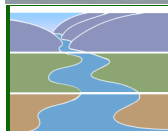




Photo: Lainie Peltohaka



**Pine Rivers  
Catchment  
Association**

## **INFO-FLOW Newsletter**

**SUMMER / AUTUMN EDITION**

### **2017 Events**

<i>WHEN</i>	<i>WHAT AND WHERE</i>
Second Tuesday of every month 3:00pm	<b><i>PRCA Committee Meeting</i></b> 15 Bunya Pine Crt, Eatons Hill. Members and Guests welcome. Contact Trudi on 3325 1577 (for info on other events also).
Second Wednesday of every month at 7:00am	<b><i>Birding on South Pine River</i></b> Meet at Kumbartcho Car Park 15 Bunya Pine Court, Eatons Hill.
Wednesday of every week 7:00am	<b><i>South Pine River Warriors</i></b> Meet at Sargents Reserve, Eatons Hill. Ask for Nicole :)
Second Sunday of each month from 1:00pm.	<b><i>Samford Eco-Corridor</i></b> Call 0404169826 or email samfordecocorridor@gmail.com for further information.
4th June & 16th July	<b><i>Catchment Clean-ups</i></b> All helpers warmly welcomed!
March 29*/30 & April 26*/27	<b><i>Bush Regeneration activities</i></b> at Gold Scrub* & Vores Road
04 April 2017 9:30am - 11:00am	<b><i>South Pine River Walk - School Holiday activity</i></b> Take a guided walk through the riparian rainforest at Kumbartcho Sanctuary, finishing with a sausage sizzle. Contact <a href="mailto:Kim.Pantano@moretonbay.qld.gov.au">Kim.Pantano@moretonbay.qld.gov.au</a> or phone 07 5433 2122.
07 May 2017 8:00am - 2:00pm Village Green Old Petrie Town	<b><i>Wild Koala Day stalls</i></b> hosted by <b><i>Pine Rivers Koala Care Assoc.</i></b> 3m X 3m stalls by various organisations; please contact Lynne on 0466 937 671 for more

### **PRCA Catchment Coordinator's Corner**

***Sonya Schmidtchen***

We have a tonne of work underway at the moment, but firstly I would like to give a shout-out to our members, landholders, partners and a special "Thank You" to our association's volunteers. Thank You ALL for your support, it is always appreciated!

As partnerships and the type of work we are doing are evolving, our committee are on board, very capable and ready to go.

We have been working in partnership with Seqwater to deliver weed management works around the North Pine Dam. If you live in the Dayboro area around the North Pine Dam and have any Celtis (Chinese Elm) trees on your property which you are wanting to remove, please call my mobile (Sonya: 0438 199 102).

We are also active on Cedar Creek, implementing Cats Claw control and giving weed advice to properties along Cedar Creek; if you live on Cedar Creek and have not heard from me yet, and are interested in getting some assistance with your property, then please call my mobile number (above) for more information.

We are currently also working in partnership with SEQ Catchments to deliver some weed works and some revegetation on specific sites (which have already been pre-determined).

For those of you interested in assisting with the clean-up of the Pine Rivers, please see our events calendar at left, and call 3325 1577 if you need more detail about where and when...

Lastly, for those of you who enjoy festivals and shows, we will be attending Dayboro Day again on Sunday 28th May; we look forward to seeing some of our landholders and members there!

## No bunny\* loves *this* weed!

**A restricted (Category 2, 3, 4, 5) invasive plant / Weed Of National Significance**

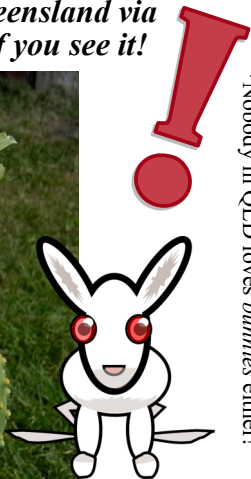
Botanical Name: *Opuntia microdasys*

Common Name: 'Bunny Ears', 'Golden Bristle' or 'Polka Dot' Cactus

Height and Spread: Dense shrub, 40-60cm+ tall, drought-resistant and easily spread via segmentation through open habitats in arid/semi-arid rangeland (potentially further).

Features: Pad-like stems growing in pairs, yellow 3cm-wide flowers, red-purple fruits (as pictured below)

**Report to Biosecurity Queensland via phone number 13 25 23 if you see it!**



\*Nobody in QLD loves bunnies either!

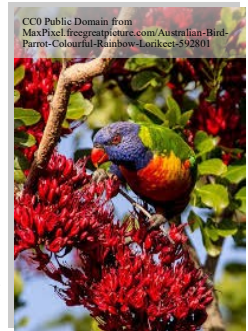
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## One for the birds?



Graham Bowley wishes to give members an update of information to the published article on "**WEED WANTED DEAD – *Schotia brachypetala***" from our *Info-Flow* published in June, July & August 2016 ...

This small [African native] tree is also known as the "**drunken parrot tree**". They are an extensively-planted street tree in Rockhampton and produce large amounts of nectar which lorikeets gorge on and become intoxicated. *Schotia brachypetala* trees have been planted at Cormorant Bay at Wivenhoe dam to attract birds, and are eye-catching to visitors.



