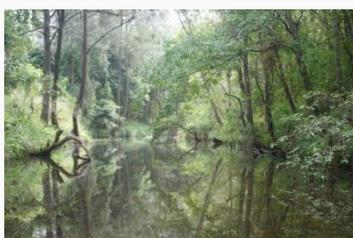




This Week by the Creek

January 2017



In this edition:

- Training opportunities
- Funding opportunities & grants now open
- Upcoming events & networking
- Industry news, information and resources

This Week by the Creek has a new look & is now mobile responsive!

We'd love your feedback!

If you enjoy this newsletter, or 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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If you use Gmail, you may find this email in your 'Updates' tab.

Staff Changes

As of February, 2017, Anna Bourke will be working 3 days each week - on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays! Adam Richardt will be working 2 days each week on Mondays and Tuesdays!

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

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](#)

WHAT Program Feedback

Macro Update.

If you have some feedback for us to help improve the WHAT for 2017 please [email us](#) to let us know your thoughts – what worked well, what didn't, any special requests? We expect we'll have a draft calendar for WHAT circulated by November 2016.

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Aquatic Macro-Invertebrate Survey Training

Sunday 26th March

This workshop is part of the Waterway Health Assessment Training (WHAT) provided by Council's Creek Catchment Program. Aquatic Ecologist _____ will guide participants through the requirements and methodology to undertake

an aquatic macro invertebrate survey in your local creek. Training will include capture techniques, identification of macro invertebrates, 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 26 March: 9am – 12noon (morning tea & lunch provided)

Where: TBC

RSVP & Questions: By Friday 10 March to Michael Thorley 34070049. Or RSVP via email below

[RSVP](#)

Interpretation Training

Sunday 5th February from 8.30am to 4.00pm

A day to enrich and enhance your skills in facilitating visitor experiences.

Learn and share the means by which Interpretation can help to:

- craft and deliver experiences based on key messages
- initiate and manage conversations as part of your commentary
- implement a range of engagement techniques
- design engaging experiences

The day will be based at Downfall Creek Bushland Centre where we'll be spending time out on the Senses Trail.

Morning tea, Lunch & Afternoon tea will be provided on the day.

[John Pastorelli](#) will be leading this Interpretation Training which is being offered free to interested volunteers.

Places are limited, so please RSVP to the Environment Center's Lorena.Spangen@brisbane.qld.gov.au to secure your place.

[RSVP](#)

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 HLTAID003A – 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 centre is in Fortitude Valley.

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

There are a number of great short courses are being hosted by Our Community in the next 2 weeks. For dates and information, read more below. For inquiries or bookings, please register your interest through the [Creek Catchment Officers email](#) as soon as possible!

How to Win Grants – Webinar

23 February 12:00pm-1:00pm

A Webinar for volunteers, staff and fundraisers on how to win grants for your community organisation.

This webinar provides an introduction to the answers to all your grantseeking questions. Learn the secrets for easily winning more grants for your community organisation, and find out how to drastically increase the number of grants you can apply for without pushing yourself (and your group) into an early grave. You will be taken through a grant process that will allow you to save time and be proactive with grant funding.

You will learn:

- The best ways to present your proposal - tell the story of your project and your group to the greatest advantage
- To plan for grants in a practical and easy followed process
- How to develop your statement of need - choosing data to support your project proposal
- How to use an "organisation template" - to save time in writing applications and create
- How to humanise your story - presenting a compelling picture
- How to navigate the grants landscape - sorting out which grants are best for your project
- Making friends and long-term relationships with grantmakers - managing relationships, acknowledging funders
- Meeting different requirements from different sources - different levels of government, philanthropic and corporate

[Read more here](#)

Crowdfunding - Webinar

23 March 12:00pm-1:00pm

Crowdfunding is a great way to get funding for a specific project. It takes energy and creativity, but it can bring in much-needed funding and attract a whole new audience of supporters.

You will learn:

- What is crowdfunding?
- How does it work?
- Most crowdfunding is “all or nothing”. What does this mean?
- What is a project deadline?
- What happens when the project reaches its deadline?
- What if the funding is successful?
- What if the funding is not successful?
- Can projects raise more money than their goal?
- What are the rewards?

[Read more here](#)

Being an Effective Chair - Webinar

25 May 12:00pm-1:00pm

Being a good Chair doesn't mean taking over meetings. It means facilitating discussion.

Learn to create an atmosphere where board members can debate, struggle with issues, reach compromise and, at times, to agree to disagree.

Learn how to:

- Clearly define the purpose and rules of your meetings and communication
- Encourage and facilitate diversity on your board
- Ensure that everyone knows the rules of the meeting

- Be democratic, while remaining in control
- Deal with conflict and difficult board members

[Read more here](#)

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!**

Sun Super – Dreams for a Better World Grants

Four rounds per year. \$150,000 in community funding!

