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**Meeting Location & Date**

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Our meeting day is the 4th Tuesday of every month. The starting time is 7.30pm.

Train: Ipswich/Rosewood Line, Milton Stop.

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e, the committee, have been busy organising the Southern Branches Get-together for September 17, 18 and 19 at Camp Constable, Mt Glorious. It should be lots of fun with talks, activities and an opportunity to hear about projects & successes of other branches.

onds come in all shapes and sizes and prices can range from cheap to expensive. If you provide water in your backyard, frogs will move in. Read more in the report from our March guest speaker, Jenny Holdway of the Queensland Frog Society on p 9.

outh-East corner is expanding. Recently, there have been surveys and symposiums. There was a prediction that the greater Brisbane population could expand from 1.9 million to 4 million in 40 years. Is this sustainable?

ueensland’s northern border is visible from the mainland of its nearest neighbour, Papua New Guinea. Tyrone Lavery, our February speaker, gave us insight into the ecology of the Torres Strait islands. Read more on p 8.

ats are back at Indooroopilly Island. After cancelling several batty boat cruises due to the lack of bats earlier in the season, we were delighted to slot in an unscheduled cruise late in February and were rewarded with a magnificent flyout.

ain this season has ensured that rivers are flowing again in Queensland’s west. There are high hopes that wetlands and flood plains downstream will be inundated. Some of it may even reach the Murray! And water is flowing towards Lake Eyre for the 2nd year in a row!

land weekend for only $30!, including meals! You can book this fantastic opportunity to enjoy a stay on Moreton Island. The weekend is subsidised for those prepared to volunteer some time to help with the clean-up in the aftermath of the 2009 oil spill. More info pg 6.

ark protection, Adopt-a-Quoll, research grants: these are some of the topics that are featured on the Society’s website. It’s an easy way to keep abreast of conservation issues.

risbane Branch is the host of this years Southern Branches Get-together. If you would like to volunteer your time in any way, before or during the event, please contact one of our committee members. See contact details on page 2.

ril’s meeting will feature the malleefowl. The talk will be presented by Jessica Walsh. You may have met her at head office, on a batty boat cruise or on a Platypus Watch outing. For more information, see p 4.

lights! Did you switch off for Earth Hour? More corporate bodies are coming on board each year and the event is becoming quite mainstream. It’s a great symbolic event to raise awareness of the environment.

ertainment books are on sale again. Last year the profits from sales were sufficient to cover the hire of the meeting venue in Milton. Help the branch and get great deals at restaurants and other places at the same time. More information on page 5 & 12.
What’s on

Tuesday 27 April 2010 7.30pm WPSQ Brisbane Presentation - "Protecting the Malleefowl - Choices for Conservation", Jessica Walsh, Spatial Ecology Lab, UQ.
"Funding available for conservation is limited, yet we often do not know how effective or efficient a proposed management action will be. I will talk about whether fox baiting is cost effective at conserving the malleefowl, or whether we should be using prescribed burning as an alternative management strategy to conserve this vulnerable species. This information is extremely important when allocating resources between management actions to maximise the conservation benefits achieved and avoid inefficient spending."

Friday 14 May – Sunday 16 May, Moreton Island Volunteer Weekend.
Join Brisbane Branch members and your host Alan Genninges on a volunteer weekend on Moreton Island. Nine hours of volunteer work will be carried out over the three days. As well there will be free time for bushwalking, swimming in the nearby lagoon, exploring the island and relaxing. Cost $30 includes all meals. Bookings with Leonie Markwell phone 33786974 or mob 0403 001 557. See page 6 for more details.

Tuesday 18 May 2010 7.00pm B2TT Wetlands Brisbane Branch Subgroup Public Meeting
Feel passionate about protecting Brisbane Wetlands? The Boondall to Tinchi Tamba Wetlands Subgroup of Brisbane Branch invites you to a public meeting to discuss issues to do with Northside Wetlands. The meeting will be held at the Nudgee Beach Education Centre, 1588 Nudgee Road, Nudgee Beach. If possible could attendees please bring a plate of food to share for supper. Tea and coffee provided. RSVP Mary-Ann Pattison phone 3267 7811.

