

## INFO-FLOW NEWSLETTER

### JUNE 2019 EDITION

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#### CATCHMENT CO-ORDINATOR'S COLUMN:

##### **Sonya Schmidtchen**

Happy Winter! Wow! What a busy Autumn we have had! We are currently working around the North Pine Dam with weed removal and tree planting in partnership with Seqwater. We are also in the midst of Cats Claw Creeper Weed Management in areas along Cedar Creek in partnership with Moreton Bay Regional Council.

Aside from our on ground projects, if you are free on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June and would like a morning on the Pine River, come and join our crew at Acacia Park, Murrumba Downs (8-11am) for our Clean-up event. (See our page 8 Event Calendar or Facebook for further details).

Also, keep an eye on our Facebook page, as this year, we have introduced Forums to our repertoire. Topics covered thus far have been Cane Toads and Birds of the South Pine River. Plenty more to come!

... Sonya.

#### **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**  
**Mobile 0438 199 102 or**  
**email [catchmentcoordinator@prca.org.au](mailto:catchmentcoordinator@prca.org.au)**  
**or [finance@prca.org.au](mailto:finance@prca.org.au)**

*We thank Moreton Bay Regional Council & Kumbartcho for providing us with office space at our address:*

**The Cottage at Kumbartcho Sanctuary,  
 15 Bunya Pine Court, Eatons Hill QLD 4037**

### THIS EDITION'S WEED SPECIES TO TARGET:

Common Name: **Corky passion vine, cork passionflower, corky passionfruit**

Botanical Name: *Passiflora suberosa*

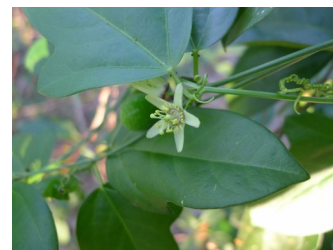
Origin: Native to south-eastern USA, Mexico, Central America, the Caribbean and tropical South America.

Distribution: Widely naturalised in tropical regions of Australia (and worldwide), especially the northern and eastern parts of Australia. Seed-dispersed.

Habitat areas: Closed forests, open woodlands, urban bushland, riparian vegetation, disturbed sites, waste areas and gardens in tropical, sub-tropical and warmer temperate regions.

Growth Habit: Slender climber or creeping vine. Flowers year-round. Develops a corky bark at the base of older stems.

Removal: Complete removal, or cut stem and foliar spray.



Sources: <https://weeds.brisbane.qld.gov.au/weeds/corky-passion-vine> [accessed 27 May 2019]. Pictures from Jerry Coleby-Williams' Facebook page; <https://www.facebook.com/Jerry-Coleby-Williams-238444853764/> [also accessed 27 May 2019].



**Please remain on the lookout for these 'REST' (Red-Eared Slider Turtle) pests (pictured, left), and contact someone at Biosecurity Queensland on 13 25 23 if you happen to see one. Help us save our native freshwater turtles!**

Source: Stacey Harris, Biosecurity Queensland via email to Catchment Coordinator at PRCA, Friday 25 January 2019.

### PRCA SUPPORTS 'CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE'

Our Catchment Association's ID under the 'Containers for Change' scheme is **C10062514**. If you'd like to support us in looking after the environment, you can do this by using the ID number above to donate your containers' refunds to us when you recycle them...

**WE THANK YOU VERY MUCH IF YOU DO THIS!**

### **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](mailto:communitynurserypr@bigpond.com)

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

**NOTE: EFTPOS NOW AVAILABLE!**  
(Bank fees and charges may apply)

### 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*, *water* and *scientific discovery*)!

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 & ice blocks available. See [www.kumbartcho.org.au](http://www.kumbartcho.org.au) for more information



**OUR ASSOCIATION MEMBERS OUT AND ABOUT IN THE COMMUNITY —**



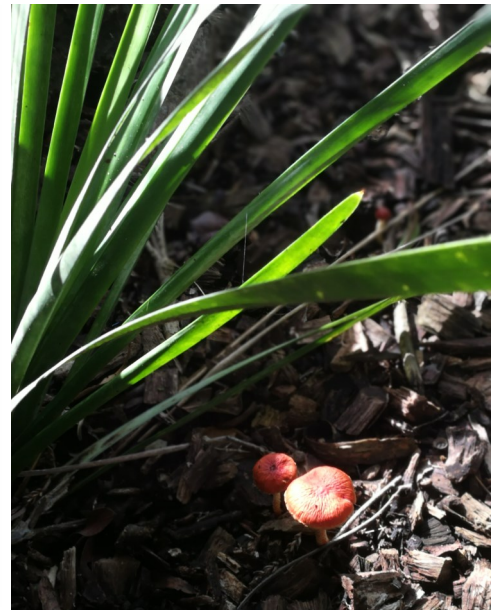
PRCA members have recently attended a few local events and hosted stalls at WILD KOALA & WILDLIFE CELEBRATION DAY (5th May @ Petrie) and DAYBORO DAY (26th May) — Did you see us there??

