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**Pine Rivers
Catchment
Association**

INFO-FLOW Newsletter

AUTUMN / WINTER EDITION

2016 Events

WHEN	WHAT AND WHERE
Second Tuesday of every month 3:00pm	PRCA Committee Meeting 15 Bunya Pine Crt Eatons Hill. Free tea and coffee. Members and Guests welcome. Contact Sonya:3325 1577
Second Wednesday of every month 7:00am	Birding on South Pine River- Meet at Kumbartcho Car Park 15 Bunya Pine Court, Eatons Hill. Ask for Rita
Every Wednesday 7:00am	Rivers Warriors. Meet at PRCA office.
27th August 10am-3pm	CREEC EXPO CREEC Environment Centre, Rowley Road, Burpengary.
28th August	CLEAN-UP THE PINE RIVER Tinchí Tamba wetlands— If you are interested in coming along, please either email or phone to register your interest.
Every Thursday and the first Saturday of the month 9am—11am	Drapers Crossing Rainforest Rescue Group corner of Heather Anne Drive and Bunya Road, Draper
2nd Saturday of the month 9am—12pm	Men of the Trees (MOTT) end of Dugandan Road, Bunya

PRCA Catchment Coordinator's Corner

Sonya Schmidtchen

SEQWATER – CATS CLAW CONTROL

The North Pine River Cats Claw project is well and truly underway. We are almost done working on the landholders properties treating cats claw along the North Pine River. We hope to be back out there for another round before the end of the year.

SEQWATER – CELTIS (Chinese Elm)

Thanks to our partners Seqwater we have another round of Celtis control/removal on private properties which is about to get underway. If you live in the surrounds of the North Pine Dam (Lake Samsonvale) and you have this menace tree and would like assistance in the removal, please give me a call on my mobile (0438 199 102)..I would love to hear from you..

SEQCATCHMENTS – FUNDING RECEIVED

Thanks to Seqcatchments support we have the opportunity to treat the Cats Claw on the North Pine River MBRC Reserves. Crew will be on these sites in the beginning of August and we are looking forward to working alongside council and assisting with some heavy infestations on these Reserves. We are also partnering with Seqcatchments in the delivery of some revegetation on the North Pine River. This project will be delivered over the next 12 months.

MBRC - RIPARIAN MANAGEMENT INCENTIVE SCHEME 9

We have been working on Cedar Creek for the last few years, thanks to MBRC, we are able to assist private landholders with removal of Cats Claw on their property before it destroys the habitat and vegetation. We have just finished our round out there and are hoping to get back out there in Spring sometime, so if you live on Cedar Creek and think you may have Cats Claw Creeper vine, and would like some assistance, please call my mobile (0438 199 102).

AUTUMN BIRD SURVEY COMPLETED

Part of the Redcliffe Environmental Forum's ongoing projects focusing on Hays Inlet involves not only rehabilitation of the vegetation but survey work around the flora and fauna in the area. A key survey is linked to the presence of birds and to really appreciate the variety of species it pays to have bird experts like those from the *Pine Rivers Birders* group.

They have just completed their third survey for Autumn and incredibly they have now identified 98 species of birds in the project site area behind Silcock Street at Clontarf. Rita Larsen (team leader) advised that, with the high tide, they were able to spot 13 species of waders (including over a hundred black-winged stilts using the saltmarsh and surrounding vegetation as a roosting site).

The group also spotted a number of raptor species, making it a very successful day for the group and the Green Army Team. The high level of biodiversity in the Hays Inlet wetland area underlines the importance of the need to conserve as much of our wetland areas around Hays Inlet and Deception Bay as possible, in order to support our wildlife and fisheries. The next survey (Winter) will be conducted in August 2016.

Pictured (right):
The Pine Rivers Birders
Group arrived at Clontarf
to complete their Autumn
survey of the site behind



Key supporters of PRCA:



PRCA would not be able to operate without the assistance of our members. Please encourage your friends and families to assist our work by becoming a member. Contact the Catchment Coordinator (Sonya) or Admin. Support Officer (Trudi) to talk about taking up membership:

<http://www.prca.org.au>

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Dawn Road Bushcare Group receives grants

A successful grant application has been made by the Dawn Road Bushcare Group to Moreton Bay Regional Council for a Community Grant to fund removal of environmental weeds. The main species being targeted for removal are Radiata Pine (*Pinus radiata*), Broadleaf Pepper (*Schinus terebinthifolius*) and Easter Cassia (*Senna pendula* var. *glabrata*).

The removal of these environmental weeds - some of which are declared pests - will assist the flora and fauna communities in the neighbouring Dawn Road Reserve from further weed infestation.

