

**BAYSIDE NEWSLETTER**

**June - July 2010.**

Next Meeting Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2010 starting at 7.30pm at Redlands IndigiSapes Centre

Come and join WPSQBB for a free public talk and hear about a new collaborative project setup by Redland City council to reintroduce native fish to the Redlands.

The Fish 'n Creeks Project aims to reintroduce native fishes to freshwater creeks in the Redlands. The initial goal of the Project is to trial methods to reintroduce the native fishes. The ultimate goal of the Project is to increase the number and diversity of native fish in the region. Those involved include Redland City Council, frc environmental, Australia and New Guinea Native Fishes Association (ANGFA), DEEDI - fisheries, Griffith University and Wildlife Preservation Society of Queensland Bayside Branch. The project commenced in October 2009.



On Friday speakers from frc environmental, ANGFA and RCC will provide information about the project and a fascinating insight into the native fish of the Redlands. Learn about the threats to our native fish and what you can do to ensure we protect these important species. Learn also how you can become involved in this important and interesting community project.

**PRESIDENTS REPORT**

*Steve Homewood*

Our recent well attended World Environment Day dinner brought together many volunteers and environmental champions who give back so much to the community and enabled us to celebrate past achievements. Our speaker Dr Darryl Jones highlighted the fact that groups like us are respected, are needed in the democratic process and have certainly tempered, changed or even stopped many of the issues that conflict with our environmental standards. We should congratulate ourselves on the respect that our letters, submissions and sheer tenacity have earned.

Exploitation of our natural resources, whether for sand, rock, oil or gas is causing heated debates among all communities. This sector has always had a poor environmental record with little

regard for the consequences of poor planning, land degradation, lack of rehabilitation and overuse of finite resources. We are currently seeing a huge expansion in the coal seam gas industry that has the potential to deplete and pollute our aquifers and bring millions of tonnes of salt to the surface, which will threaten agriculture and wreak havoc to our wildlife.

If these extraction processes are not heavily regulated and policed, the consequences for the land and environment will be dire. Governments should be resolute that full environmental impact investigations are carried out, even if that means projects may never be sanctioned.

*“The true meaning of life is to plant trees, under whose shade you do not expect to sit”  
~Nelson Henderson*

## New weed to watch for

On the last bushcare day for the Luke Street Bushcare Group we were fortunate to have an extension officer visiting our site. After doing some maintenance work on a planting site it was found that just in behind the planting there was a large patch of weed which needed to be eliminated as it had established itself over an area of about 40 square metres. The weed is named Sacramento burr (*Triumfetta semitriloba*) and is classed as an emerging weed. It had certainly emerged on our Luke Street site.

**Features** (courtesy of BCC weed ID tool)  
A single-stemmed, short-lived shrub to 2 metres high with grey, smooth bark. The ovate-shaped leaves may reach 8 centimetres in length. They are sometimes three-lobed, nearly hairless above but may be slightly hairy below.

Small yellow flowers to 5 millimetres are produced at the leaf axils. It can flower all year round. Borne in clusters of two or three, the fruits are round burrs that have many hooked spines. Each fruit has three compartments containing three seeds. Sacramento burr usually lives one to three years, but in especially dry conditions, this plant behaves as an annual.

The root system comprises a weak taproot and many lateral roots.

Sacramento burr prefers disturbed sites, such as roadsides, neglected pastures and wastelands. It will grow on a wide range of soil types, from sand to clay, with a pH between 5.5 and 8.0. It grows best in full sun or partial shade.

It forms dense thickets that may become impenetrable. The spiny burrs may injure passing animals or become lodged in the hooves and paws of stock and wildlife. The burrs may also cause injury to humans.

Seeds are mostly dispersed by animals. It is not a native plant



*Sacramento burr*

## World Environment Day Dinner

The branch annual WED dinner was a great success.

Organisers of the event did a great job and all those who helped on the night can be justly proud of their efforts.

Those attending were treated to delicious snacks and drinks in the foyer on arrival. This was followed by a hearty two course meal.

The wildlife quiz got the brains working and the conversation flowing.

The address by our guest speaker Dr Darryl Jones was of course the highlight of the night. Darryl managed to combine details of his research with humour and a take home message which made his address both informative and enjoyable.



## Thank you for your assistance

The annual Indigi festival was held on the weekend of 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> June.

Thank you to those who volunteered some of their time to help on our display. Your contribution was invaluable. It was a very busy weekend particularly for those involved in the set up and pack up. We were very fortunate to have perfect weather.

## Mangrove Watch Cleveland

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

**When** Sunday 4th July 7.30am finish 9.30am 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 and sunscreen.

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

Contact Steve on 38240522



## National Tree Day walk

To celebrate National Tree Day on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2010, Bayside Branch will be conducting a walk.

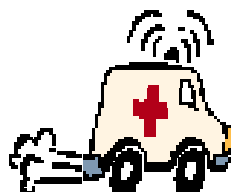
The walk will take us along the foreshore starting from Thorneside and finishing at Aquatic Paradise lookout where, refreshments will be partaken.



Start time 7.30am. Tide will be incoming. Bring suitable footwear, water, hat and sunscreen.

Approximate distance 3km, ambling time 1 hour 15 minutes, reasonable footpath most of the way.