We'd really appreciate any photos of us you may have taken on days like these; please contact us if you have any to share!

Urban koala pictured left: Photograph by Halle Peltohaka, 22 May 2019.



Fungi (right) and a happy plant or two on a mossy log (left) in Frogs Hollow at Kumbartcho Sanctuary: Photographs by Lainie Peltohaka, 18 May 2019.



**HAPPY TO SHOW OFF — OR NOT?**

Last month's 'Bird of the Month' on our Facebook page — the lovely Owlet Nightjar (pictured below) — came out to 'play' with a recent school group visiting Kumbartcho Sanctuary. He/she was incorporated into the 'Explore Kumbartcho' Nature Walk component of their visit (being visible but high enough up in the tree to not be bothered too much by visitors' mere presence), with first stop on the walk including a brief explanation of the species and its nesting habits.

Being a nocturnal bird, it really should be deep inside the nesting box during the day, fast asleep and gathering energy for the coming night's hunting activity; but we've found this one seems to be a bit of a 'poser', often perching in the sun at the entrance of the nest-box for passers-by to 'ooh' and 'aaah' over!



However, he/she *might* have just *had enough* adoration now—the second school group was 'treated' to the sounds of a few strident screeches from above as well!

Source: Story and photographs by Lainie Peltohaka, 28 May 2019.

**GRANT ACQUITTAL BY JANET MANGAN—DOUGLAS FRANKLIN RESERVE, CLOSEBURN:**

A Moreton Bay Community Grant recently enabled a contractor to treat weed vines such as Cats Claw, Madeira Vine, Glycine and woody weeds (Chinese Elm, Castor Oil, and Alexander Palms) at the Douglas Franklin Reserve located downstream of the bridge over Cedar Creek at Closeburn.

Douglas Franklin was a property owner located at Closeburn on Cedar Creek. He was the first secretary/treasurer of the '*United Milk Producers Co-operative*' established in the mid-1960's, which was set up for dairy farmers in the district to collect fresh milk.

This small reserve is a remnant of a once magnificent gallery rainforest with Weeping Lilly Pillies (*Waterhousea floribunda*) dominating the canopy. The reserve also contains a pocket of understory species like 'Bolwarra' or Native Guava (*Eupomatia Laurina*) which provided a guide for choosing understorey species.

The grant allowed for rainforest species to be planted in pockets where the canopy had been opened up. The 2019 summer season has been one of the driest on record however most plants that were planted well above the root ball have survived.



**DOUGLAS FRANKLIN RESERVE (CLOSEBURN), 27/02/2019**

*Source: Media Release by Janet Mangan forwarded to Lainie Peltohaka by PRCA Secretary Trudi Young via email, 28 February 2019.*



### PRCA CONTINUES THE WAR ON CATS CLAW

CATS CLAW 'BEFORE':



CATS CLAW 'AFTER':



The above photos were taken by *Technigro* during works on the North Pine River on 22 May 2019. Visit Healthy Land and Water on their YouTube channel for more information about Cats Claw Creeper removal (and other great catchment-related work/activities).

Source: Sonya Schmidtchen and <https://www.facebook.com/HealthyLandandWater/videos/850609601974565>, 31 May 2019.

### TREE PLANTING FOR JIM DALE ON WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

Family, friends and former colleagues of our esteemed previous president Jim Dale were invited to a gathering at Apex Park, Dayboro, to celebrate his many achievements in environmental spheres on Wednesday 5 June (World Environment Day).



PRCA, Seqwater and Healthy Land and Water colleagues celebrated Jim's life in story with his family, speaking in a yarning circle before the planting of a Hoop Pine (*Araucaria cunninghamii*) and the unveiling of a sign now standing there in his memory.

