

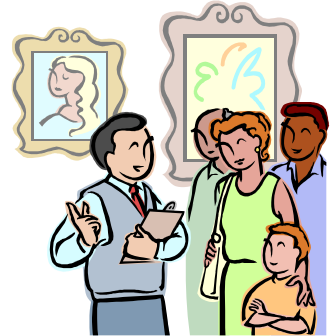
BAYSIDE NEWSLETTER **October - November 2010.**

Next Meeting Friday 29 October 2010 starting at 7.30pm at Redlands IndigiScapes Centre

Our guest speaker for this meeting is Rick Thomason who is curator at Redland Museum in Cleveland and he is joined by colleague Sandra Davis. He will give us a brief outline of the early European history of the Redlands.

We will hear about the beginnings of the museum which began as a Rotary project around 1970 in an effort to preserve some of the disappearing farming equipment due to the urbanisation of farming land. Rick will give us some idea of the activities and achievements of the volunteers which have culminated in architectural plans being prepared for an eighth extension to commence in the future.

He will also describe some of the important items in the collection and how they were acquired. Rick will discuss the presentation of temporary exhibitions and give general information about the museum.



PRESIDENTS REPORT

Steve Homewood

September has broken quite a few records for rainfall and October has started in similar fashion, bushland is looking in prime condition with excellent spring growth, wild flowers are in abundance and our streams are at last flowing. This augurs well for our wildlife which will obviously benefit from a more secure food source and the abundance of water to help with the stress of competing against an increasingly urban environment.

Some of our members recently attended the WPSQ AGM, hosted by Brisbane Branch, which was held at Mount Glorious, it was good to catch up with like-minded friends, share their branch achievements, issues and hopes for the future. One common topic was the threat and potential desecration of our landscape from gas exploration. The consequences for our wildlife and water security by these mostly uncharted methods of

extraction and the need for new infrastructure, rail, roads and ports, will be devastating. It will require a unified voice from conservation groups and the community to ensure that independent assessments of environmental impact studies are made even if this means projects are deemed to be unviable.

Attendance at our last two general meetings has been poor despite some interesting speakers, I hope that we see more of you at our two remaining meetings this year. It is vital that we continue to maintain this important method of communication and information both to our members and the general public.

“In an underdeveloped country, don't drink the water; in a developed country, don't breathe the air.” ~*Changing Times* magazine.



National Threatened Species Day

7th September 2010

From a media release by Simon Baltais

The last thylacine to walk upon the earth was a female kept in Beaumaris Zoo near Hobart. Problems with the zoo during 1935 - 1936 meant the thylacine and other animals were neglected. It was during September 1936, housed in an open topped wire cage with no access to a den she had to bare the extremes and unseasonal weather, at night temperatures were below zero and during the day they reached 38°C. On the 7th September it became too much for her, alone and stressed she closed her eyes on the world for the last time.



When Europeans arrived in 1803, Thylacines were widespread in Tasmania. National Threatened Species Day brings into sharp focus the fact that SEQ's growth is driving what were once common species towards extinction.

In the Redlands we have through extensive land clearing wiped out the Tiger Quoll, *Dasyurus maculatus maculates* one of Australia's largest carnivorous marsupials and the Yellow-bellied glider, *Petaurus australis*, the later last seen only a decade ago."

Within that decade we have also seen the SEQ koala go from Common to Vulnerable and close to extinction within 10 years. Rapid and excessive development in our region has driven many species to extinction or close to it. It is a shame that we still have people, industries and government agencies who appear very comfortable to let our native species disappear forever just for the sake of continued population growth.

We should be mindful that species like the koala are the canary in the coal mine and let us not forget that the survival of our quality of life is very much entwined with the survival of the koala.

Simon warned that "The greatest threat to biodiversity is the size and rate of growth of human population. Every day, more people need more space, consume more resources and generate more waste as world population continues to grow at an alarming rate."

Source:

<http://australianmuseum.net.au/Whats-happening-to-Australias-biodiversity>

"Sir David Attenborough said in his wildlife television series 'The Life of Mammals', "Mankind is looking for food not just on this planet but on others. Perhaps the time has now come to put that process into reverse. Instead of controlling the environment for the benefit of the population, maybe we should control the population to ensure the survival of our environment."