These trees [Family: *Fabaceae*] have also been planted in the past in the acreage areas of Division 9 (mainly Warner)... Unfortunately they spread easily (especially along waterways) so *may* still be declared a noxious weed in the future, so we would prefer you plant one of our many attractive Australian native trees instead!



## KUMBARTCHO / PINE RIVERS COMMUNITY NURSERY

**TUESDAY TO FRIDAY**  
9.00 AM - 3.00 PM

**SATURDAY AND SUNDAY**  
8.00 AM - 12 NOON

CONTACTING THE NURSERY:

Phone: 07 3264 3953  
[communitynurserypr@bigpond.com](mailto:communitynurserypr@bigpond.com)

\* EFTPOS unavailable, sorry  
ATMs are situated nearby

\* discounts available for larger quantities

Prices start from \$2.00\* incl. GST for tubestock

## COME & VISIT THE KUMBARTCHO ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTRE!

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

Kids' playground, BBQ facilities, toilets, drinks avail. See [www.kumbartcho.org.au](http://www.kumbartcho.org.au) for more information



**Did you know?** You can find a cool 'Clean Up The River' online game for primary-school aged kids at <http://cleanup.noco2.com.au/> We hope you all enjoyed 'the offline version' on 5th March!

### CURRENT EXHIBITION: WANTON, WILD AND UNIMAGINED

**Flow** (detail) by Alison McDonald  
2010-2013  
Up-cycled plastic lids & cable ties  
12 x 7 metres  
Image Credit: Through the Looking Glass



Stirring the imagination and evoking environmental reflection, '*Wanton, Wild and Unimagined*' is a playful exhibition of sculptures born from recycled plastic. Experiencing masses of everyday, discarded objects transformed into the beautiful raises questions about the relationship we have with plastic and its supposed sustainability.

Environmental artist Alison McDonald has spent many hours manipulating the humble plastic bottle, collecting thousands of plastic lids... [see the image of her work, '*Flow*', above]

**3rd February - 9th April 2017, at the  
Pine Rivers Heritage Museum- Old Petrie Town, Dayboro Road, Whiteside**

### UPCOMING EXHIBITION: LAY OF THE LAND



Image: Nolan family's farm, date unknown. Moreton Bay Regional Libraries holding.

The North and South Pine Rivers have flowed through the Moreton Bay landscape and shaped the lives of many generations. From Indigenous stories to contemporary tales, *Lay of the Land* will reveal this region's cultural heritage as documented in early written records, and showcased through objects and images from our collection.

**14 April 2017 - 23 July 2017, at the  
Pine Rivers Heritage Museum - Old Petrie Town, Dayboro Road, Whiteside**

**TIME:** Tuesday - Friday: 10.00am - 3.00pm  
Saturday: 10.00am - 2.00pm  
Sunday: 9.00am - 2.00pm

**COST:** Free

**CONTACT:** Pine Rivers Heritage Museum Ph: (07) 3285 7213 or  
email [museum.pinerivers@moretonbay.qld.gov.au](mailto:museum.pinerivers@moretonbay.qld.gov.au) or see  
<https://www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/pinerivers-museum/>

Source: <https://www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/pine-rivers-museum/exhibitions/> [accessed 06/03/2017]

## Community / Environmental Champions



**Pictured (far right):**  
Janet Mangan and 'insect lady'  
Helen Schwencke at work (weeding)  
in the 'Butterfly Garden' of  
Woodfordia Wetland (pictured  
above) on Sunday 26th February.

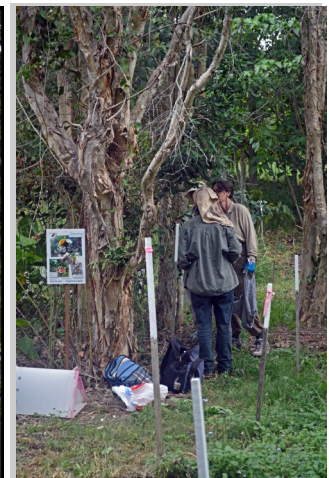
*Come along to Woodfordia to help with  
this project on Sat 25th or Sun 26th March!*

**Pictured (immediate right):**  
Janet Mangan and Helen Schwencke  
deep in discussion about the  
importance of Australian Mistletoe  
at Woodfordia on 26th February.

### LOVELY LOMANDRA:

A favourite amongst revegetation 'champions' because of its soil-holding (erosion prevention) properties, *Lomandra* spp. (also known as 'Spiny-head Mat-rush' or 'Basket Grass') is extremely adaptable, growing well in most types of soil and with little, or a lot, of water.

As the name might suggest, the leaves can be woven to make nets and baskets, and the bases of the leaves are even edible!



*Camp O/N here FREE! Contact  
Janet@themangoman.com.au*



**Mistletoe up close**

### **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>

**Catchment Coordinator**

Phone (07) 3325 1577

Fax (07) 3325 1588

Mobile 0438 199 102 or

email [catchmentcoordinator@prca.org.au](mailto:catchmentcoordinator@prca.org.au)

*You can visit us at 15 Bunya Court, Eatons Hill*

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