Jim's contribution to the broader South East Queensland environment (and to the Pine River Catchment in particular) was considerable, and we each have lovely memories of him to cherish. We hope\* that a great many people will visit Apex Park (Mt Samson Road, Dayboro) in search of outdoor activity and application of environmental knowledge as Jim would wish.

\*On her act of planting of the pine tree, Jim's wife Mary was asked if she would like to name it, to which she replied, 'Yes; HOPE'.

Sources: Lainie Peltohaka, Brian Venz and Trudi Young, 6 June 2019.





## OUR BIRDERS CONTINUE THEIR SUCCESS!

This dedicated group of volunteers was awarded funding towards the publication of their popular book, 'Birds of the South Pine River— Edition 2' (available now from the ladies at the Pine Rivers Catchment Association's office (in the Cottage, Kumbartcho Sanctuary).

Thank you to the Kedron-Wavell Services Club for their support on a wonderful project.

Source: Pine Rivers Catchment via Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/PineRiversCatchmentAssociation/photos/rpp.162015790481928/2797348920281922/?type=3&theater> [accessed 30 May 2019].



## Welcome to Osprey House BIRD SKETCHING WORKSHOPS with Dr Natalia Balo (author of Bird Anatomy for Artists)

Workshops are designed for people with passion for Nature and drawing: birdwatchers, artists and beginners, scientists and environmentalists, who wish to learn the art of depicting form, colour and features of various bird species, and to practice field journal sketching techniques.

\*Learn to sketch and to draw your favourite birds while enjoying company of like-minded creative people, at the beautiful Osprey House on the shores of North Pine River, with all the modern facilities for birdwatching and learning about birds and their habitat.

\*Lessons incorporate presentations, tutor demonstrations and practical sketching and drawing sessions, with attention to every student.

\*Various sketching and illustration techniques are learned and practiced (graphite pencils, watercolors, colour pencils, pen&ink, calligraphy).

Basic art materials, references and some specimens are provided. We also have morning tea and opportunity to talk with Osprey House volunteers, and to watch native and migratory birds at the viewing platforms and bird hides.



Osprey House Environmental Centre  
Dohles Rocks Rd, Griffin QLD 4503

Time:  
3rd Saturday of every month,  
from 10:30am to 12:30pm  
(including tea break)  
Osprey House opens at 10:00am

Workshop Fee:  
\$40 adult (\$30 teens/ concession),  
(Per session, paid to tutor on the day)

For bookings please contact:  
Dr Natalia Balo  
0406383823  
natalia.balo@gmail.com  
www.BFineArt.com.au

Bookings are essential.

Supported by Moreton Bay Regional Council

Source: Natalia Balo and Trudi Young via email, April / May 2019.



## Delicious Lemon Myrtle Recipes

### Lemon Myrtle Sauce

Mix 1 cup of thick yoghurt, half a tablespoon of honey, a teaspoon of lemon myrtle\* mixed with 2 teaspoons of hot water, salt.

Keep cool until needed.

### Lemon Myrtle Mayonnaise

2 egg yolks  
2 tablespoons lime juice  
1 teaspoon Mustard  
1 teaspoon honey  
250ml Macadamia Nut Oil  
1 teaspoon lemon myrtle\*  
a pinch of salt and pepper (pref. Pepperleaf)

Blend all ingredients. Serve as a side.

\*Cool-dried leaves, ground to powdered form

Source: <http://tasteaustralia.biz/bushfood/lemon-myrtle/lemon-myrtle-recipes/> [accessed 27 May 2019].

## **OUR CHOSEN BIRD OF THE MONTH — THE GOLDEN WHISTLER**



As the days become cooler, birds from higher altitude or cooler climes come to visit our neighbourhood over winter. The Golden Whistler, *Pachycephala pectoralis* (pictured, left) is one such visitor.

The adult male is vibrant golden with a black head and white throat and stubby bill. A black breast-band separates the white throat from golden underparts. The wings are blackish with distinct olive edging. Females in contrast have an olive tinge to plain grey or buff-grey with yellow-white edges to flight feathers and paler throat; their lower breast and belly is yellow-buff, and their vent tends to have traces of yellow. The plain dull colours of female birds protects them from predators when on the nest. Brightly coloured males divert the attention of would-be predators to send them on their way.

The territorial call is a persistent melodious 'tchee tchee tchee tu-wit', also a rising whistle ending in a whip-crack and drawn out 'seep'.

