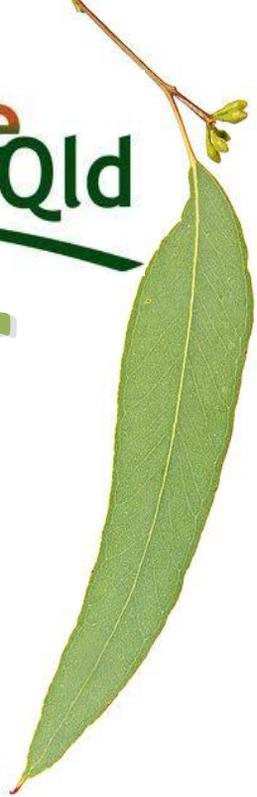


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February 2015



The Month Ahead.....

Next Meeting.

Friday 27th February at 7:30 PM

Redlands Indigiscapes Centre – 17 Runnymede Rd, Capalaba

Martin Fingland – Geckos Wildlife

A fascinating display of live native animals combined with an informative talk on our unique and wonderful Australian wildlife and the value they bring to our lives.

Presented in Martin's own easy and educational style.

Both children and older folk will all be enchanted.

General Public Welcome | Entry by gold coin donation | Supper provided

Focus on Feathers at O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat

ONE DAY PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP WITH STEVE PARISH

DATE AND TIMES 28th March, 2015 | 7.15am til 6.00pm

VENUE O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat, Lamington National Park Road, Canungra QLD 4275

WORKSHOP DESIGNED for amateur enthusiast and advanced photographers

PHOTOGRAPHY GEAR Any digital SLR or mirrorless camera. Ideally, you'll have a long lens (reaching up from at least 200mm), a tripod, and a bolt-on flash may be useful but not essential. We'll also have a limited number of cameras, flashes, and tripods for you to practise with

HIGHLIGHTS

Be one of only 16 participants and get personal guidance from Steve

Learn and practice the camera techniques that Steve uses in the field

Photograph Australian native birds in and around one of the worlds most famous bird watching regions

Learn to see in a very different way and notice unique potential photographs

Review your current photo kit and develop a long-term plan to advances your photography plan

Discover the computer editing secrets behind some of Steve's most famous images, and see us apply them to photos you take on the day.

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Have you considered receiving your newsletter by email?

If you would like to see the full colour version of the newsletter each month, please let us know by emailing wildlifebb@bigpond.com

It will save paper, envelopes and postage.

From the Executive Team...

Presidents Report

A welcome back to our first newsletter for 2015, how hot have the last few months been, a rise in average minimum temperatures has not helped and yet these rises are now becoming the norm. There is no doubt that wildlife habits are being disrupted by the rise in temperatures whilst that is apparent with coral bleaching and the increasing prevalence of different marine species that now regularly appear locally. But little is known about changes to breeding patterns and fauna distribution that may also be occurring.

We can only hope, that we will eventually have a more enlightened and responsive system of governance, that can enact and enforce solid environmental regimes and rigidly protect our increasingly fragile ecosystems.

Our speaker this month Martin Finland really needs no introduction he will be on hand not only to give his audience and understanding of our local wildlife, but also allow some close encounters, perhaps with snakes, a blue tongue lizard or a look at a quoll.

As usual this year we will have many interesting speakers normally on the last Friday of every month, so keep this day free in your diaries.

This year we also have the privilege of hosting the WPSQ AGM which will be held on Coochiemudlo Island on Saturday 12th September 2015, an event not to be missed and a chance to show other branches why the Bayside and Moreton Bay attracts so much interest and its need for extraordinary protection. We will need plenty of support on the day so I hope you can be there.

It is a curious situation that the sea, from which life first arose, should now be threatened by the activities of one form of that life. ~Rachel Carson

Wildlife Week 2015

Every year Oreilly's Rainforest Retreat coordinates with Queensland's Parks and Wildlife to search for as many critters, birds and beasts as possible. Foremost we look for the Hastings River Mouse, unfortunately its been a few years since we've seen these guys, but we do find some other pretty amazing wildlife. Of course the food and the view is worth the hard work on the trap lines.

