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BAYSIDE NEWSLETTER

April - May 2012

Next Meeting Friday 27 April 2012 starting at 7.30pm at Redlands Indgiscapes Centre

The Koala Coast koala population has undergone a significant decline over the past 10 years. Between 1996 and 1999 the population was estimated at approximately 6200 animals. A resurvey of the population between 2005 and 2006 indicated that the population had declined by 26% to around 4600 animals. In 2008, another round of comprehensive surveys revealed a more than 50% drop in koala numbers to around 2300 animals.

Was there another large decline in the population between 2008 and 2010 or has the population remained unchanged or improved? This talk will report the results of the fourth comprehensive survey of the Koala Coast koala population in 2010.

Deidre de Villiers koala researcher and author will bring us up to date with the latest survey results and what they really mean for koala conservation.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Steve Homewood

As we head to our AGM towards the end of April I would like to thank all those on the committee who have organised Branch activities, produced our informative newsletters, wildlife diary and koala news and kept our finances in good order. Mangrove Watch and Seagrass Watch continue to expand although coping with administration issues is something that is proving challenging and financially detrimental not only for us but I suspect all volunteer groups. It is certainly an issue that will be discussed at the strategic planning work shop next month where we will try to formulate a framework to help branches function efficiently under this increasing burden of "red tape" and produce a plan for the future.

As usual there is plenty happening within the branch do not forget to participate in our World Environment Day dinner on the 26th May, our regular walks, display events and Friday evening talks, we love to see a crowd.

Wildlife Queensland celebrates its 50th anniversary with a forum "talking wildlife" at Bardon over the weekend 7th - 8th September, the list of speakers is already impressive, this event should not be missed, bookings are already open. Bayside branch is well into its 25th year and there will be many challenges ahead but we are well equipped to continue our charter and make a difference for our wildlife for next 25 years.

Take nothing but pictures. Leave nothing but footprints. Kill nothing but time.
~Motto of the Baltimore Grotto, a caving society

Connections Forum: Spatial, Social and Temporal Links for Biodiversity

Saturday 26 May 2012 8:30am - 4:00pm
Queensland Centre for Advanced
Technologies (QCAT), Pullenvale, 4069

Keynote speaker, Associate Professor
Darryl Jones, Griffith University
***Connections despite barriers: roads and
reactions***

The forum will explore the significance of
connection issues in restoring and
managing biodiversity for the long-term
future and sustainability of the South East
Queensland region.

Topics include:

- *Control burns and insect conservation?*
- *Will landscape corridors facilitate
adaptation to climate impact:
implications for the selection of new
protected areas*
- *Spatio-temporal landscape genetic
patterns within and across
management units for the koala in
SEQ*
- *Planning corridors in an urbanising
landscape*
- *Waterways, their health and condition
and value in connectivity*
- *Qld Biodiversity vs Qld Mining Boom:
the legal status of nature refuges and
biodiversity offsets*

The programme is correct as at 13th
March 2012.

Registration is \$50.00 with
early bird available.



PLACES ARE LIMITED: BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL.

Presented by The Hut Environmental and
Community Association Inc (THECA)
Registration includes morning tea and
lunch. Cheques and cash only.
Download a registration form from
<http://www.theca.asn.au/>.

Help Wanted

Your help is needed to look after our
display at the IndigiScapes weekend in
June.

If you can spare 2 hours or more to come
to IndigiScapes on either Saturday 2nd or
Sunday 3rd June your help would be
appreciated. No experience necessary.
You just need to enjoy talking to people
about wildlife.

Call Doreen on 0407 157 556 to find out
more.



Coming events for your Dairy

Sunday 22 April Walk at Carbrook
wetlands

Friday 27 April Annual General Meeting

Saturday 12 May WPSQ Branches forum

Saturday 26th May at Redlands
IndigiScapes centre. Bayside branch's
World Environment Day annual dinner
Guest speaker to be announced. Mark it
in your diary and look for the booking
form out soon.

Saturday 2 & Sunday 3 June IndigiScapes
weekend.

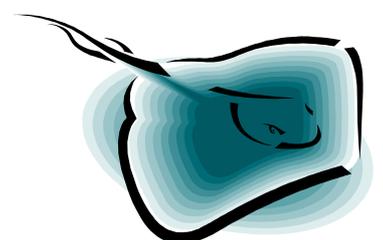


Cruise Pumicestone Passage

Saturday 21 April 11am to 3 pm.
Cost \$44.00 for cruise, BBQ lunch & A tea.

