it has spent much time and effort supporting Australian endeavour in all these fields.

Australian scientists, community organisations and individuals developing projects in Australia and abroad are welcome to apply for Society sponsorship.

There are two types of sponsorship available through the Australian Geographic Society:

Project Sponsorship (up to \$10,000 in four categories, science, environment, adventure, community)

In 2019, the Society will hold two Project Sponsorship rounds, with the same overall amount of funding available as in 2017.

Round 2, 2019

Closing date: 30 November 2019

Macpac Fund for Good

Macpac are passionate about protecting the environment and its wildlife, having a lasting positive impact on people's lives through the outdoors, and supporting the communities connected with us. The Macpac Fund for Good is our way of giving back, and helping those committed to creating long-term change for the good of our people and planet.

We don't give large grants to just a few causes, we want to be able to make even a small difference to as many organisations as we reasonably can. So instead we award modest contributions of between \$2,000-10,000 to those organisations who align with our ideals.

The groups we support fall into one of three areas:

- Adventure-Based Social Development
- Environmental Projects
- Ethical Manufacturing

Fill out [this application form](#) and email your proposal to Fund.forgood@macpac.co.nz.

Current round closes 31 July 2019.

Next round closes 31 October 2019.

Brisbane City Council Community & History Grants

Brisbane City Council offers a range of creative and history grants, awards and fellowships for artists, arts workers, creatives, historians, and local organisations.

[Building Stronger Communities Grants](#) - Opens Monday 15 July

[Community Development & Capacity Building Grants](#) - Opens Monday 15 July

[Access & Inclusion Community Partnership Program](#) - Opens Monday 15 July

[Brisbane History Grants](#) - Opens Monday 15 July

Growing Good Gardens Grant

Together with Yates® Gardening, Life Education is encouraging young people to get out into the garden to grow and learn healthy habits. **There are ten \$1,000 grants to be won.**

Learn more and apply [here!](#)

Closes Monday 17 June

Wettenhall Environment Trust

Small Environmental Grant Scheme

Providing support for people undertaking projects that will make a positive difference to the natural living environment, in land, sea or air, rural or urban. The Wettenhall Environment Trust [Small Environmental Grants](#) support grassroots organisations and individuals, and academics who are working with on-ground groups.

We are looking for projects around:

- flora and fauna conservation (Australia-wide)
- threatened mammal conservation (Australia-wide)

These projects should involve any of the following:

- monitoring, recording and sharing data

- delivering community education
- providing community capacity building (e.g. training)
- research and science

Projects must be directly making positive changes to biodiversity conservation in Australia.

Next round opens Monday 1 July.

Queensland Rail Community Partnering Program

For over 150 years, Queensland Rail has played a pivotal role in the development of Queensland communities.

The Queensland Rail Community Partnering Program supports local initiatives (under \$5,000) that can enhance Queenslanders' way of life.

[Apply now!](#)

Simply read the Community Partnering Program guidelines and complete the application form located on the page.

Please note Queensland Rail prefer as much time as possible to plan for their sponsorship activities and so all applications for sponsorship must be submitted at least eight weeks prior to an event occurring.

Transurban Community Grants

Transurban have two grant rounds per year and offer grants of up to \$5,000 for projects bringing social and environmental benefits to communities in Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane near Transurban's roads.

Grants are open to a wide range of organisations and initiatives and we encourage inclusion, diversity of thought and innovation.

The next grant round will open **Monday 1 July, 2019**.

Click [here](#) for more information!

Peet Group's National Community Grants

The Peet Group's community partnerships program provides grants that build capacity in the communities and in the regions in which our residents and their families become involved.

Hundreds of organisations, groups, not-for-profit industries and individuals across the country have received funding through the Peet's community grants program.

Peet Group supports activities and initiatives that build connections within our communities, focused on sports, health, education, arts and culture, and environmental activities that benefit their neighbourhoods.

If you have an established initiative or a new activity or group that you'd like to get off the ground, Peet Group would love to hear from you.

They receive many requests for sponsorship throughout the year, and each request is carefully assessed and judged on its own merits. Please review our [sponsorship guidelines and application form](#) in preparation for completing an application.

Questions? Call our Community Information Line on 1800 819 912 or email community@peet.com.au

Auswide Bank Community Support

Auswide Bank and their people are part of your community!

As caring corporate citizens, they sponsor and support a number of local activities, organisations, events and projects covering a wide range of sporting, cultural and community interests and endeavours.

They ask that any organisation seeking financial or in-kind support please consider the following [options](#).

- Corporate Sponsorships
- Community Grants Scheme
- In kind support
- Not-for-profit loan referral program

Each request for support is assessed individually and is based on our budget, the merit of the application and whether the application has met Our Community Support Strategy.

Upcoming Events & Networking

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.

June 2019

- First day of Winter - 1st
- World Environment Day - 5th
- World Oceans Day - 8th
- Global Wind Day - 15th
- World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought - 17th
- Red Nose Day - 29th

Saturday 29 June

Moore Park Bush Care Group presents: Stepping Stones

Saturday

Supported by Cubberla-Witton Catchment Network, come join the Moore Park Bush Care Group as they launch their guided walks program. The event will include walks and talks, plantings, a small mammals show and refreshments

Date: Saturday 29 June

Time: 12pm - 4pm

Where: Moore Park, Indooroopilly (off Russell Terrace behind the State School)

Registration on the day. Remember to wear covered shoes, sun protection and bring drinking water.