Southern Angle-headed dragon, *Hypsilurus spinipes*

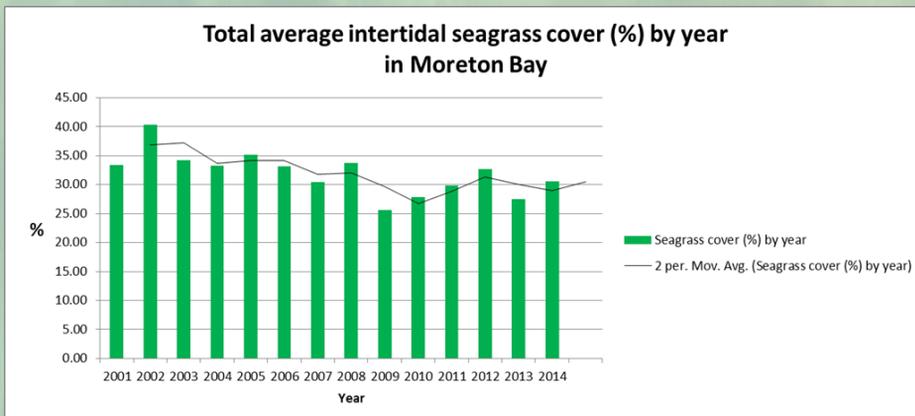


Seagrass: Yup we're still watching it grow

-- And it's going great! --

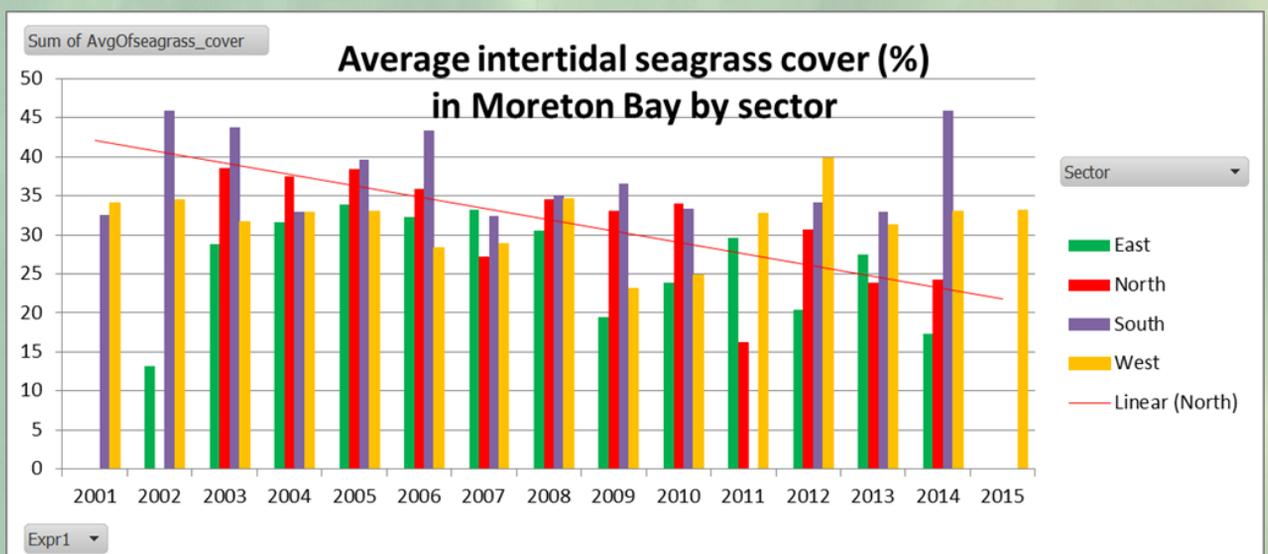
Wildlife Queensland Coastal Citizen Science project has released their 2014 – January 2015 Moreton Bay seagrass monitoring report.

