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KEY SUPPORTERS OF PRCA:



Catchment Co-ordinator's Column:

Sonya Schmidtchen



I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our members, partners, volunteers, landholders and fellow community groups for your support. I wish you all a very Happy Christmas; please stay safe over the silly season!

We will be moving office over the Christmas period, so if you are wanting to visit us in the Future, look for us at 'The Cottage' at Kumbartcho Sanctuary, Eatons Hill (our street address remains the same).

If you are looking for something to do over the Christmas period (besides potentially visiting us!), please check the MBRC website (or the back page of this newsletter), as there are loads of activities for both adults and children/families to do. ENJOY!

See you in the New Year... Sonya.

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

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We thank MBRC & Kumbartcho Sanctuary for providing us with new office space at our existing address; 15 Bunya Pine Court, Eatons Hill QLD 4037

**QWALC NATIONAL LANDCARE PROGRAM -
SMART FARMS SMALL GRANTS -
Open for application (Round 2)**

For those who run farms and farming enterprises in our catchment, please be advised that the next round of Smart Farm Grants are available under the National Landcare Program.

The Australian Government is inviting applications through an open competitive process to apply for the National Landcare Program—Smart Farms Small Grants.

The program aims to protect, conserve and provide for the productive use of Australia's water, soil, plants and animals and ecosystems in which they live and interact, in partnership with industry, communities and other governments.

Applications close at 11:30 pm AEDT on **11 January 2019**.

For further information about eligibility and how to apply, go to <https://www.communitygrants.gov.au/grants/national-landcare-program-smart-farms-small-grants-0> or ring us (PRCA) on 07 3325 1577 (as we will be able to act as your auspicing organisation, should you so wish).

**KUMBARTCHO / PINE RIVERS COMMUNITY
NATIVE PLANT 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

Prices start from \$2.00* incl. GST for tubestock
(discounts available for larger quantities)

NOTE: EFTPOS unavailable, sorry (cash only) -
ATMs are situated nearby at Eatons Hill Shopping Village



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 volunteers, the centre (beside the Nursery) is open Tues - Fri 10 AM - 2 PM (*note different hours from Nursery)

Kids' playground, toilets, BBQ facilities, drinks available. See www.kumbartcho.org.au for more information

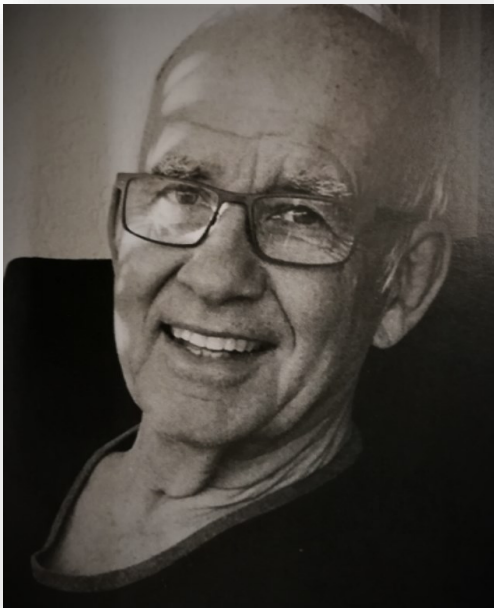
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PRCA INVITES NEW CORPORATE MEMBER ORGANISATIONS...

Contact Trudi at the PRCA
Office for a package tailored
to your organisation...





VALE JIM DALE (May 5, 1945—October 27, 2018)

Most of you would know by now that our esteemed president Jim Dale passed away recently, leaving a big gap in our Association's Management Committee and all our lives.

His funeral, held on 9th November at Albany Creek Memorial Park, was very well-attended by his many family and friends, including representatives of our Catchment Committee and partner organisations (Seqwater, MBRC). Jim was a founding member of our Catchment Association, with twenty-two years involvement, and will be sorely missed.

Jim's wife Mary (and family) has expressed their thanks for the support and comfort everyone has shown during this difficult time.