National Threatened Species Day is an opportunity to focus attention and energy on preventing many of our native species from vanishing forever. The Day was first held in 1996, to commemorate the death of the last Tasmanian Tiger in captivity in 1936 in Hobart. National Threatened Species Day is held annually on 7 September to encourage the community to help conserve Australia's unique native fauna and flora.

We must be mindful that while a number of species may appear common in SEQ this region is in many cases their last bastion, elsewhere in Australia they are gone or going. The Thylacine was once common now it's extinct. The koala highlights just how fast native species can disappear. We must protect the region's remaining bushland to prevent species becoming extinct and prevent others from heading in that direction. Remember, extinction is forever.

However, we should all be quite clear on one matter, what ever your cause it's a lost cause unless you address the issue of population.

Bayside Branch – Seagrass and Schools Project

In August students for Bayview State School visited the Tangalooma Environmental Education Centre to learn about marine life in and around Tangalooma.

The trip was financed by Bayside Branch through its Seagrass Watch program. The aim of the outing was to educate the children about Seagrass and the creatures that depend on it for food such as Dugongs and turtles and how important these ecosystems are.

It was pleasing to see in the write up on the School's website that it was recognised that everyone needs to be proactive in the protection and preservation of our coastal marine environments.

The school's website also kindly acknowledged our role in providing this opportunity for the children.

A program of visits was arranged with four schools being funded to send a class of children to Tangalooma for this educational day out.

Many thanks to Alicia, Educational Officer at Tangalooma, Nick and Daniella, Seagrass Watch coordinators and Doreen & Maureen, Bayside branch representatives for their roles in this exciting program.

Wildlife Rescue

If you find sick or injured wildlife in Redlands please contact Wildlife Rescue
Redlands 24 hour service on 07 3833 4031



Steve Parish



An evening with award winning photographer and book publisher Steve Parish.

Steve is a photographer with 50 years experience in photography particularly wildlife and landscape photography.

This charity gala event will be held
Where Palace Barracks Cinemas
61 Petrie Terrace Brisbane

When 6.30pm Friday 26 November 2010

Cost \$35 includes canapés and an opportunity for book signing.

For more information look at www.wildlife.org.au or email wpsq@wildlife.org.au

To book contact telephone 07 3221 0194



World Animal Day walk

To celebrate World Animal Day on Sunday 3rd October 2010, Bayside Branch conducted an 'appreciate your wildlife walk'.



Our large group of early birds met at Days Road Redland Bay for a walk of about 1.5 hours. It was overcast when we started but the abundance of wild flowers brightened the day. Wallabies were in evidence but the birds though heard were mostly unseen.

We got a little wet towards the end of the walk but afterwards we enjoyed morning tea at Thompson's Beach while comparing notes on species seen and heard. Thanks to Steve for organising, Simon for leading and Belinda for excellent catering.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM for the society was held at Mt glorious on 18 September and hosted by the Brisbane branch of the society. Bayside branch members attending were Simon Baltais, Donna Edwards, Steve Homewood, Doreen Payne and John Payne.

The day began with a bird walk for those who arrived early but for those arriving a little later the first order of business was the delivery of the branch reports. The achievements of many of these branches were quite inspiring. Although we some times think our efforts have little impact the combined efforts of members and branches around the state are impressive.

The Annual General Meeting followed and was opened by the President who gave a round up of the society's activities over the year. The President indicated a great admiration for the society and its members as a whole particularly thanked the staff and volunteers at head office.

The election of council members followed. Our Bayside secretary Simon Baltais was re-elected as the President of the society while Bayside committee members Steve Homewood and John Payne were re-elected as members of WPSQ council. (The names of other council members will be reported in the next Wildlife News from head office.)

There were workshops in the afternoon and the Annual Dinner was held in the evening. It proved to be a very enjoyable evening with a delicious meal and a thought provoking presentation by Mary Maher.



Bayside President Steve Homewood delivering the branch report.



Doreen and John attended the society AGM

Thank you to those bayside members who, though unable to attend in person, signified their interest in the management of the society by sending a proxy.



Mangrove Watch Cleveland

Mangrove Watch survey teams help to monitor the magnificent mangroves of Moreton Bay and is Wildlife Queensland's new monitoring project for mangrove health - If you like mud and would be able to spend 3-4 mornings or afternoons a year contributing to the health of Queensland's coastline and marine environments, we want to hear from you.

Why not join the Bayside Branch Mangrove Watch on their next monitoring session at Cleveland.

