



**BAYSIDE NEWSLETTER**

**November - December 2012**

Next Meeting Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2012 starting at 7.30pm at Redlands Indgiscapes Centre. This will be our final meeting for 2012.

Feral animal control in Redlands is the topic for our guest speaker Michael Dickinson from Australian Wildlife & Feral Management.

Come along to find out which feral animals are currently found in the Redlands as well as the most effective ways to keep these ferals under control. Michael Dickinson will provide information on how to track animals, the most effective trapping techniques and how to conduct trapping activities safely.



This presentation will provide an understanding of the feral problem and the control of feral animal populations.

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**PRESIDENTS REPORT**

Steve Homewood

This is our final newsletter for the year, it also time to thank Doreen Payne for all her sterling efforts over the last twenty years in producing this informative publication, Doreen has decided it is time for a change and maybe a new format for the newsletter will evolve. So if any-one is interested in compiling the newsletter please contact us as soon as possible. As usual the year has produced highlights and low lights it was a great achievement to be nominated and win two Healthy Waterways' awards including ministers' grand prize, this is in large part due to volunteers who participate in Seagrass and Mangrove watch. Our committee has, as usual, worked tirelessly to promote the society and its ideals at various events which continue to ensure we keep the respect of this environmental minded community.

The downside of this year is the disregard and disdain that some of our elected representatives now have for the environment. In their rush for growth they ignore those who value the uniqueness of our flora and fauna and who will fight by every fair means to protect this asset for all. It will be an interesting year ahead. To all our members and friends, enjoy the summer months ahead, thanks for all your support, we will back in contact early next year, first general meeting is on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February with Martin Fingland and his live display of Australian wildlife.

*The earth will not continue to offer its harvest, except with faithful stewardship. We cannot say we love the land and then take steps to destroy it for use by future generations."*

— [Pope John Paul II](#)

## Bird Walk

Despite the day dawning cool and overcast on the morning of 28 October our band of keen exploreers joined John for a ramble at the Kidd Road conservation reserve at Redland Bay

Though there had been no recent rain quite a number of native flora were flowering. The odd patersonia or native iris were opening their lovely flowers and a number of gordenia were also flowering together with fringed lillys, hibertias, xanthorias and more.

A number of birds were spotted. Amongst the birds seen or heard were the Grey shrike thrush, Rufus whistler and Sacred kingfisher. A lone Red neck wallaby bounded about and shadowed the intrepid walkers as we strolled along.



A fine morning tea was had afterwards.

Apart from the enjoyment of the environment another highlight of the morning was when John (the horse whisperer) call up a pair of equine's finest from the field to we patted and admired.

Another great morning in the Redlands.



### 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



## Wildflowers of Wallaby Creek

### An Exhibition

by

Jan Acton

at the Redland Museum

from 13th January - 28th February,  
2013

A diary of delicate Botanical  
Illustrations

and description of a year of discovery

in the Australian Bush

Redland Museum, 60 Smith Street,  
Cleveland



## Help to recycle

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

Some items we can recycle are:

- Aluminium cans & can ring pulls
- Cabling, electrical cords and other scrap metal and brass
- Batteries - car batteries, mobile phone batteries or torch batteries etc.
- Blankets and towels, face washers
- Out of date first aid supplies
- Used postage stamps
- Old reading glasses (adults/kids)
- Empty egg cartons
- Shopping bags - plastic and any bags that can be reused
- Balls of Wool
- Mobile phones & accessories
- Printer/Toner Cartridges
- Preloved clothing and shoes for children and adults

To donate any of these items please ring Maureen on 0418197160 or bring them to the monthly meeting.

## Biomass plant at Mt Cotton

Our secretary, Simon Baltais recently wrote to Redland City Councillors to clarify matters in relation to the proposed Biomass plant at Mt Cotton.

Simon acted as a community litigant representing one of the appellants and a number of members of the community (Co-respondents) in the Planning and Environment Court in regard to the Biomass plant matter in 2007 where Redland Shire Council's approval of the Biomass plant was challenged.

The matter was resolved by way of settlement and Court Conditions were applied to the subsequent approval of the Biomass Plant.

However, it now transpires that:

- At no time were our experts or Simon informed during the Appeal about the two plans showing the rotary kiln and larger stack. They were not advised that the plans presented to the community during Public Notification had been substituted with new plans, which occurred after the closure of said Public Notification. All discussions during the Appeal centered around the original un-changed plans.
- At no time was the community informed of these changes to the Plans. These changes occurred after the closure of the Public Notification process and the public were not given an opportunity to question these changes.
- FOI and RTI documents received after the Appeal have shown Council officers knew these changes were major in nature but failed to inform appellants, the community or Simon. An objective and untainted report produced by Michael Rose and Kevin Cronin from Brisbane City Council after the Appeal emphasized the changes were significant.

It should be noted that any proposed changes that alter the Court Conditions would require the matter to return to the P&E Court.



## Science at the Grand View Hotel

*Another in Bayside branch series of science presentations.*

**Where:** The Historic Grand View Hotel, 49 North Street, Cleveland

**When:** Saturday 17 November 2012  
9.00am to 12 noon

Guest speakers will include:

Ms Jan Aldenhoven, Activist and Wildlife Film Producer.



Jan's topic will be Wildlife Habitats of North Stradbroke Island. As a long time resident of North Stradbroke Jan is well placed to bring this presentation to us.