Check out one of Jim's favourite places via Facebook at:

<https://bit.ly/2BDaBeg>

A REQUEST FOR HELP FROM KOALA ACTION INC. (KAI)

Koalas in Queensland are "threatened with extinction". It is up to each and every one of us to do what we can to ensure the sustainability of one of Australia's most charismatic marsupials. It is not too late to make a difference, to retain mature habitat; to rehabilitate secondary habitat and increase its carrying capacity; to replant koala food trees and other natives wherever possible. Much can be done to reduce the perils koalas face, including slowing down when driving past parks, reserves and open bushland spaces, and ensuring domestic animals are restrained or housed safely, particularly at night when koalas are predominantly on the move. Advocate on behalf of koalas and other native wildlife at a local, state and federal government level.

Numbers count and *your help is needed!* Would you please become a member and help us advocate on behalf of Queensland's faunal emblem? Individual membership is only \$15 per annum and Family membership (two adults and two children) is \$30. This small sum could be your contribution to the sustainability of the koala population in this state.

Please contact info@koalaactioninc.org or phone 0407 101 837 and a membership application will be emailed/posted out for you to fill in, if you are interested in helping our koalas!

Thanks, from Vanda (aka Wanda) Grabowski, President/Secretary, Koala Action Inc.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO ATTENDED OUR RECENT CATCHMENT CLEAN-UP AT BOB BELL PARK!









On the morning of Saturday, 10th November, PRCA along with some local Scouts and caring residents (roughly twenty people in all) cleaned the public spaces and waterways around Bob Bell Park, Strathpine.



Thanks to all (above) who participated in removing just over 300kg of rubbish from our environment! (including Cameron Peltohaka, who was 'drafted' at the last minute, and swept up all that broken glass... "For the animals!")

Community Catchment Event Calendar

WHEN	WHAT AND WHERE
(Generally) Second Sunday of each month from 2:00pm, but only on occasion over summer 'holidays' (Please check Facebook or email—at right—for upcoming dates).	Samford Eco-Corridor  Call 0404 169 826 or email samfordecocorridor@gmail.com for further information/to confirm.
Second Wednesday of every month at 7:00am.	Birding on South Pine River  Meet at Kumbartcho Car Park 15 Bunya Pine Court, Eatons Hill.
General Committee Meetings 2019—6.30pm for a 7pm start, on the following Tuesdays: 12 th February, 14 th May, 10 th September (AGM), 10 th December. (Management Committee Meetings will be 3pm on 9 th April, 9 th July, 8 th October 2019).	PRCA Committee Meetings 15 Bunya Pine Court, Eatons Hill. Members and Guests welcome. (Guest speakers at General Meetings) Contact Trudi on 3325 1577 (use this number for information on other events also). 
Last Wednesday of every month at 8:00am	Gold's Scrub Regeneration Project, at the end of Gold's Scrub Lane, Samsonvale. Before first attendance, please ring Carole on 3379 1453 (message bank available if not answering). 
(Generally) Thursdays/some Saturdays	Bush Regeneration activities - refer to website www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/bushcare/
 <p>PRCA Xmas Summer Sausage Sizzle</p> <p>Bring the KIDS</p> <p>You're invited! Midday, 11th December</p> <p>Sausage sizzle provided</p> <p>Where: Kumbartcho Sanctuary In the PARK! 15 Bunya Pine Court, Eatons Hill</p> <p>RSVP: Trudi (finance@prca.org.au)</p> <p>Hope you can make it..... We have some exciting plans for 2019 :)</p> <p>PINE RIVERS CATCHMENT ASSOCIATION</p>	<p>PRCA wishes to restate the government's advice regarding the region's TOTAL FIRE BAN (as at 2nd December 2018) and to encourage the community to support Fire & Emergency Services volunteers and workers during the current Queensland heatwave conditions.</p>  <p>Check https://www.ruralfire.qld.gov.au/Bushfire_Safety/Neighbourhood-Safer-Places/lgas/Pages/Moreton-Bay-Regional-Council.aspx (for specifics on our MBRC fire ban in this region, and when lifted) and https://newsroom.psba.qld.gov.au/ * for more advice. And, of course, stay safe yourselves (especially if your home is situated in a bushland or rural setting); keep the water up to yourselves and animals too!</p> <p><small>*Disclosure of potential interest: Cameron, husband of Lainie Peltohaka, currently works at HQ for PSBA / in the Queensland State Government.</small></p>

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