When Sunday 24th October at 3.30pm finish in 2hrs approx.

Where Cul-de-sac at the end of Long Street Cleveland.

Wear Enclosed footwear, old clothes (you could get muddy)

Bring Water, mosquito repellent, hat, sunscreen.

Reward checking on the health of the mangroves, good company and the refreshments at the end.

Contact Steve on 3824 0522



Help us to Recycle

Bayside branch committee members are committed to recycling as much as possible. Our treasurer, Maureen, has successfully located organisations who will take goods for recycling and some of these translate into an income for the society.

So over the next few weeks how about cleaning out and putting aside items that can be recycled. We can arrange to collect large amounts or arrange an easy drop off point.

Items we can recycle include:

1. Batteries - they can be car batteries, torch batteries or mobile phone batteries etc.
2. Cabling electrical cords and other scrap metal and brass
3. Aluminium cans
4. Bubble wrap
5. Linen - towels, blankets, sheets, pillow cases etc
6. Pre-loved clothing and shoes for children and adults
7. Books
8. Mobile phones and accessories
9. Good items suitable for garage sales
10. Egg cartons
11. Toner and printer cartridges
12. Used postage stamps
13. Out of date first aid supplies
14. Can ring pulls
15. Old reading glasses

To donate any of these items please ring Maureen on 0418 197 160 or bring them to the monthly meeting.

Would you prefer to receive your Bayside Newsletter by email?

If you would like to exchange your paper copy of the newsletter please let us know by emailing - wildlifebb@bigpond.com



Male & female King parrots visited Steve & Belinda at Alex Hills recently.

Photo by Belinda Homewood



Small Minds?

SMALL bins for discarded fishing tackle have been stolen from the Wellington Point jetty after Redland City Council began a trial installation.

Councillor for Wellington Point Wendy Boglary said the small bins were only intended for small fishing-related refuse, like discarded hooks, tackle and line, but people began dumping larger rubbish around the pillar-mounted bins rather than taking waste to the bigger bins at the end of the jetty. Then the tackle bins were stolen.



Batty Boat Cruises are back

The new season of Batty Boat Cruises starts in October 2010. If you haven't yet had this experience then it is time to try it.

This is a 3 to 4 hour cruise on the Brisbane River starting at Mowbray Park.

Seasons dates are

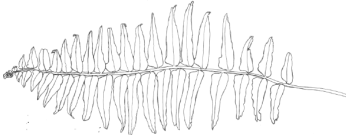
- Sunday 24 October
- Sunday 21 November
- Sunday 5 December

For full details see the website www.wildlife.org.au Book and pay on line or by telephoning 3221 0194

Wildlife Preservation Society of Queensland Bayside Branch

Email- bayside@wildlife.org.au

Website - <http://www.branches.wildlife.org.au/bayside>

<p>Meeting Information</p> <p>When Last Friday of each month (excluding December & January)</p> <p>Where Redlands IndigiScapes Centre 17 Runnymede Road, Capalaba</p> <p>Time 7.30 pm</p>	<p><i>Illustration by L Saunders</i></p> 	<p><i>Opinions expressed , implied or inferred in this newsletter are those of the author and not necessarily those of the Society..</i></p>
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Librarian		
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Wildlife Diary Dates

Friday 29 October Bayside Branch General Meeting IndigiScapes, Runnymede Rd, Capalaba
Sunday 24 October Mangrove Watch Cleveland
Friday 26 November Bayside Branch General Meeting IndigiScapes, Runnymede Rd, Capalaba
Please note there are no meetings in December or January

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Membership Application

Wildlife Preservation Society of Qld Bayside Branch

Date / /

-- New or Renewal

Membership types

- \$30.00 Single
- \$20.00 Concession
(pensioner or full student)
- \$45.00 Family or non profit group
- \$12.50 Junior (under 13 years)

Name _____

Address _____

_____ P/c _____

Phone No _____

Optional

Email address _____

Subscription: Wildlife Australia magazine
(Educational, informative & great photography)

Special Interests _____

- \$42.00 per year inc GST (four issues)
posted within Australia
- \$65.00 per year posted overseas airmail

Donation (optional) \$ _____

For campaign
(Bayside does not have tax deductible status)

Total amount enclosed \$ _____

As a member I agree to be bound by the
rules of the society

Signature _____

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