Tuesday 25 May 2010 7.30pm WPSQ Brisbane Presentation- “Pademelons - A Rainforest Relict”, Peggy Macqueen, PhD Candidate, school of Biological Sciences, UQ.
Peggy Macqueen has been studying the forest pademelons of Australia and New Guinea, using genetic data to piece together the evolutionary history of the species. She will tell us how this information can help us to understand not only the current diversity and distribution of pademelon species, but also about ancient landbridge connections between Australia and New Guinea.


Tuesday 22 June 2010 7.30pm WPSQ Brisbane Branch Presentation - “Where have all the koalas gone? The koala extinction debt in South East Queensland” Dr Harriet Preece, Dept of Environment & Resource Management.
Dr Preece has been working in koala conservation since the first Queensland koala State Planning Policy was drafted in 1995. She will discuss her current work which involves research and monitoring to support koala conservation in South East Queensland.
The Koala Coast is located 20 kilometres south-east of Brisbane and covers an area of about 375 square kilometres within Redland, Logan and Brisbane cities. It is regarded as the most significant natural koala population in Australia. However, rapid human population growth is increasingly threatening their existence.
She will address the science and ecology concerning how the urban koala population is having a significant influence in bolstering the bushland populations. The mechanism for this effect is now becoming clearer and is likely to represent an extinction debt – whereby future losses of koala
populations are likely as a consequence of past action, unless measures to reduce habitat loss and vehicle related mortality while concurrently increasing landscape permeability are successful.

Tuesday 27 July 2010 7.30pm WPSQ Brisbane Presentation - “Big Things”, Martin Fingland, Geckoes Wildlife Presentations.

As conservationists we need to think big picture, have big ideas and develop big plans to fix big problems. Big is a relative term though as will be illustrated by a range of animals that all have some connection to big!

Tuesday 24 August 2010 7.30pm WPSQ Brisbane Branch Presentation

Southern Branches Get Together - DATE CLAIMER
17, 18 & 19 September 2010

This year our Brisbane Branch will be holding the annual Southern Branches Get Together. We will be holding it at Camp Constable, Mount Glorious on the weekend of 17, 18 & 19 September. We will be holding the AGM, annual dinner as well as a number of walks, presentations and workshops. We intend to invite the local community to the walks, presentations and workshops. These events require a lot of planning and work on the day. Please make a note of the date and let our committee know if you would be willing to help out on the weekend.

Tuesday 28 Sept 2010 7.30pm WPSQ Brisbane Branch Presentation & Branch AGM


Dr Darryl Jones, Associate Professor and Director, Centre for Innovative Conservation Strategies, Griffith University. In 2009, Darryl commenced a pioneering study on the impact of birdbaths on backyard wildlife. At his presentation to us in April 2009, we were so inspired, the Branch donated $1,000 to assist him to support Phase 3 of his Project. Darryl will be reporting back to us on this phase, which was to involve the collation and analyses of the results of the first two phases and, most importantly, the development of a system for efficient and effective data collection. Darryl is always an extremely entertaining speaker, and his research complements our Branch aim, which is to advocate conservation through education. His projects definitely get more people involved in observing their environment, thereby learning more about wildlife, their needs and our impact. Come and hear what’s been happening

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The books are now available, and WPSQ Brisbane will once again be selling them as a fundraiser.

The books will sell for $65, with $13 for us.

Sales of the 2009 books covered the cost of the RGSQ venue for the year. See page 12 for more information.

Contact: Leanne Bowden on 3357 9009 or e-mail brisbane@wildlife.org.au if you’d like to order.

BOOKS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION AT OUR MONTHLY MEETINGS
JOIN US ON THE -
Moreton Island
Volunteer trip
14 - 16 May 2010

As you are no doubt aware Moreton Island was affected by a large oil spill in March 2009. In response to this the Australian Government released $2 million from their 'Caring for the Country' program to ameliorate the effect on the Sunshine Coast and Moreton Island. MIPC (Moreton Island Protection Committee Inc.) was awarded a total of $94310 for conservation works on Moreton Island. Some of this money has been used to support the work of volunteers carrying out revegetation, weeding and rubbish removal.

**Invitation:** You are invited to volunteer for the weekend of 14-16 May, 2010. Nine hours of volunteer work will be carried out over the three days. This will involve weeding and rubbish removal. Apart from the satisfaction of carrying out this important work, there will still be plenty of spare time to enjoy this beautiful island and recover from your exertion. Your host for the weekend will be Alan Genninges.

