



CATCHMENT NEWS

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BIRD ABUNDANCE

Birders on the South Pine River have been busy spotting, watching, collating data and enjoying a good old morning tea and get together. Last month they spotted a Fan-Tailed Cuckoo with an egg in its beak— story goes the egg looks very like an egg of the White-browed Scrub wren so down the hatch it went :/

If you would like to join in with some like minded bird watcher, please see page 5 for details.

Photos by Volunteer C Anderson



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

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THIS EDITION'S WEED SPECIES TO TARGET:

Madeira Vine — *Anredera cordifolia* EXOTIC



A vigorous climbing plant that grows over other vegetation up to 30 m tall. Its green or reddish younger stems later become rope-like in appearance and produce numerous aerial tubers. These greyish-brown or greenish warty stem tubers (normally about 2-3 cm long) are the main means of reproduction and dispersal of this species. The heart-shaped leaves (2-15 cm long and 1.5-10 cm wide) are alternately arranged and slightly fleshy in nature. Numerous small, white or cream, fragrant flowers (about 5 mm across) are borne in elongated, drooping, flower spikes (6-30 cm long).

Common Names: Bridal Wreath, Jalap, Jolop potato vine, lambs tail, potato vine

Habit: A long-lived (i.e. perennial), twining or climbing plant growing over plants and trees up to 30 m tall.

Google this link to see its control methods: <https://weeds.brisbane.qld.gov.au/weeds/madeira-vine>

NASTY! NASTY! NASTY!



BUSHFIRE MANAGEMENT AND PROPERTY PREPARATION

PRCA together with Rural Fire Service will be holding a FREE Forum on the 17th July from 9am

The Rural Fire Service will be providing a presentation and information on Preparing your property, the Actions you should take in the event of a Bushfire and recommendations on Surviving a Bushfire Emergency.

This is an opportunity to talk to representatives from the Rural Fire Service and discuss what you can do on your property or through the work that the Catchment Group undertake to assist in making our communities safer from the effects of Bushfires. A light morning tea will be provided.

If you would like to attend, please provide details and **RSVP to finance@prca.org.au**

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)

Drinks & ice blocks available. See www.kumbartcho.org.au for more information

MEET THE CATCHMENT TEAM MEMBERS

If you would like to find out more about our Catchment and the work we do please contact us with details on the first page :)

MARTIN FINGLAND—PRESIDENT



We welcomed Martin as President in the September 2020 AGM. Martin is a local lad and comes to us with a wealth of catchment knowledge, an environment degree, worked previously as a park ranger and wildlife curator. You may recognise him as a co-owner of Geckoes Wildlife show casing and educating us all on his beloved animals and reminding us all of what we have in our backyards and how to protect them. Martin volunteers in this position to assist in the upward direction of the Association and we do appreciate his valuable time.

SONYA SCHMIDTCHEN - VICE PRESIDENT



Apart from volunteering as Vice President, Sonya's passion, involvement and commitment to ensure projects are delivered to the association's objectives are foremost. As the Catchment Co-ordinator Sonya enjoys the community engagement and has been in this position for the past 10 years. We are sure you have met Sonya along the ways and if not please call in or phone her for a cuppa and a chat.

RICHARD CLARKSON - TREASURER



Richard has been a long serving and extremely active member for the Association for over 20 years. Richard's working career began with Qld Parks and has extensive knowledge of the North and South Pine Rivers, its tributaries, the entire Catchment and surrounds. Richard is a driving force behind our clean up groups where he engages the local Scout Group to assist with their water crafts, assist with Festival attendance and enjoys the role of Treasurer. His aim along with many others is to promote action within the community and through interested sectors to achieve sustainable, responsible and productive management.