Overall seagrass distribution appears to be relatively stable in Moreton Bay. Although there may have been some distributional shifts within seagrass meadows, sites very rarely go from supporting seagrass to being completely devoid or vice versa.



There has been an interesting case where seagrass appeared at a Deception Bay site where it was once devoid and another where on the Amity Banks seagrass site almost completely disappeared. We are continuing to use GPS mapping techniques to gain greater accuracy in detecting these minor distributional shifts. The report noted seasonal variation at some individual sites but the variation across all sites over time cannot be explained by season alone.

The report did raise concerns that there is a general decline in seagrass cover in the Northern Section of Moreton Bay. The project is endeavouring to produce seagrass extent mapping for the period covered by seagrass monitoring. The task is to establish via remote sensing techniques if there is a general decline in seagrass cover in the Northern section of Moreton Bay. To date the 2014 seagrass extent mapping has been completed.



Canning It!

Hello to All WPSQBB Can Collectors,

We have recycled 5000kgs of metal items in 4 years thanks for supporting Wildlife Qld Bayside Branch and keeping that amount of waste out of land fill.

We have collected more cans in 2014 than 2013 thanks for your support we have increased what we have recycled every year over the last 4 years.

Thanks for your help and support throughout 2014 for collecting **797 kgs** of aluminium cans (**approx 56,000 cans**) and **539kgs** of other scrap metal (cable, car batteries, electrical cords, etc) which has been recycled and has raised **\$1088.00** to help WPSQBB and to be distributed to wildlife.

Since 2009 WPSQ - Bayside Branch has collected cans and we have recycled 3067kgs cans and 1937kgs of other scrap metal raising over \$4860.00 for wildlife.

Keep saving those cans and other things we can recycle which may result in dollars for our group. Just let me know when I need to pick up from the various places. Some of the other items we have recycled throughout the year to help save the environment but haven't received funds for WPSQBB but we have kept it out of land fill and helped other groups. Mobile phones, polystyrene, towels, blankets, old first aid supplies, batteries, postage stamps, printer cartridges, glass jar with lids, old reading glasses and lots more.

Once again thanks for your support and please let your supporters know what we have achieved in 2014 as well. It is amazing what a small group of people can achieve. by Maureen Tottenham.

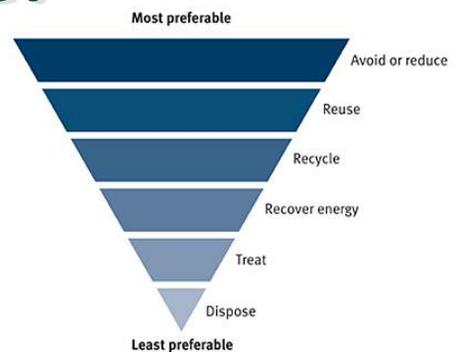


Reducing your waste!

Waste minimisation is a critically important aspect of cleaning up our future. Every year the average Aussie wastes over 2100 kg each year, equating to over 21.3 million tonnes of waste going to the landfill to be lost forever.

There are many steps that can be taken before we get to the disposal phase.

The Waste Hierarchy (Right) is the ideal order of waste management as recognised by State and Local Governments.



Avoid Choose not to buy something new, second hand stores or home grown vegetables are great ways to avoid using new raw materials being extracted

Reduce Reduce the amount of waste you make, packet free or Nude Food lunches for the kids lunch boxes, take your Green Bags to the shops – say no to plastic bags

Reuse Reuse your things for other uses. Use your jars and cans for pencil holders, how about an old tyre as a garden bed, or my favourite pallets, old timber pallets make great, rustic furniture

Recycle Recycle well. Go to the extra effort to make sure you pull apart your packing to recycle all the parts that you can. There is a handy help guide from Redland City Council on the following page

RecycleWorld

For finds that surprise!

