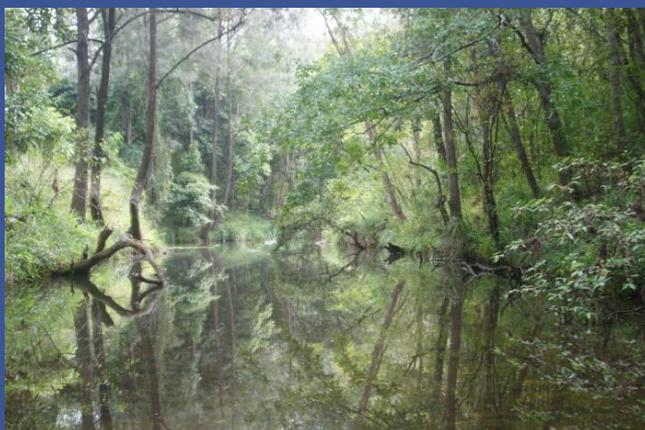


This Week by the Creek

July 2020

Welcome to a **new look** *This Week by the Creek*, monthly e-news and updates from Brisbane City Council's Creek Catchment Officers to the Brisbane Catchment Community.



In this edition:

- Training opportunities
- Upcoming events

- Grants at a glance
- 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.

&

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.

Coming soon...

Fluvial Geomorphology course

This one-day workshop was originally meant to happen in mid-May, but has been postponed to October. We will keep you updated in future editions of This Week by the Creek.

Waterway Health Assessment Training (WHAT)

This series of workshops covers such topics as the physical and chemical composition of waterways, sampling macro-invertebrates as a proxy for water quality, and discovering native fish in our creeks. Social distancing and Covid-19 restrictions have changed the format for presenting these topics. Watch out for some online training, starting with macro-invertebrates, coming to a screen near you!

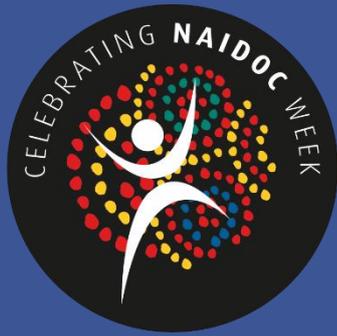
Additionally, we are once again exploring options to host limited numbers of people in the creeks, getting your hands dirty while finding out about the more secretive - yet incredibly important - side to assessing waterway health.

Watch this space for updates on the program.

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 socials and/or website.



Always Was, Always Will Be.

5-12 JULY 2020

July 2020

- [NAIDOC Week](#) - 5th to 12th*
- [World Population Day](#) - 11th
- [Schools Tree Day](#) - 31st

**Please note that the National NAIDOC Committee has announced NAIDOC Week celebrations will be held from 8-15 November 2020 due to ongoing Covid-19 restrictions.*

August 2020

- [National Tree Day](#) - 2nd*
- [National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day](#) - 4th
- [International Day for World Indigenous Peoples](#) - 9th
- [National Science Week](#) - 15th to 23rd
- [International Youth Day](#) - 12th
- [Keep Australia Beautiful Week](#) - 17th to 23rd
- [World Humanitarian Day](#) - 19th

** Please note due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic and increases in cases across the country Planet Ark is discouraging public tree planting events this year. Instead they are encouraging people to stay safe, stay at home and plant in your yard! Additionally, you can share the National Tree Day spirit with photos of tree hugging or other ways of connecting with nature #HugaTreeforNTD*



September 2020

- First day of Spring - 1st
- [National Biodiversity Month](#)
- [National Wattle Day](#) - 1st
- [National Walk to Work Day](#) - 4th
- [National Landcare Week](#) - 7th to 13th
- [National Threatened Species Day](#) - 7th
- [National Bilby Day](#) - 13th
- [International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer](#) - 16th
- [Sustainable House Day](#) - 20th
- [Bushcares Major Day Out – BMDO](#) - TBC
- [World Car-Free Day](#) - 22nd
- [World Maritime Day](#) - 24th



(Picture source: The Thylacine Museum, environment.nsw.gov.au)

Coming soon...

[Brisbane Biodiversity Seminar](#) - the latest in this series of seminars will be a presentation around citizen science. For this event, we will be taking a slightly different path, asking people to bring along their smartphone so they can download one or some of the citizen science apps. Our presenters will show you how to use it, how the information is used, and how to get others involved! We will also be hosting a speaker on one of the many and iconic citizen science projects currently



underway in Australia. Watch this space for a concrete date!

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!

[Tucker Foundation Grant](#)- Closes 14 August 2020

[Growing Good Gardens Grant](#) - Closes 28 August 2020

[CS Energy Community Sponsorships](#) - Closes 31 August 2020

[Budget Direct Sponsorships](#) - Closes 30 September 2020

[Wettenhall Environment Trust](#) - Opens 1 October 2020

[Australian Geographic Society Project Sponsorships](#) - Closes 30 November 2020

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

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

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

Information, News and Resources

3rd National Stingless Bee Survey

Be part of the 3rd decadal National Stingless Bee Survey. Our Australian stingless bee industry is growing rapidly! To understand industry growth, surveys have been conducted every ten years.

All stingless beekeepers are encouraged to enter, hobbyists to professionals. You get a chance to tell us more about your experiences with keeping stingless bees. The data collected will be used to keep everyone updated on the advances made.

Everyone who completes the survey will have a chance to win a prize, either 'The Australian Native Bee Book', a native bee poster or membership to a beekeeping club of your choice. Winners will be announced on 1st September.

Complete the survey [here!](#)

(Picture source: [Wheen Bee Foundation Facebook](#), 2020)

3rd
National Stingless Bee Survey

Do you keep stingless bees? We're inviting you to take part in our community survey to keep you updated on the advances being made within the Australian stingless bee industry. A completely anonymous survey which aims at documenting Australian stingless beekeeping practices.

Scan me & Get started

Visit:
www.surveymonkey.com/r/FHGFT8N OR



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Weeds to watch for now

Many weeds lay hidden until they burst into their flowering glory! The Weed Spotters Network provides excellent month to month updates on what to look out for. This month keep an eye



out for *Chromolaena odorata* (Siam weed). An upright, sprawling or scrambling shrub with small, fluffy, pale pink or mauve flowers that are borne in dense clusters at the tips of its branches.

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



New Fire Ant Biosecurity Zones & Requirements

Changes have been made to the Biosecurity Regulation 2016 to help in the fight against fire ants. If you move materials that may carry fire ants, it is important that you familiarise yourself with the changes.

(Picture source: www.daf.qld.gov.au, 2020)

Healthy Land & Water - Your creek, your river, your voice survey

Take part in Healthy Land & Water's 10-minute survey for your chance to win one of three iPads!

Healthy Land & Water are asking residents to tell them if they are (or aren't) using their local waterways. If you live in South East Queensland, you can take part in this anonymous online survey. Your answers will help inform this year's Healthy Land and Water Report Card.

To be in the running, simply click below to complete the short [survey](#). The survey will close on 3 August and the winners will be drawn on 10 August 2020.

(Picture source: [Healthy Land & Water Facebook](#), 2020)



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