

Wildlife Preservation Society of Queensland (WPSQ) Bayside Branch



The Bayside Branch of WPSQ was formed in 1986 in response to the increasing destruction and degradation of regional habitat, and the consequent loss of wildlife. Some time ago the Koala Preservation Society of Queensland merged with the Branch.

Bayside is one of more than 20 individual and independent branches throughout Queensland.

Wildlife Preservation Society of Queensland was founded in 1962 by poet Judith Wright, naturalist David Fleay, artist Kathleen McArthur, and publisher Brian Clouston. These founders were concerned about increasing destruction of the natural environment and felt that by establishing an organisation to work for conservation, the community could be encouraged to be aware of, and accept sound conservation ideals.



WPSQ operates mainly through the dedication, generosity and support of members and non-members who participate in our events, campaigns, and fund-raising activities.



The objectives of the Society are:

- 1) To preserve the fauna and flora of Australia by all lawful means.
- 2) To educate by all means possible, all sections of the community, particularly the young, in an understanding of the principles of conservation and preservation of the natural environment.
- 3) To discourage by all legal means possible, the destruction, exploitation and unnecessary development of any part of the natural environment.
- 4) To encourage rational land use and proper planning of future development and use of the natural environment and management thereof.

What does membership entail?

A member must agree to abide by the objectives of the Society and pay an annual membership fee. Members are free to contribute as much or as little as they wish to the group and its activities by way of funds, time or otherwise. Our members are kept informed about the opportunities available to them by means of our monthly newsletter and website.

Bayside Branch Activities – present and past

- Organise presentations by expert on wildlife each month February to November for the benefit of both members and the general public.
- Publish educational and informative monthly Newsletter and Wildlife Diary
- Produce a bi-monthly Koala Newsletter and Nostalgic Times as well as ad hoc information sheets such as Seagrass-Watch Moreton Bay, Curlew Information.
- Designed, produced and distribute 13 different information brochures on a variety of wildlife and habitats including wetlands, snakes, curlews and greater gliders.
- Launched the community-based Seagrass Watch program in Moreton Bay in 2001 in conjunction with Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service. This program has grown to a large network since then and has expanded to other areas.
- Launched the community-based Curlew Survey and Dugong Watch.
- Organise activities such as spotlighting, bird walks, butterfly walks etc.
- Conduct field surveys in Brisbane & Redland bushland areas and record data collected.
- Prepare objections to and campaign against inappropriate development proposals.
- Work with other organisations for the benefit of wildlife and habitats
- Participate in international, national and regional events like. World Environment Day, World Wetlands Day, Sea Week & Clean Up Australia Day.
- Conduct workshops on topics such as 'frog habitats', koalas, Moreton Bay wildlife and environmental law etc.



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Wildlife Preservation - It's up to You!
*Sustainability - Enjoying the fruit without
damaging the tree*