Ms Fiona Maxwell, Coral Sea Campaign Coordinator

Fiona's s topic will be the Coral Sea Marine Park  
As you will be aware there has been a concerted campaign in recent times by many groups in relation to the Coral Sea Marine Park. Fiona will no doubt bring us up to date on this and many other aspects of the park. (Some of you will know Fiona from her time in the campaigns division of Wildlife Queensland.)

This is the last in this series of presentations for 2012 so make sure you make to most of this opportunity. Contact Michael for more info on 0448 761 114.

## Bird decline the worst in world

A new study has shown the nation's birds are in trouble, with populations declining faster than anywhere else in the world. A joint study by UQ, Charles Darwin University and BirdLife Australia blamed the prevalence of invasive species, a decline in bird migration from Asia and ongoing threats to oceanic seabirds. The statistics are based on the Red List Index, which illustrates the rate at which species are slipping towards extinction. Source: The Sunday Mail, 2012.



## Batty Boat Cruises

The 2012-2013 season has opened so plan to take one of these popular wildlife cruises on the Brisbane River. Batty Boat Cruises are a great way to enjoy a family trip on the river - adults and kids alike love Batty Boat Cruises.

The cruises are organised by the Brisbane branch of Wildlife Queensland. The boat leaves from Mowbray Park East Brisbane and travel to Indooroopilly Island in time to watch the flying foxes depart. Each cruise lasts 3.5 to 4 hours.

While we can't guarantee the flying foxes will perform, the river cruise is a delight in itself and there are always flying foxes on board the boat that are happy to meet admiring humans.

Cruise dates for the season are Sunday 25 November 2012, Sunday 9 December 2012, Sunday 10 February 2013, Sunday 24 February 2013 and Sunday 24 March 2013

Ticket prices are \$32.00 each adults, \$24.00 concession, \$16.00 children (3-15 years) & \$85 family (2 adults, 2 children) Tickets may be booked on line or by calling 07 3221 0194 during office hours.



For more information see <http://www.wildlife.org.au/news/2012/batty.html>

## Kooka Capers

*John Payne*

Two resident kookaburras were observed checking out a large hollow on the side of a scribbly gum tree. Over a few months they seem to excavate the hollow to their satisfaction and started to come and go individually to the hollow.

A ladder was used to inspect the hollow revealing the presence of 3 eggs sitting in a rough bark nest inside.

One kookaburra sits on the eggs while the other feeds it until there is a changing of the guard at indeterminate intervals.

As it is November we can't help but wonder if they are expecting the eggs to hatch or just practicing.

We have much to learn about kookaburra breeding behaviours and will keep on watching.



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## Ban Plastic Bags

A community luncheon  
Tuesday 20 November  
Moreton Bay Trailer Boat Club

Keynote speaker  
Ian Kiernan AO founder of Clean Up Australia

Bookings essential phone 3846 7833  
<http://banplasticbags.eventbrite.com.au>

## From a News Report

**A QUEENSLAND chemical manufacturer has been ordered to fund turtle monitoring and other conservation measures to the tune of almost half a million dollars after pleading guilty to illegally releasing water and effluent.**

Environment Minister Andrew Powell said Orica Australia Pty Ltd was penalised \$432,000 by the Gladstone Magistrates Court for unauthorised stormwater and effluent water releases from its Yarwun facility near Gladstone.

"The Court has ordered that \$100,000 will be allocated for turtle research at Port Curtis, \$90,000 for Conservation Volunteers Australia's Gladstone program and \$60,000 for the Gladstone Healthy Harbour Partnership," Mr Powell said.

He said it was the first time a court had imposed a public benefits order under section 502 of the Environmental Protection Act to restore or enhance the environment.

"This is a great win for the local community and I encourage the use of innovative sanctions and penalties by my department to achieve better environmental outcomes," he said.

Mr Powell said Orica pleaded guilty to four counts of contravening a condition of a development approval under the Environmental Protection Act 1994.

Mr Powell said one charge related to an unauthorised release of cyanide through stormwater in 2010, which was detected during a departmental site visit during a period of heavy rainfall.

The company apparently failed to test for cyanide on a number of occasions and to notify the department about unauthorised releases."

The company was also ordered to pay substantial legal and investigation costs.

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## Your skills wanted

**Bayside branch Newsletter editor is retiring**

This is the chance for any aspiring newsletter editors to take the reins from February 2013.

The Editor needs to be willing to

- follow up contributors to get copy on time
- source suitable articles
- keep up to date with Wildlife events in order to publicise them
- have the newsletter finalised by the required date to allow timely distribution

If you would like to give it a try call Doreen on 320 0368 (may need to leave a message) or email [wildlifebb@bigpond.com](mailto:wildlifebb@bigpond.com).



Lots of advice and help will be available to get you started.



### **We would like to send your Bayside Newsletter by email**

Please consider exchanging your paper copy of the newsletter for the full colour email version. Please let us know by emailing - [wildlifebb@bigpond.com](mailto:wildlifebb@bigpond.com)

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

**Wildlife Preservation Society of Queensland Bayside Branch**

Email- [bayside@wildlife.org.au](mailto:bayside@wildlife.org.au)

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

<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>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 30 November  
Bayside Branch General Meeting  
IndigiScapes, Runnymede Rd, Capalaba

**Merry Christmas and  
Happy New Year**

Friday 22 February 2013  
Bayside Branch General Meeting  
IndigiScapes, Runnymede Rd, Capalaba

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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)

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

For campaign .....  
(Bayside does not have tax deductible status)

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rules of the society

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

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