Open every Thursday and Saturday, 9am–2pm

Holiday closures: Christmas Day, Saturday 27 December, New Year's Day, Saturday 3 January. Extra day open: Tuesday 23 December.

761–789 German Church Road, Redland Bay

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**recycling
at home!** 

do the **right thing** use the **RIGHT BIN**

remove lids and rinse all food scraps and liquids

GLASS

- ✓ all clear, green and amber glass bottles
- ✓ all glass jars
- ✓ clear glass sauce bottles

ALUMINIUM AND STEEL

- ✓ soft drink cans ✓ empty aerosol cans
- ✓ lids from glass bottles and jars
- ✓ beer and alcohol cans ✓ food cans

PLASTICS

Look for one of these symbols: 

- ✓ soft drink and water bottles
- ✓ plastic cups ✓ plastic lids ✓ milk bottles
- ✓ takeaway containers ✓ sauce bottles
- ✓ ice-cream containers ✓ yoghurt tubs
- ✓ shampoo and conditioner bottles

CARDBOARD AND PAPER

Remove any plastic wrap or polystyrene and squash boxes

- ✓ newspapers ✓ junk mail ✓ magazines
- ✓ envelopes ✓ loose office paper
- ✓ greeting cards ✓ telephone directories
- ✓ food cartons ✓ clean pizza boxes
- ✓ milk cartons ✓ egg cartons ✓ boxes

plastic bags **food scraps**

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Planning in the Redlands.

Is it really the developers fault we are losing our valuable Koala Habitat?

There has been a lot of controversial talk about recently about Ormiston's dearly missed Ivory. The Koala who was euthanized after succumbing to stress after being separated from her home trees in Ormiston. However, while stress was the final diagnosis, it is understood she had deteriorating health caused by chlamydia and possible cystitis. Chlamydia is prevalent in 100% of the Koala population, though is not always active.

While the developer has received a lot flack about Ivory, is this really a single developers fault?

Planning in the Redlands allows for these developments to go ahead. Developers take advantage of the zoning plans and attempt to gain profit for their business. Could this have been handled differently in this specific instance? Potentially, but everything is clearer in retrospect.

We need to look to our council for Zoning Plan improvements to PROTECT our natural assets. Biodiversity is threatened by habitat destruction and fragmentation. Combining this with increased stress caused by changing climates we put our selves at great risk of losing what we value as residents of the Redlands.

The change we need is in your hands. .

Write or talk to your local council, keep apprised of proposed developments and send the council, well thought out and furthermore justified submissions which demonstrate in detail why each development is not in our best interest



<http://www.redlandcitybulletin.com.au/story/2865331/ormiston-developer-denies-koala-death-link/?cs=213>

Resources

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Our clean up day this year will on Sunday 1st March 2015 at 10.00 am . Venue same as last year Sel Outridge Park Redland Bay
<http://www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au/Sel+Outridge+Park>

**REDLAND CITY PLAN
INFORMATION NIGHT
THURSDAY FEBRUARY 26th
6.30 - 8.30PM
Redlands IndigiScapes Centre, 17
Runnymede Rd Capalaba**

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Blogs:

SeagrassWatch

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Wildlife Bayside

<https://wildlifebayside.wordpress.com/>

Curlew Watch

<https://curlewwatch.wordpress.com/>

Websites:

Wildlife Bayside

<http://branches.wildlife.org.au/bayside/>

MangroveWatch

<http://mgwmb.azurewebsites.net/>

SeagrassWatch

<http://sgwmb.azurewebsites.net/>

Ornate Rainbowfish

<http://rainbowfish.azurewebsites.net/>

Imagine If Trees Gave Off
Wifi Signals, We Would
Be Planting So Many Trees
And We'd Probably Save
The Planet Too.



Too Bad They
Only Produce The
Oxygen We
Breathe.

Membership Application

Wildlife Preservation Society of Queensland

Memberships Types

- \$30.00 Single
- Concession (Pensioner/Full Student)
- \$45.00 Family or Non Profit Group
- \$12.50 Junior

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