**Cost:** The cost is only $30. This will be used by MIPC solely to fund transport costs to support volunteer work after the cessation of the grant on 30 June 2010. Included in the cost is transport on the MICat ferry, all transport on the Island, tent accommodation at Blue Lagoon, QPWS visitor fees, and all meals. This payment is non refundable.

**Booking and further information:** Leonie Markwell Phone: 33786974 or mob: 0403 001 557 or email jdmarkwell@hotmail.com. All bookings require payment of $30 per person in advance, either provided at the Branch Meeting on 27 April, or posted to be received no later than Friday 7 May, to WPSQ Brisbane, PO Box 395 Clayfield 4011, cheques payable to: “Moreton Island Protection Committee Inc”. Please book with Leonie before sending payment.

**Transport details:** “MICat” Moreton Island Ferry departs 8.30 am Friday morning. PLEASE ARRIVE AT LEAST 30 MINUTES BEFORE DEPARTURE-8AM. Departs from: MICat Terminal (also home of Hawkins Transport), 14 Howard Smith Drive, Port of Brisbane, Lytton (UBD Map 143 C1) http://www.moretonventure.com/page/about/directions_to_micat.html Ph: 3909 3333 Travel time: 1hr 15mins Returning on the 4.30pm ferry Sunday, anticipated arrival back at Lytton, 5.45pm.

**Parking or drop off:** Parking is
in a locked up yard and is at the owner’s risk. Normally parking would cost $30 for the weekend but on booking Leonie will give you a booking number to quote at the MICat ticket office which will entitle you to free parking. If being picked up on your return then your transport will not be able to enter the terminal until the MICat arrives.

Requirements for volunteer work: Please bring gardening gloves. As well, if you have one, a small mattock to grub out Mossman River Grass and any other preferred weeding implements. Bring sensible clothing and shoes, sunscreen, a hat.

Luggage: Luggage will be loaded onto Alan’s vehicle before boarding. As you will need to carry your luggage from car to transport to tent, you will wish to travel as light as possible, with luggage packed in bags that close (prevents spillages should bags become upturned when loading into and onto transport vehicles).

Meals and drinks: All meals are provided. Please bring your own plate, cup, glass and cutlery. Refrigeration is extremely limited so please don’t bring any extra food treats that require chilling. Drinks including BYO alcohol can be accommodated if you choose to bring any. Or you could bring an esky. If you require special dietary menu items (e.g. vegetarian burgers) please bring your own. Tea and coffee are provided. Water from National Parks spear is boiled by Alan for drinking and cooking.

Accommodation is in canvas tents (2 m high, 4 by 6 metres). These are large enough for groups of up to 5 comfortably. Our party of up to 36 persons will have at least 6 tents. Tent selection is done on arrival. If your party is 1 or 2 and you do not wish to share, you’re welcome to BYO hike tent. The tents do not have insect screening. However biting insects are generally not a problem. Some weather conditions can result in biting insects arriving and staying, so come prepared, just in case.

Bedding. A bare stretcher is provided, so please bring your own sleeping bag, pillow etc. A sleeping mat on the stretcher can provide additional comfort and warmth. Care of tents. If you wish to make more floor space in the tents then you are welcome to fold spare stretchers. Please place folded stretchers on another stretcher, rather than on the ground, so that they’re not too sandy for the next guests. On departure please return stretchers to their original position. If unlacing a tent please re-lace before departure using a blanket stitch only. Please do not hang towels or wet cloths on tent poles.

Phones Patchy, but usable service is available at the camp for Telstra’s next G service. Some other providers now have usable service. Be aware that if left on your phone will go flat quickly as it tries to find service.

Recharging 240 volt solar power is available during the day for recharging electronic equipment.

Contact on day of departure: Leonie Markwell on 0403 001 557

Emergency contact at camp: Alan on 0428 783 781.
Identifying Wildlife in the Torres Strait Islands and Impact on Wildlife with Tyrone Lavery

At our first meeting of the year, in February, Tyrone introduced his talk with an anecdote about Maer Island from the 1920s. A schoolteacher decided to souvenir a fertility statue which included human remains from a nearby island. Local people found him out and, after a rough trip home in his dinghy, he was accosted by some irate Maer islanders who warned him of trouble looming from the theft of the statue. After a sleepless night, he filled the sack which had contained the statue with coconuts and returned to the original hiding place to trick the people into thinking he was returning the statue. However, he could not relax and awaited retribution at the hands of the islanders. Such was the influence of island traditions!