Contact WPSQ Moreton Bay branch for
bookings and further information.

Phone Helen on 3886 6132 or email
tomash@skymesh.com.au



Learn that Weed

Pretty flower that's not so good for the environment.

You will all have seen the Easter Cassia (*Senna pendula*) flowering around our area in recent weeks. Those flashy yellow flowers are hard to miss. While they are flowering it is a good time to target them for removal especially in bushland and before they produce seed.

Small plants can be pulled by hand if soil is moist but larger ones will need to be dug out to ensure all roots are removed.

Origin
South America

Description
Shrub up to 5m high. Leaves grow in alternate formation and are pinnate with 3 to 5 pairs of dark green leaflets. Around Easter it produces masses of yellow flowers in clusters at the end of the branches. Flowering is followed by long slender green seed pods each plant producing hundreds of seeds.

Distribution
Seeds produced can be carried by humans, birds, gravity and water. Widely found in disturbed areas, along road verges and along creeks.

Problem
Very successful in disturbed ground this sprawling shrub can quickly establish dense thickets which out compete the native vegetation.



Photo cutesy of dpi.qld.gov.au

Walk with Wildlife

In conjunction with Logan Branch, we have organised a guided tour by Margaret Greenway to Carbrook Wetlands. (The walk was originally scheduled for February but was rained out!)

Cost: \$2.00

When: Sunday 22th April

Time: 7.30am.

Where: Carbrook - Meeting at the far end of Lagoon Rd, off Tevoit Road Carbrook



Bring: As this a Wetland area you are advised to bring, water, hat, sunscreen, mozzie spray, binoculars, reasonable footwear and clothing that offers protection against the possibility of insect bites

We have been granted special access, it will be hosted by someone who has undertaken significant research in this area and is a leading authority on ecology of the Wetlands. This area is not normally readily accessible. Walk will start on time and gates will be locked behind us.

Morning refreshments are available at the conclusion of the walk.

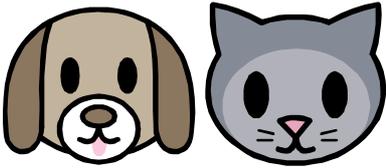
Please register for this event by phoning Steve on 3824 0522 or emailing bayside@wildlife.org.au

Would you prefer to receive your Bayside Newsletter by email?

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

It will save paper, envelopes and the cost of postage so please consider it if you are on email.

Keeping cats, dogs and wildlife safe!



1. How to keep cats and wildlife safe

- Keep cats totally indoors with lots of company and play toys, high ledges with views to look out to, a tall scratching and climbing post and of course a clean litter tray.
- Desex your cat between 2-4 months to reduce roaming, spraying, wailing and fighting (unwanted pregnancies can happen by 5 months).
- Train your kitten or cat to walk on a lead and harness so she can go places safely with you. Find out how at: www.awlqld.com.au/happy-cats.html
- Identify your cat with a microchip, collar and ID tag so it can be returned safely to you if ever it does escape.
- Explain to your friends about how to keep cats and wildlife safe.
- Keep working on reducing consumption and pollution and saving habitat for wildlife.
- Enclose an outdoor deck or courtyard with wire ceiling and walls or install an inverted cat safe fence so your cat can enjoy a bit of the great out doors but not wander to be killed in road accidents or injured by dogs or other cats, or trapped by neighbours, or killing wildlife.

2. Keeping your dog and wildlife safe

- Train your dog not to chase and attack wildlife through obedience training - come, sit, stay, drop.
- Keep your dog on a lead when wildlife is near until you are sure it will not chase or harm it. Say firmly “no” if



your dog looks like chasing or annoying wildlife (children should be taught not to chase wildlife including birds as well - editor!)

- Praise your dog when it ignores wildlife or moves around calmly near wildlife in your yard.
- Keep your dog inside or in an enclosed run inside your fenced yard from dusk to dawn when native animals move around to feed.
- Keep your dog on your property at all times when not out walking on a lead or in a leash-free park.
- Prevent your dog from chasing marsupials. Marsupials often drop their joeys when chased and, unless found quickly, these joeys will die.
- Keep your dog away from snakes. Because Australia has some of the most venomous snakes in the world very few will survive a snake bite.

