



This Week by the Creek

March 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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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 - Social Media & Marketing for Catchment Groups

Friday 24th May

Come join Samantha Morris from Wombat Creative as she leads participants through interactive hands-on activities that can increase your groups social media and marketing approach.

When: Friday 24 May 2019, 1pm – 4pm (afternoon tea provided)

Where: Karawatha Forest Discovery Centre, 149 Acacia Road, Karawatha

WHAT - Aquatic Macro-Invertebrate Survey Training

Sunday 7th April

This workshop is part of the Waterway Health Assessment Training (WHAT) provided by Council's Creek Catchment Program. Aquatic Ecologist Natalie Toon 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 7th April, 9am – 1pm (morning tea & lunch provided)

Where: 681 Gold Creek Road Brookfield

RSVP: By Friday 22nd March CCOfficers@brisbane.qld.gov.au

Online training from the Institute of Community Directors

The Institute of Community Directors (an enterprise of OurCommunity.com.au) offers a number of online training programs that are suitable for catchment groups, their members and volunteers, to participate in. In particular we would encourage groups to take up:

- Step in, Step up: Everything a new board member needs to know - new committee members will obtain the knowledge and skills needed to survive and thrive as a community director. Be safe, be empowered and help change the world with better governance.
- WTF? - Where's the Funding? An online interactive course for community fundraisers, providing the help and answers you need to raise more money for your community group.

If you have new members or volunteers interested in these opportunities, let your Creek Catchment Officer know so we can help your group cover the costs!

Tailored training from the Institute of Community Directors

In addition to developing and providing online training, the Institute of Community Directors (an enterprise of OurCommunity.com.au) also offers tailored training programs that can be designed and delivered to meet your needs in any area of their eight areas of

community practice:

- Grants & Fundraising
- Boards, Governance & Leadership
- Finance, Insurance & Risk Management
- People Management
- Strategic Planning, Review & Revitalisation
- Communication and Promotion via the Web
- Community Engagement & Advocacy
- Marketing & Media

If there is something you are keen to train in and/or online training doesn't meet your needs, let the Creek Catchment Program know through the [Creek Catchment Officers email](#) and we may be able to help you out!

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 HLTAID003 – 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 Milton.

Funding Opportunities & Grants

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 - Bank Australia Grants - Now Open

Each year Bank Australia invest 4% of after-tax profits into the Bank Australia Impact Fund to support projects that contribute to the mutual prosperity of people, our communities and the planet.

Customers can apply for up to \$10,000 for projects that have a positive impact in the following areas:

- Climate change
- Environmental conservation
- Refugees and people seeking asylum
- Promoting diversity and inclusion of people and communities (including people who are LGBTQI+, live with disability, or are experiencing financial or educational exclusion)
- Family and gendered violence
- Homelessness
- Reconciliation
- Animal welfare

In 2019 grants of up to \$25,000 are being offered to non-Bank Australia customers for projects that will grow the scale and capacity of the community renewable energy sector.

For more information, including application guidelines, [click here!](#)

Closes Friday 12 April 2019

NEW - Australian Government

Communities Environment Program

The Australian Government will invest more than \$22 million in 2019-20 to deliver a wide range of on-ground projects that conserve, protect and sustainably manage our environment.

Under the Communities Environment Program, each federal electorate can receive up to \$150,000 in grant funding for small-scale, community-led projects nominated by the local Member of Parliament in consultation with the community will focus on environmental priorities such as:

- waste and litter reduction
- protecting native animals, including our threatened species
- addressing weeds and pest animals
- restoring and improving coasts, wetlands, riverbanks and waterways
- greening parks and urban areas.

This program aims to support the environmental priorities of local community and environment groups in their regions and neighbourhoods. It aims to not only recover and strengthen our environment, but also to build and strengthen our communities.

Each electorate can receive funding for up to 20 projects, with the minimum grant amount being \$2500 and the maximum grant amount set at \$20,000. And sitting Members of Parliament will consult with their community to identify potential projects for their respective electorates.

Who is eligible for funding?