Golden Whistlers can presently be found at Kumbartcho Sanctuary; they may either be seen singly or in pairs, or joining multi-species feeding flocks when not breeding. They forage arthropods from foliage and bark, including insects, spiders, mites and scorpions. In eastern Australia they migrate north– south and prefer habitat of a variety of forest and woodlands. Once Spring is in the air the Golden Whistlers will leave our zone and return to their preferred Summer habitat.

Source: Marion Roper via Jack Whiting with information from Menkhurst, Rogers & Clarke's 'The Australian Bird Guide' and Michael Morcombe 2019

## **THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO ATTENDED OUR SECOND NIGHT-TIME TALK HERE AT KUMBARTCHO!**

The Pine Rivers Catchment Association (PRCA) wishes to thank all attendees of our recent forum about the birds of the South Pine River, and the beautiful and fascinating sounds we can use to identify them. We are very pleased to see so many local residents interested in the avian fauna of our area, as evident by a fantastic turn-out of 35 people (as well as five PRCA committee members) on the night!



*Pictured, above:* On Tuesday 14th May, Jack Whiting and Dave Stewart (with help from Rita Larsen) gave the second of PRCA's planned regular 'talks' - this one about the use of BIRD SOUNDS for ID'ing.

One of the attendees at the talk above was Dr Natalia Balo, who teaches others to sketch or paint birds. Her work can be seen in her book, 'Bird Anatomy for Artists' (available for purchase for \$40—contact her on 0406 383 823) and her expert tutelage is currently available at Osprey House, Dohles Rocks Rd, Griffin. See ad on page 6 and calendar (back page) for details. Source: Natalia Balo via email to PRCA, April/May 2019.



# Community Catchment Event Calendar

WHEN	WHAT AND WHERE
General Public Forums 2019—6.30pm for a 7pm start, on the following Tuesdays: 10 September (AGM), and 10 December. (Management Committee Meetings will be 3pm on 9 July and 8 October 2019).	<b>PRCA Committee Meetings</b> 15 Bunya Pine Court, Eatons Hill. Members and Guests welcome. (Guest speakers at General Meetings) <b>Contact Trudi on 3325 1577</b> (use this number for information on other events also). 
(Generally) Second Sunday of each month from 2:00pm; next date 9 June 2019, hosting special <i>Swallowtail and Birdwing Butterfly</i> event (Please check Facebook or email—at right—for upcoming dates or further info).	<b>Samford Eco-Corridor</b> Call 0404 169 826 or email <a href="mailto:samfordecocorridor@gmail.com">samfordecocorridor@gmail.com</a> for further information/to confirm. 
Second Wednesday of every month at 7:00am.	<b>Birding on South Pine River</b> Meet at Kumbartcho Car Park 15 Bunya Pine Court, Eatons Hill.  
Bird sketching classes by Dr Natalia Balo Third Saturday of the month until November 10:30am—12 noon (with morning tea break)	<b>Bird sketching classes by Dr Natalia Balo</b> Osprey House, 975 Dohles Rocks Road, Griffin. \$40 (\$30 concession/teens) per day; pay on the day. Bookings essential— Phone Natalia on 0406 383 823.
Last Wednesday of every month at 8:00am	<b>Gold's Scrub Regeneration Project,</b> 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	<b>Bush Regeneration activities</b> - refer to website <a href="http://www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/bushcare/">www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/bushcare/</a>
23 June, 28 July and 25 August 2019	<b>Redcliffe Environmental Forum Bushcare</b> dates at left. Phone Alexandria on 0407 964 666. <i>All ages welcome!</i>
 <p><b>KUMBARTCHO'S PLAYGROUND</b>  has a covered BBQ facility for your family gatherings, meetings, kids' birthday parties, or any other get-together you might want to hold here!</p> <p>While you can't actually book the space, please do call Kim on 0417 627 039 to give her a heads-up that you're coming ☺</p>	<b>Upcoming PRCA Clean-up events:</b> 8/6/2019—Acacia Park, Murrumba Downs 28/7/2019—Tinchi Tamba wetlands  <p>Event details are posted on our Facebook page and on the Clean-Up Australia website well in advance, and we'd appreciate RSVPs to Trudi or Sonya for catering purposes (<i>We provide morning tea for all willing workers after they put in the effort for us and the environment!</i>)</p> <p>Don't forget your hat, long sleeves, long pants, closed-in shoes ... gloves, sunscreen and water bottle too!</p>

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