We did bring cats to Australia because we valued their ability to hunt rats and mice to protect our food supplies. Loss of wildlife is through the introduction of non native animals eg domestic (feral cats kill millions of native animals/birds each year), fox (imported to have English tradition of fox hunting here!), cane toad, rabbits, and habitat destruction and pollution. Roaming dogs in suburbs and country have an impact on native animals as they try to move through their habitat. Source: The Animal Welfare League of Queensland.

From the WPSQ Gold Coast & Hinterland newsletter January 2012

Wildlife Rescue

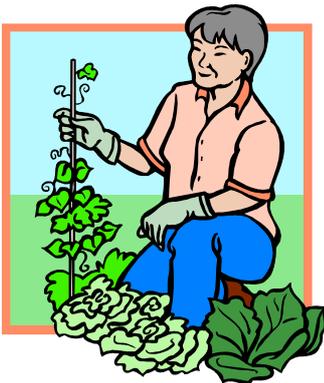
If you find sick or injured wildlife in Redlands please contact Wildlife Rescue Redlands 24 hours on 07 3833 4031

For Marine Strandings please report to 1300 130 372



Maureen's environmental tips

By growing your own season fruit and vegetables in your garden (or even on your balcony), you'll receive the benefits of higher quality, more nutritious produce - plus you'll be helping the planet. Transport, processing and other costs associated with bringing unseasonal, artificially-ripened food to the supermarket represents less value to you, and more damage to the environment.



So go on, get your hands dirty! Visit your local nursery and hardware store for all the necessities. Happy digging!

(You might like to also make your own compost. Things such as vegetable scraps, green or dead leaves, straw, torn or shredded paper are good for getting the compost going. There are a number of good websites about organic gardening that can help too.)

“Mangroves are one of the nursery areas of the sea. Young fish get food from mangroves and shelter there from predators.”

“Waterways need a good balance of nutrients, just like you need a balanced diet. But just as too much food is not good for us, too many nutrients make waterways sick”

Watch for wildlife on roads, especially at dawn and dusk.

Lock your pets up at night so they don't hurt our wildlife.

Reminder

Financial Members are reminded that the meeting on April 27th will be Bayside branch Annual General Meeting.

If you are not able to attend the meeting you can still participate by completing and return the proxy form which was in the March newsletter. You may nominate any financial member of the branch as your proxy.



Financial members who would like to become more involved in management of the Branch are encouraged to talk to the president or secretary about how you might assist.

Please send all forms to the 'Returning Officer' at WPSQ PO Box 427 Capalaba Qld 4157 by 13th April 2012.



50th Anniversary Wildlife Queensland

Don't miss this. Mark it in your diary.

Talking Wildlife, (a forum to celebrate Wildlife Queensland's 50th anniversary) will be held on Friday 7 and Saturday 8 September 2012 at Bardon Conference Centre, Brisbane. Registrations open in April.

Talking Wildlife will feature a variety of presenters on a diversity of topics. A draft program is available on the website and you can register your interest and be kept up to date with developments.

Check the website for more information
www.wildlife.org.au



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 <u>Last</u> 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>Opinions expressed, implied or inferred in this newsletter are those of the author and not necessarily those of the Society..</i></p>	 <p><i>Illustration by R Opala</i></p>
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Wildlife Diary Dates

Friday 27 April Bayside Branch General Meeting Includes AGM IndigiScapes, Runnymede Rd, Capalaba
Sunday 22 April Wildlife walk at Carbrook
Friday 25 May Bayside Branch General Meeting IndigiScapes, Runnymede Rd, Capalaba
Saturday 26 May World Environment Day dinner

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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 time student)
 - \$45.00 Family or non profit group
 - \$12.50 Youth member (up to 18 years)

Name _____

Address _____

_____ P/c _____

Phone No _____

Optional

Email address _____

- Subscription: Wildlife Australia magazine
(Educational, informative & great photography)
- \$42.00 per year inc GST (four issues)
posted within Australia
 - \$65.00 per year posted overseas airmail

Special Interests _____

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 _____

 <p>Payment by Credit Card</p> <p>Card type— Visa__ Mastercard __</p> <p>Card No _____</p> <p>Expiry Date ____/____</p> <p>Name on the Card _____</p> <p>Signature _____</p>