A broad range of organisations will be eligible to put forward projects to their local Member of Parliament. This includes community clubs (including Lions clubs, rotary clubs, sports clubs), not-for-profit organisations such as Indigenous organisations, Landcare groups (including bushcare, coastcare, 'friends of' groups), schools and other community and conservation groups.

Local governing bodies as defined by the Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995 will also be eligible to receive funding.

Individuals and state or territory government departments will not be eligible for funding.

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.

If you're involved in running a citizen science projects, you can apply for funding of up to \$30,000 (over up to a three year period) to boost community participation in research projects and to encourage researchers to work with Queenslanders.

To learn more click [here](#)!

Closes 1pm (13:00) Monday 25 March 2019

Patagonia Environmental Grants and Support

Start planning! Patagonia Australia funds only environmental work. They are most interested in making grants to organisations that identify and work on the root causes of problems and that approach issues with a commitment to long-term change. They believe that the most direct path to real change is through building grassroots momentum, so funding focuses on organisations that create a strong base of citizen support.

Read more in the grant guidelines [here](#)!

Closes Saturday 31 August 2019

Lord Mayor's Suburban Initiative Fund

The [Lord Mayor's Suburban Initiative Fund](#) supports community projects that build stronger communities in Brisbane.

Applications are now open.

Applications for the 2018-19 financial year will close at midnight on Friday 14 June 2019, or when each ward has fully spent their allocated budget (whichever comes first).

Projects must contribute to the [Brisbane Vision](#), by helping to achieve the aspiration to be a friendly and safe, active and healthy, clean and green or vibrant and creative city.

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.

March 2019

- First day of Autumn - 1st
- Schools Clean Up Day - 2nd
- World Wildlife Day - 3rd
- Clean Up Australia Day - 3rd
- International Women's Day - 8th
- National Ground Water Awareness Week - 11th to 17th
- Green Cities Conference - 13th to 15th
- International Day of Forests - 21st
- Harmony Day - 21st
- World Water Day - 22nd
- World Meteorological Day - 23rd
- Earth Hour - 30th

April 2019

- Wild Pollinator Count - 14th - 21st
- World Heritage Day - 18th
- National Trust Heritage Festival - 18th April to 20th May
- Earth Day - 22nd
- Anzac Day - 25th

May 2019

- International Composting Awareness Week - 6th to 12th
- OZWater'18 - 8th - 10th
- World Parks Week - 10th to 18th
- World Migratory Bird Day - 12th
- National Volunteer Week - 21st to 27th
- International Day for Biological Diversity - 22nd
- World Turtle Day - 23rd
- National Sorry Day - 26th

- [National Reconciliation Week](#) - 27th to 3rd June

Save the Date! Cubberla-Witton Catchment Network

2018 - 2019 Flora, Fauna & Fungi Workshops

- Owls & other avian predators - Saturday 20 April 2019
- Small native mammals - Saturday 18 May 2019
- Threatened Species - Saturday 15 June 2019
- Creating Habitat, Small Birds & Frogs - Saturday 20 July

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

Information, News and Resources

Cat's Claw Creeper Feature - Moggill Creek Catchment on Gardening Australia

On Friday 8th March at 7:30pm, long time Moggill Creek Catchment Committee member, Adrian Webb, made a feature appearance on Gardening Australia to talk about Cats Claw Creeper! In 2017 the group picked up an accidental promotion of this notorious weed in the show, writing to explain their dismay. Gardening Australia responded with a correction and then approached the group to do a story on the scourge that is Cats Claw Creeper. The segment depicts the efforts of the group in tackling this weed in the Western suburbs of Brisbane, while also highlighting the destructive potential of Cats Claw Creeper to biodiversity wherever it appears.

Click [here](#) to view the whole story!

Emerging Fungal Disease in

Free-living Reptiles, SEQ

An outbreak of a severe skin disease caused by a pathogenic fungus has been detected in wild eastern water dragons in Southeast Queensland. This outbreak poses a serious threat to Australia's reptilian fauna. If a reptile presents with the signs described [here](#), you should contact the researchers listed in the link as soon as possible, so any suspected cases can be investigated.



Landcare - Building a Better Tomorrow Survey

Help support and shape the future of our natural environment by taking Landcare Australia's [Building a Better Tomorrow Survey](#).

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?

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