



## This Week by the Creek

February 2020

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### **Staff Movements**

In 2020 Anna Bourke will continue to work part-time 4 days per week, with a change in availability from February to Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Andrew Wills continues to back-fill Leah Hattendorf who has been on secondment to the Natural Environment Water and Sustainability (NEWS) branch for the past 18 months. Adam Richardt continues to back-fill Donna Edwards, and Michael Thorley is consistent as ever.

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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

**[NEW - Opportunities for the Community to Contribute to Planning & Development Workshop](#)**

### Wednesday 4 March 2020

Join us to learn about the Planning Scheme and how to influence the process. Seasoned natural resource manager Howard Briggs will take us through the whys and hows of the planning schemes that most directly affect us, the communities we live and our local environment. Howard's seminar will provide plenty of examples of best practice and ineffective planning, and describe the ways in which individuals and organised groups can (and should) take opportunities to contribute to planning decisions.

**When:** Wednesday 4 March 2020, 6pm with light supper served for a 6:30pm start

**Where:** Kenmore Library, Community Meeting Room 1  
Kenmore Village, 9 Brookfield Road, Kenmore

**RSVP:** To attend please follow this [link to Eventbrite](#) to book your ticket. Alternatively please email - [ccofficers@brisbane.qld.gov.au](mailto:ccofficers@brisbane.qld.gov.au) by Monday 2 March.

### **NEW - Professional Writing Workshop for Not-for-Profits**

#### Sunday 15 March 2020

Following on from our seminar on the opportunities for community to contribute to planning and development, join Margie Young, of *Common Ground Commercial Advisory Services*, to learn tips and tricks for writing effective and persuasive professional documents outside the realm of grant writing. Margie will guide participants through how to develop reasoned arguments that focus on facts for the biggest impact.

**When:** Sunday 15 March 2020, 8:45am for a 9am start (morning tea to be supplied)

**Where:** Kenmore Library, Brookfield Road, Kenmore

**RSVP:** To attend please email - [ccofficers@brisbane.qld.gov.au](mailto:ccofficers@brisbane.qld.gov.au) by Wednesday 11 March 2020.

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## 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!**

## **NEW - Budget Direct Sponsorships**

Striving to make a difference in your local community but need a financial leg-up?

Budget Direct are strong believers in supporting local communities.

Not only do they give in the places they work, they also want to help groups throughout Australia in their efforts to build happy and healthy neighbourhoods.

If your organisation is eligible, you can apply for a [Budget Direct sponsorship](#) of \$1,000, \$2,500, or \$5,000.

They're open to sponsoring registered organisations or associations that:

- provide local or Statewide community services
- run community awareness and education programs
- promote health and wellbeing (e.g. sports clubs)
- advocate for road safety
- provide emergency services
- support in need or at-risk Australians
- help build strong, vibrant communities.

**Applications close Saturday 29 February 2020.**

Next Round opens Sunday 1 March, closing Sunday 31 May 2020.

## **NEW - Queensland Citizen Science Grants**

To support increasing public participation in Queensland scientific research the Office of the Queensland Chief Scientist is offering competitive Queensland Citizen Science Grants. The grants are designed to support scientists, organisations and community groups to conduct citizen science projects that tackle important issues in Queensland.

Grants of up to \$30,000 each (excluding GST) are available in this funding round to applicants over a period of up to three years.

Applications close 1pm Monday 9 March 2020. [Apply now!](#)

## **NEW - Greater Charitable Foundation**

### **Family & Communities Funding**

Each calendar year the Foundation will provide approximately \$1 million to programs, based either in NSW or South-East Queensland, which are designed to improve the life outcomes of their beneficiaries.

The Foundation's two key priority areas for funding are Families and Communities, and projects which may focus on -

- Health and Well-being Initiatives
- Education, Employment and Training Initiatives

2020 round opens Friday 6 March 2020.

**Closes Friday 3 April 2020.**

[Click here](#) for further information and to apply.

## **NEW - Australian Communities Foundation**

### **Funding for Charitable Organisations**

As a public ancillary fund, Australian Communities Foundation represents around 310 subfunds, each with their own funding priorities and interests. Our donors are part of an engaged community of individuals, families, corporate giving groups, location-based giving circles and like-minded groups.