Along with doing weed removal, the Bushcare Group will be undertaking plantings along the riparian corridor in order to increase the biodiversity of the area and assist in boosting the sustainability of the local ecosystem. The creek present at this site flows into Albany Creek, then South Pine River, and into Moreton Bay.

The Dawn Road Bushcare Group meets every 2nd Sunday of the month at 8am at the end of McConachie Ct, Albany Creek.

Pictured below is the bushcare team on site.



A Word from Bushcare Officer Nicole Bryne

A valuable component of Moreton Bay Regional Council's (MBRC) Voluntary Conservation Programs (VCP) is Bushcare. The MBRC Bushcare program supports nearly 400 volunteers across the region. The volunteers work in partnership with MBRC in caring for the regions ecosystem on Council land.

Bushcare volunteers can learn first-hand how to regenerate the bush, control weeds, identify plants and conserve the soil.

You can play a role in protecting and improving your local bushland, wetlands and waterways by participating in fun and interesting activities that aim to conserve and protect the local environment. Bushcare activities that occur within Pine Rivers Catchment area are:

The River Warriors Bushcare group meet every Wednesday at Sargents Reserve Car park at 7.20am and walk down to the Pine River to carry out bush regeneration at Sargents Reserve or Bunya Crossing Reserve. While the ground has moisture, the group will be planting in Bunya Reserve. Weed control activities will take place at Bunya Reserve, Sargents Reserve and Yuraba.

Drapers Crossing Rainforest Rescue Group meet every Thursday and the first Saturday of the month at the corner of Heather Anne Drive and Bunya Road, Draper, from 9.00am to 11.0am. This group focus efforts on the highly invasive madeira vine and many broad leaf weeds.

Men of the Trees (MOTT) are working in Bunya Reserve at the end of Dugandan Road, Bunya on the second Saturday of the month from 9.00am to 12 noon. MOTT focus their efforts on restoring and revegetation works within the South Pine River Catchment.

For information about Bushcare and other groups within our region please have a look at the MBRC Bushcare website.

<https://www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/bushcare/>

DID YOU KNOW KUMBARTCHO NOW HAS AN ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTRE??

(If you've been to any of our events in the last couple of years, you probably *did* know that...)

Perfect for keeping under-school aged children (and older visitors!) occupied, there are books, puzzles, displays, craft activities, etc., all based around local environmental themes (including *weeds* and *water*!)

Staffed by trained volunteers, the centre (beside the Nursery) is open Tues. - Fri. 10.00 AM - 2.00 PM

LOCAL PEST SPECIES IN PINE RIVERS

Article provided by Ian Smith Vice President, PRCA

While Sonya Schmidtchen and Ian Smith were at our display at Dayboro Day on Sunday the 29 May 2016, two researchers from Griffith University approached Ian regarding the photos of the red deer and fallow deer on display. They are studying the community in invasive animals and plants to continued land use conversion pressures. As you can see the study research on the attachment below. It was easy to see that most people see the worst pest animals were the wild dog not the deer. We told the researchers that most people see the deer as a beautiful animal not the increasing number as a pest species.

As a result, Sonya and Ian met with them to give them the PRCA information. Sonya spoke about the work that PRCA has done on handling the invasive plants and Ian gave the work had done on the invasive deer species. We also spoke about other issues in the Pine Rivers. If you are interested in the research please contact the PRCA or to the researchers below.



Calling for Participants

Griffith University and the Cooperative Research Centre for Invasive Animals are looking for participants to help with a research project into self empowered peri-urban community led planning.

Project Brief The peri-urban zones that surround our cities and urban centres just beyond their built up limits are highly dynamic and constantly changing former rural areas that are now home to a very diverse range of largely former urban dwellers who have moved there principally for lifestyle reasons and who are dependent on the nearby urban centre for employment, education and the satisfaction of economic, social and cultural needs.

However, these peri-urban areas are under threat from a number of influences ranging from invasive animals and plants to continued land use conversion pressures. How peri-urban landholders respond, individually and collectively, to these pressures and impacts are crucial for the future sustainability of these areas. Principal amongst the pest animals has been the wild dog.

This study will use the wild dog as a platform to explore the impact, perception of the impact and response to the impact from external threats on peri-urban resident's quality of life posed by the incidence of wild dogs.

Approach Based on a demographic study using Australian Bureau of Statistics and field reconnaissance, two peri-urban case study areas have been selected: 1. Lake Samsonvale and environs; and 2. Maleny-Mapleton-Kenilworth-Obi Obi environs.

Research engagement with peri-urban residents from the case study areas will be through interviews and two workshops (tentatively July and October 2016). The research team is looking for participants for interviews and workshops.

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