July 2019

- NAIDOC Week - 8th to 15th
- World Population Day - 11th
- Schools Tree Day - 27th
- National Tree Day - 29th

Brisbane Biodiversity Seminars – Wildlife Movement Solutions

Brisbane City Council is committed to keeping Brisbane clean and green by ensuring that our city's plant health and diversity is protected and growing.

Join special guest speaker, Professor Darryl Jones, as he explores signs of hope for South East Queensland's declining koala population. Stefan Hattingh, Ecologist and B4C operations manager, will discuss local efforts to create wildlife habitat. But can they be successful without connecting corridors?

Event schedule:

- 6.30pm: Registrations and tea /coffee
- 7:00-7.45pm: Professor Darryl Jones - Koalas and roads - signs of hope?
- 7.45-8.30pm: Stefan Hattingh - Without corridors?
- 9.00pm: Event end.

Date: Thursday 11 July 2019

Time: 6.30-9pm

Where: Belmont Services Bowls Club, 20 Narracott Street, Carina

RSVP: Bookings are essential. Book your spot through Eventbrite by Sunday 7 July 2019.

For more information, you can:

- email the Community Conservation Partnership Program team or,
- phone Michael Thorley, creek catchment officer, on 0400 711 321.

Final Session - Cubberla-Witton Catchment Network

2018 - 2019 Flora, Fauna & Fungi Workshops

- [Creating Habitat, Small Birds & Frogs](#) - Saturday 20 July

Check out the [flyer](#) for more details!

August 2019

- [Jeans for Genes Day](#) - 3rd
- [International Day for World Indigenous Peoples](#) - 9th
- [National Science Week](#) - 11th to 19th
- [International Youth Day](#) - 12th
- [World Humanitarian Day](#) - 19th
- [Keep Australia Beautiful Week](#) - TBC

Industry News, Information & Resources

2019 State & Territory Landcare Awards - Nominations Now

Open!

Landcare Australia is inviting nominations for the 2019 State & Territory Landcare Awards that recognise individuals and groups across the country for their outstanding contribution to preserving the unique Australian landscape.

In 2019, Landcare celebrates its 30-year national anniversary. And over the last three decades, Landcare has played a leading role in changing Australia's approach to sustainable agricultural practices, environmental protection, conservation of land and waterways, coastlines and biodiversity.

The Landcare Awards are an opportunity to recognise and celebrate Landcare champions from rural and urban communities motivated by a shared vision to restore and protect the environment in their local community.

Nominate now!

Bee in the Junior Landcare Challenge

Junior Landcare has a challenge for kids across Australia to build 1,000 bee hotels in schools, homes and with community groups.

With the support of teachers, parents and landcare groups, children will learn why bees are important to their local environment.

Get ready to bee involved, the campaign will launch during Landcare Week on **Monday 2 September**.

Register your interest!

Weed Society of Queensland Student Travel Award

The WSQ student travel award to attend the 18th Australasian Vertebrate Pest Conference in Melbourne from the 4-7 May 2020 is now open.

A maximum of \$2,000 can be awarded to assist one or more students attend. Open to both undergraduate and post-graduate students, you must be enrolled at an appropriate tertiary institution at the time of making a submission and do not need to be members of WSQ.

Selection

Students should send their submission to secretary.wsq@gmail.com via their Head of Department or immediate supervisor. Submissions must reach WSQ by 4 October 2019. Submissions should include details on the proportion of pest animals-related study in their course; any research or practical pest animal science activities; and involvement with pest animal science or management outside their institution. The submission should state reasons for attending the conference, and outline the personal benefits expected to accrue from such attendance.

Submissions should be brief but address the selection criteria outlined below.

A panel of three suitably qualified WSQ members will judge submissions on:

- Involvement in pest animal science study (taking into account level of course)
- Involvement in practical pest animal science/management issues.

- Involvement in pest animal science/management activities external to institutional commitments.
- Relevance of Conference to student.
- Commitment of student to weed or pest animal science/management.
- Presentation standard of submission.

Expressions of Interest for Waterbug Training Sessions due now

This Spring, citizen scientists like yourself are invited to participate in the National Waterbug Blitz. This exciting new nation-wide survey uses freshwater macroinvertebrates as indicators of water quality to map out the health of our creeks, rivers and wetlands across Australia. Each type of waterbug has a certain sensitivity to pollution or water quality changes. So, the type and number of bugs found can tell us how healthy the waterway is.

There are three ways you can get involved -

1. Waterbug surveys can be conducted by yourself, if you have had training or are confident to do your own survey using the [Waterbug App](#) to upload the data for mapping by the National Waterbug Blitz
2. If you are interested in participating in a training session, [contact us](#) to see if there is one happening near you
3. If your organisation has funds to host a training session, our Freshwater Ecologist will attend to provide all the training required for your group and participants will receive a Certificate of Accreditation.

Please read the Information Sheet on [training sessions](#) here before you apply for the [EOI](#). Closing date for EOIs is 12th July 2019.

For more information about the National Waterbug Blitz please visit our website here [Get Involved](#).

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](#)

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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