Car Pooling back to start point, if required. For more details and to register contact Steve 38240522



## Shocking Wildlife Statistics Stradbroke Island 2009

89 birds rescued.

20 koalas hit by vehicles, 11 died.

8 koalas attacked by dogs, 7 died.

30 macropods (kangaroos & wallabies) hit by vehicles, all died.

7 macropods attacked by dogs, all died.



## Wildlife Survey

Redland City Council is assisting the University of Queensland ARC Linkage Project by collecting tissue samples from:

- Northern Brown Bandicoots
- Squirrel Gliders
- Yellow-footed Antechinus

If you see any of these species that have met an unfortunate end, please contact Lisa and she will go out and collect a tissue sample.

Lisa has all the vials in her office and once the tissue samples are collected they will be forwarded to the researcher - Mathew Warren at UQ.

Please note: tissue is only being collected from dead specimens - not live specimens.

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## Wildlife Rescue

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



Maureen

Photo by D Payne

## World Environment Day Winner

Congratulations to Maureen Tottenham who won the Redland City Council World Environment Day Individual award for 2010. The award was presented on Saturday 5 June at Redlands IndigiScapes Centre.

Family and friends attended the ceremony and showed their appreciation when the winners were announced.



## Would you prefer to receive your Newsletter by email?

If you would please let us know by emailing - [wildlife@bigpond.com](mailto:wildlife@bigpond.com)



## Did you know

The US Environmental Protection Agency has established the energy savings of recycling rather than dumping a single aluminium can. This simple act is energy-equivalent of using a laptop for five hours, a 60 watt incandescent light bulb for four hours or an equivalent compact fluorescent light bulb for 20 hours.



## Mystery solved

DSP

Last month I reported on a mysterious phenomenon I witnessed but had not seen before which just goes to show there is much out there in the natural world that we have yet to learn and witness.

The event I refer to took place one rainy day following a night of heavy rain and involved the movement of large earth worms from a garden to indoors.

There were quite a number of worms possibly about 50 were seen in all and they varied in length from 5cm to 15cm.

Thank you to Harold Waring who came up with an answer to the mystery. Harold advised that the worms breathe through their skin. If the worm's holes are full of water they can't get air so they have to come up to the surface of the ground. The fact that they were heading indoors may have been simply that they were looking for a place to hide.



## From the newspapers

The Courier Mail reported that a treasure trove of new species have been found by scientists working in West Papua.

The new species found include a frog with a long protuberance on its nose that points upwards, a 'gargoyle-faced' gecko, the world's smallest wallaby, a blossom bat that feeds on rainforest nectar, a tree-mouse and a black and white butterfly related to the common monarch.

The Indonesian government has declared the area a reserve but some believe the area is still at risk in such a resource-hungry country.



**PEW!**

*Jack Jackson*

Amanda from Pelican & Seabird Rescue Inc was helping me on a pelican rescue down at Amity. We had already caught one pelican who had a gang of 4 hooks embedded in its wing. This bird was treated and released successfully, but we found another one in that it group with issues. So we went about catching it.



*Photograph by D Payne*

It was one of those days where everything was going like clockwork and the pelicans were cooperating.

All this action had drawn small crowd, standing at a distance behind me .I didn't take much notice of them, as you have to be pretty focused on the job.

Anyway the target bird walked into the snare and bang! Got him. Amanda bolts down the beach and grabs old mate. I was satisfied that she had a good hold on it.

Just at that moment someone in the crowd yelled, "Isn't that traumatic".

Straight away I got all defensive and a bit cranky thinking they were talking about the bird, so I turned around to them and started to go on about "The last bird we had just caught had a gang of hooks in it and don't you think that's worse than being caught by us". But then I realized the person was the lovely Kim who is one

of the Amity Rangers .She was almost in hysterics and pointed back to Amanda "Not the bird silly, her!"

I turned around and here's Amanda still holding the Pelican, but she had her whole head stuck down its gob!

By the time I reached her, the pelly had released Amanda but being the champion that she is she hadn't released the bird.

After everything had settled down I asked "how does it feel to be swallowed by a pelican". Her reply; "Talk about bad breath!" She reckons if you left a bag of pilchards in the sun for a day and then pulled it over your head, that's pelican gob!



*Pelican peak hour at Amity  
Photograph by Jack Jackson*



## **Raffle Winners**

Congratulations to our winners and thank you to all who supported the raffles.


'Sam the Koala' painted by Dawn Valk and generously donated by Luke Dalglish was won by Eileen of Wellington Pont.

The 'Basket of Goodies' drawn at the Indigi weekend was won by Lauren.

**Wildlife Preservation Society of Queensland Bayside Branch**

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<p><b>Meeting Information</b></p> <p><b>When</b>  <u>Last</u> Friday of each month  (excluding December &amp; January)</p> <p><b>Where</b> Redlands IndigiScapes Centre  17 Runnymede Road, Capalaba</p> <p><b>Time</b> 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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**Wildlife Diary Dates**

Friday 25 June Bayside Branch General Meeting IndigiScapes, Runnymede Rd, Capalaba
Sunday 4 July Mangrove Watch at Cleveland
Sunday 25 July National Tree Day walk
Friday 30 July Bayside Branch General Meeting IndigiScapes, Runnymede Rd, Capalaba
September 17 - 19 WPSQ AGM and members get together

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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(Bayside does not have tax deductible status)

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

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

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