As part of our donor engagement, ACF hosts a [Funding Proposal Portal](#) that allows our Donor community to identify grant opportunities aligned with their interests.

You are welcome to submit a proposal to the Funding Proposal Portal in line with the parameters set out below. Please read this information in full before submitting a proposal or contacting the Grants Team.

[Click here](#) for a list of our most recent grant payments.

### **Eligibility Requirements**

- Your organisation must have both TCC (Tax Concession Charity) and DGR Item 1 (Deductible Gift Recipient) ATO endorsements. You can check if your organisation has the required endorsements by looking up your ABN on the Australian Business Register: <https://abr.business.gov.au/>
- The activities for which you are seeking funding, as outlined in your proposal, must be charitable and in line with your organisation's charitable purpose.

If you believe your group is eligible for this fund submit a funding request [here!](#)

## **NEW - 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](mailto:Fund.forgood@macpac.co.nz).

**Next round closes 30 April 2020.**

## **IGA Community Chest**

Every day across the country\* [IGA Community Chest](#) raises funds to support local communities, charities and other worthwhile causes. It could be in response to a major event like floods or bush fires or something as simple as new soccer balls for the local under 8's.

The money is raised in a number of ways but predominately through the purchase of

products with an IGA Community Chest logo on the label or ticket.

When you purchase a product with the IGA Community Chest logo printed on the label a percentage is credited to that store's IGA Community Chest account.

***When is the best time to approach IGA Community Chest?***

Any time is a good time. In most states IGA Community Chest beneficiary cheques are distributed throughout the year.

***How are IGA Community Chest beneficiaries chosen?***

We have a tiered system for choosing beneficiaries.

- For local activities the beneficiaries are chosen by the local stores
- Regional activities they are chosen by the region or group of stores
- State beneficiaries are chosen in consultation with the State Executive and Board.

Here is a couple of tips on becoming an IGA Community Chest beneficiary.

It is best to approach your local IGA store directly. Prepare a pitch and it may include:

An overview of your organisation and/or the individual that you'd like supported;

What support are you looking for – monies, donations of goods, providing team jumpers, holding regular fundraising at the store, group registrations at the store, etc;

How the donation will be used and your timing. Is there anything you can offer in return to IGA?

Don't forget to include your contact details.

## **Google Ad Grants**

Imagine what you could do with \$10,000 USD of in-kind advertising every month from Google Ads, an online advertising solution from Google. You could recruit more volunteers. Attract more donations. And share your story with audiences all over the globe. It's all possible with Google Ad Grants.

[Click here](#) to see if you're eligible!

## **Catalyst Fund**

The Catalyst Fund makes grants between \$2,500- \$15,000 to anyone, anywhere in the

world who has an idea or early-stage project that has a high potential for large-scale impact and sustainable change. They know that \$5k or \$10k won't necessarily be enough to launch a new product, build a great program, or even form a new organisation. But it is enough to kick-start early stage ideas, pilot projects, or prototypes and help those of you who have an innovative idea for real change to take the first step(s) in doing so.

The Fund accepts applications on a continuous basis with no deadlines.

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## 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.*

### **February 2020**

- World Wetlands Day - 2nd
- International Day of Women & Girls in Science - 11th to 12th
- Anniversary of the Apology (2008) - 13th
- Business Clean Up Day - 25th
- Youth and Schools Clean Up Day - 28th

### **March 2020**

- First day of Autumn - 1st
- Clean Up Australia Day - 1st
- World Wildlife Day - 3rd
- World Parks Week - 7th to 15th
- International Women's Day - 8th
- National Ground Water Awareness Week - 8th to 14th
- International Day of Forests - 21st

- [Harmony Day](#) - 21st
- [World Water Day](#) - 22nd
- [World Meteorological Day](#) - 23rd
- [Earth Hour](#) - 28th

### **April 2020**

- [World Heritage Day](#) - 18th
- [National Trust Heritage Festival](#) - 18th April to 19th May
- [Earth Day](#) - 22nd
- Anzac Day - 25th
- [National Sustainability Conference](#) - 27th to 28th

## **Information, News and Resources**

### **Weeds to watch for in**

#### **February**

With the arrival of wet weather many a weed is emerging! Check out this [link](#) to the Weed Spotters Network Queensland to see what beauties are springing up around South East Queensland.



### **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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