Dates: Round 2: Animals & Community (Entries close 30 May 2017)

The Sunsuper Dreams for a Better World program offers a \$150,000 annual grant pool. There are four rounds this year and grants are awarded to finalists and winners in each round. At the end of the year, the four round winners compete for the grand final grants totaling \$70,000.

For more information, please [click here!](#)

Norman Wettenhall Foundation

Small Environmental Grant Scheme

Opens 21st March, closes May 2017 (or after adequate number of applications are received)

The Small Environmental Grant Scheme will provide support for groups or individuals undertaking projects that will make a positive difference to the natural living environment, in land, sea or air, rural or urban.

At the moment we are looking for projects around **flora and fauna conservation, threatened mammal conservation, and landscape restoration and education**. These projects should involve any of the following:

- monitoring, recording and sharing data
- delivering community education
- providing community capacity building (e.g. skills training, organisation)
- research and science

[For more info, click here](#)

Australian Geographic Society Sponsorship

Round 1, 2017 - Closing date: 30 April 2017

Each calendar year the Australian Geographic Society donates generously to scientific, conservation and adventure projects.

Applications are taken throughout the year for the sponsorship rounds.

In 2017, the Society will hold two Sponsorship Rounds, with up to \$30,000 available in each round.

For more information, please [click 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.



January

- [World Future Energy Summit](#) - 16th - 19th
- [Australia Day](#) - 26th

February

- [World Wetlands Day](#) - 2nd
- [International Day of Women & Girls in Science](#)(link is external) - 11th
- [Business Clean Up Day](#)(link is external) - 28th



March



- [World Wildlife Day](#) - 3rd
- [Schools Clean Up Day](#)- 3rd
- [Clean Up Australia Day](#) - 5th
- [National Ground Water Awareness Week](#) - 5th to 11th
- [Green Cities Conference](#) - 6th to 8th
- [International Women's Day](#) - 8th
- [National Close the Gap Day](#) - 16th

March (cont)

- [International Day of Forests](#) - 21st
 - [Harmony Day](#) - 21st
 - [World Water Day](#) - 22nd
 - [World Meteorological Day](#) - 23rd
 - [Earth Hour](#)- 25th
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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.

New Entity – Healthy Waterways and Catchments

A new era for the management of South East Queensland's land and waterways has been formally announced, with the official formation of Healthy Waterways and Catchments. This new entity combines not-for-profit organisations Healthy Waterways and SEQ Catchments, whose members officially voted in the change on 28 June 2016.

Healthy Waterways and Catchments has been formed as a community-focused and science-based waterway and natural asset management organisation which will improve the coordination and implementation of best practice catchment management. Go to the [website](#) for more information about these changes.

Get Tech Savvy - Courses for Internet & Social Media Use

Brisbane City Council Libraries offer a range of classes and workshops which are free or low cost. Classes include computer and internet use, and are held at your local library. Some of the courses that may be of interest to you and your group include:

- Social media basics
- Twitter basics
- Facebook basics
- Facebook privacy
- Pinterest basics
- Internet safety and security
- Cloud basics

[Click here](#) to see an exhaustive list of the computer and internet classes on offer, including times and locations.

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](#)

Google Earth Pro - Could it be useful for your catchment group?

Mapping what we do and what we want, is one of the most important methods of achieving strategic and effective on-ground outcomes.

Google Earth Pro has some excellent, easy to use and easy to share GIS functions – plus 'Pro' is now free and accessible to all. The Google Earth Pro version adds additional functions such as:

- Allowing import of GIS files such as '.ESRI .shp' and 'MapInfo .tab';
- Higher resolution image saves and printouts - 4800 pixels;
- Additional measurement tools - as well as Line and Path, Pro adds measurement of Polygons, Circles, 3D Paths and 3D Polygons.
- Larger image overlays
- Integration with Nearmap aerial photography and the Queensland Globe datasets
- Create and save your own map layers

If your group is interested in any mapping projects, Google Earth and Google Earth Pro are useful tools you might want to consider using. One of the best aspects is that it's easy to preserve, manipulate and share data between different users.

If someone in your group wants to upskill in the functions of Google Earth for a mapping activity in your catchment please get in touch with your Creek Catchment Officer directly or [email us](#) – we're happy to help you learn the ropes and discover its functionality and applications.

Wetland Info

WetlandInfo—your first-stop-shop for wetland management resources in Queensland

- Facts and maps
- What are Wetlands
- Management
- Ecology
- Assessment monitoring and inventory

[Log onto Wetland Info here](#), and explore this excellent resource.

Engaging the Next Generation of

Landcarers

The search is on for the next generation of young people committed to protecting Australia's crucial land and water assets into the future. In a bid to make it easier for Landcare groups to attract young people, Landcare Australia has today released a new 'how-to' kit designed to provide practical advice on how to encourage young people to become active in their local Landcare group.

- To download the Youth Engagement in Landcare How-To Kit, click [here](#).
- For the Project Design template, click [here](#).
- For How-To Case Studies, click [here](#)





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