With a long history of habitation coming across land bridges during ice ages, modern communities have been influenced by 20th century missionaries who coaxed the islanders away from their old head-hunting ways. There remains strong religious beliefs, a keen interest in rugby league and a very strong connection with the sea. Tyrone found three local languages and a creole called Yumpla Tok used between islands.

The research team consisted of 8 people, divided into groups of twos who visited the islands and mapped them according to environmental value. They were helped by local knowledge, often accessed through village schools. Up to the present time, land use planning has been quite ad hoc. The team surveyed 14 inhabited islands of the total 17. Some islands are volcanic, some continental, others mud or coral cays. Some are so low that they are inundated by very high tides. Many islands are dominated by the airstrip. The provision of services can prove difficult. Tyrone's task was to identify areas of high conservation value which should be left undisturbed and recommend areas which could be developed. To this end he and other team members conducted background studies, field assessment and surveys. Flora and vegetation studies had already been done by another team. Tyrone found that not much research had been done. Most information came from museum surveys. As the islands had such diverse ecology, habitat assessments were tailored for each island, taking into account rarity, size and kind of habitat and the fauna it supported.

Their fauna survey allowed 5 days and 4 nights on each island. They used various kinds of traps and tubes as well as spotlights, hand capture and bird watching. Bats and rats were the most common mammals found as well as some marsupials on the largest islands. There was evidence of populations of other species that have not survived to present times. The bird survey revealed birds from New Guinea to the north and from Cape York to the south as well as migratory waders. Similarly, there was great diversity with the reptile population. Amphibians were limited, on outer islands with green tree frog populations thought to have arrived via barges. There were many introduced species, including pigs, deer, dogs, cats, black rats, house mice, sparrows, common mynahs and Asian house geckos. Every island had at least one new species added to its catalog.

At the end of his presentation, Tyrone answered many questions and revealed the snippet that left-foot thongs are the most common item washed up on the shores of the islands.
Attracting Frogs to Your Garden

Jenny Holdway, Honorary Secretary of the Queensland Frog Society, addressed us in March, and has kindly provided us with the following summary of her presentation.

Frogs, like most wildlife, are easily encouraged to your garden once you have created the right atmosphere for them. They only ask for water, food and shelter which the majority of gardens provide without much thought.

Water – usually in the form of ponds and can be made of many everyday items. I would suggest that you try and identify the species of frogs you have in your area so to provide the right water feature for them. Frogs do need water to just sit in as this is the way they rehydrate but come summer, you can also encourage them to breed so that your local species numbers stay healthy.

Treefrogs: These prefer an open pond, one that is on the edge of your garden (possible near the edge of the lawn if you have one) with gardens, shrubs & trees in the background. They also like to see the reflection of the water so don’t over plant; just a water lily and potted sedge would be great. These ponds can be old bath tubs, laundry tubs, children’s plastic sandpits or half wine casks as well as the ready made ones.

Groundfrogs: They like some privacy so an inground pond with rocks, branches or reeds in one spot would create an area where the males can call from. Just a hole in the ground covered by a liner is ideal but please make sure the edges of the pond has gentle slopes so that the newly emerging frogs can get out. Unlike the treefrogs, groundfrogs can’t climb so will drown if there isn’t an easy way out.

Again, don’t over plant – just have some plant cover for the tadpoles.

Some sun is ideal to keep the water and plants healthy and I wouldn’t recommend you put any pond near bedroom windows – yours or your neighbours.

To keep mosquitoes numbers down, we recommend 2 or 3 Pacific Blue-eye fish which are native to S.E. Qld. as they have a small mouth and won’t bother the spawn or the tadpoles. Exotic fish usually breed quite fast and what are you going to do with excess?

Tadpoles eat the algae and leaves in the pond which are rotting down so can look after themselves. If you have to raise frog spawn which has been laid in a swimming pool please just feed them lightly boiled dark green leaves of lettuce which can be frozen in ice cube trays. Fish food is not recommend as it can cause deformities and foul the water.