TRUDI YOUNG - SECRETARY



I have been with the association since 2004 looking after Administration and Finance. I have been on the Management Committee as the Secretary for most of this time. What I enjoy the most is seeing the association roll out its on-ground projects, succeeding in environment grant funding and witnessing the passionate and dedicated volunteers who come together to form a great bond to follow their love of the outdoors. I am eager to see the association grow so if you have time to spare come in and let's see how we can work together :)

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LEANNE CURREY - COMMITTEE MEMBER



We welcomed Leanne in 2020 to the role of Committee Member. Leanne is a semi-retired cattle farmer/horticulturalist with 12 years' experience in riparian restoration. As a volunteer to the association Leanne is looking forward to assisting in any way she can. Come and join Leanne in some on-ground projects to help reduce some invasive weeds particularly in the Samford to Dayboro areas (like the dreaded Cats Claw Creeper :(

LAINIE PELTOHAKA - COMMITTEE MEMBER



I have been involved in the Pine Rivers Catchment Association's committee as a Committee Member since 2014. I volunteer in many aspects from producing the Catchment's quarterly newsletter and assist in administration of the catchment association's Facebook page. I volunteer at times with Bushcare, Clean up our Waterway days and other community groups activities.

DEREK JOHNSON - COMMITTEE MEMBER



I have lived in the catchment since 2001 and helped with some of the rehabilitation and replanting along our section of the South Pine River. I am an ecological consultant (QTree) specialising in plant ecology, botany and vegetation mapping. It was time for me to put in some commitment to the PRCA, and my professional knowledge and skills are useful and relevant. I also have extensive GIS mapping experience which I will use to map the current vegetation and water quality of the catchment, and update this as necessary. I am also assisting the Australian Koala Foundation with mapping and land management.

WANT TO VOLUNTEER SOME TIME?

Please come and join us whether you would like to be a member (active or not), would like to be involved in some other capacity or would just like to receive our quarterly newsletter! Please feel free to contact us at finance@prca.org.au

Weeding or Planting



Birders Group



Clean Up Events



Community Catchment Event Calendar

WHEN	WHAT AND WHERE
<p>General Committee Meetings 2021 3.00pm - 4:00pm</p> <p>10th Aug and 9th November AGM — 13th September</p>	<p>PRCA Committee Meetings 15 Bunya Pine Court, Eatons Hill. Members and Guests welcome.</p> <p>Contact Trudi on 3325 1577</p> 
<p>Second Sunday of each month from 2:00pm</p> <p>(Please check Facebook or email—at right—for upcoming dates or further information).</p>	<p>Samford Eco-Corridor</p> <p>Call 0404 169 826 or email samfordecocorridor@gmail.com for further information/to confirm.</p> 
<p>Second Wednesday of every month at 7:00am (Winter—7:30am)</p> <p><i>Essential to contact Trudi on 3325 1577 or finance@prca.org.au as location maybe elsewhere.</i></p>	<p>Birding on South Pine River</p> <p>Meet at Kumbartcho Car Park 15 Bunya Pine Court, Eatons Hill.</p> 
<p>Free 2 Hour Workshop</p> <p>Saturday night 15th May, 2021</p> <p>Arrive 6pm for 6:30pm start</p>	<p>Night of Insects!</p> <p>The Barn, Kumbartcho Environment Sanctuary RSVP to finance@prca.org.au</p> 
<p>Last Wednesday of every month at 8:00am</p>	<p>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).</p> 
<p>(Generally) Thursdays/some Saturdays</p>	<p>Bush Regeneration activities - refer to website www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/bushcare/</p>
<p>Free 1.5 Hour Workshop — 17th July, 2021</p> <p>Arrive 8:30am for 9:00am start</p>	<p>Bushfire Management and Property Preparation The Barn, Kumbartcho Environment Sanctuary RSVP to finance@prca.org.au</p>
<p>If you are interested in coordinating a group of mates or joining a group in your local area, please contact us where we can provide you with information and some equipment to get you up and running. It's a great way to meet people, get outside, while doing a great thing for our waterways and environment.</p>	<p>PRCA Clean-up events:</p> <p>TBA</p> <p>Event details are posted on our Facebook page and on our website.</p> 

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