Toads: Toads, like groundfrogs, can’t climb so an above ground pond at lest half a metre high should keep them out as long as you don’t place plants or stones around the base. To help to keep toads out of an inground pond, place a temporary fence made up of star pickets and the old style wire netting around the area about a metre or so before the pond. Then plant lomandras, native grasses, dianellas or other clumping plants close together around the fence line and in a couple/few years you will have a living fence. Toads don’t like pushing through anything and this living fence will give your frogs a home too.

Food – frogs will eat live insects either on the plants or on the ground so please watch what you use around the garden. Frog skin is very sensitive and most sprays will be very harmful to them.
Economic growth doesn’t depend on more people

CHUCK BERGER

February 25, 2010 - 11:42AM

The federal government’s recently released 2010 Intergenerational Report argues that rapid population growth is needed to support an ageing population. It is a claim unsupported by real-world empirical evidence.

The report does include the results of economic modelling purporting to show that lower population growth would mean lower per-capita gross domestic product for Australia, among other ills. Unfortunately, the modelling did not include any environmental parameters, such as the impact of such population growth on greenhouse pollution or water use.

But modelling notwithstanding, there is no meaningful correlation between population growth and per-capita GDP growth among OECD nations.

No fewer than 11 OECD economies achieved faster per-capita economic growth than Australia from 1997-2007, despite slower population growth or even in some cases no population growth or a slight decline.

We should therefore be sceptical that rapid population growth is some sort of key to economic prosperity, or essential to manage ageing populations, as the Intergenerational Report would have it. I suspect the economic modelling results tell us more about the model than what is likely to happen in the real world.

Among actual examples of demographic change, the Intergenerational Report discusses only Italy and Japan - the two worst performing countries among OECD nations on this issue.

Both are examples to be avoided, but why single out the basket cases?

Why not look at some of the success stories, where countries are managing ageing populations well without embarking on rapid population growth strategies? Norway looks like an interesting case - a thriving economy, despite an ageing population and much lower population growth than Australia.

The Netherlands, Greece, Slovakia, the Czech Republic, Poland, Hungary, Finland ... with so many intriguing examples of countries with stable populations that somehow continue to enjoy vibrant economies, it’s a pity the report didn’t take a more lateral approach.

As for the significant environmental, planning and social challenges of population growth, the report acknowledges them but plays them down in a single line of optimism: "The risks in these areas are manageable provided governments take early action to plan for future needs."

Sure, but that’s a pretty big proviso. It’s a bit like saying I can win a marathon, provided I run really fast: technically true, but it really begs the question of how.

The truth is we are struggling just to catch up with the huge backlog of infrastructure, social and environmental investments for our 22 million people, let alone planting the foot on the population accelerator to leave many millions more behind in the dust of mismanagement by 2050.

Does anybody really think that water won’t be more expensive, that greenhouse pollution won’t be higher, that our roads and public transport systems won’t be more congested in a future of rapid population growth?

In the end, we as a nation have options about our future population. The Intergenerational Report treats us as if we have none, confronting us with calamity.

The truth is that we can care for an ageing population without rapid population growth. How? Just ask the Norwegians. Or the Slovaks. Or the Greeks. Or the Dutch. Or ...

*Chuck Berger is director of strategic ideas at the Australian Conservation Foundation.*
Did you know that WPSQ is the oldest, largest and most respected wildlife-focused conservation group in the State of Queensland. Founded in 1962, the Society is a community-based, non-profit organisation consisting of 24 branches throughout the State, committed to an ecologically sustainable future for people and wildlife.

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They are always in need of volunteers for office work, consultation, fieldwork, hands-on surveys and special events.

Other WPSQ Branches in the Brisbane area also conduct regular meetings to which they invite expert speakers and conduct projects and other activities (contact them or check website first for details).

Bayside Branch: last Friday of the month
At the Redlands IndigiScapes Centre, 17 Runnymeade Road, Capalaba

Kedron Brook Branch: 3rd Tuesday of every 2nd month
At the Downfall Creek Bushland Centre,

For more information on the Web

Alan Genninges’ “Moreton Experience”: www.moretonexperience.com


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Brisbane City Council Get Wild Program: www.brisbane.qld.gov.au

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Friends of Pooh Corner: www.poohcorner.info

Moggill Creek Catchment Group: www.moggillcreek.org.au

Moreton Island Protection Committee: www.moretonisland.org.au/links.htm

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