

GET INVOLVED !

Quarterly Public Meetings

- ◇ Mount Ommaney Library.
- ◇ February, May, August, November.
- ◇ Advertised in local papers.
- ◇ Guest speaker at each meeting.
- ◇ Free entry, including light supper.
- ◇ New members always welcome.

Quarterly Newsletters

Informative — interesting — topical



Local native plants



Tulipwood seeds
Local native tree

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Bushcare Groups

Brisbane City Council's Habitat Brisbane program helps community groups restore natural habitats in parks, remnant bushland and wetlands. You can make a real difference to your local environment by joining a bushcare group and donating just a few hours of your time a month. No experience necessary.

For more information, contact your local Councillor or Brisbane City Council on **3403 8888**.



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A community environmental group which focuses on protection of the natural environment, public parkland and recreational areas, and reduction of the impact of development in the Centenary suburbs and neighbouring districts.



Billabong at Pooh Corner, Wacol

CDEA exists as a platform for the community to have its say on environmental and recreational issues, biodiversity and climate change.

We regularly network with other environmental and community groups.

A respected local community voice since 1995.

CDEA - AIMS

- ◇ Provide the opportunity for the community to have its say on -
 - ◇ proposed new local developments
 - ◇ any park, recreation or development issue that is of concern
- ◇ Increase public awareness of local environmental issues
- ◇ Reduce the impact of developments in the local area
- ◇ Educate the local community about the need to retain native vegetation and bushland
- ◇ Make recommendations to Brisbane City Council on issues of conservation, design and management of bushland and parks
- ◇ Identify and address negative impacts on bushland and wildlife corridors
- ◇ Provide a local source of information about conservation, recreation and community values

Environmental protection

Sustainability

Rehabilitation

Information

Education

Conservation

Wildlife



INTERESTS & CONCERNS

≈ Urban Bushland ≈ Wildlife Corridors ≈ New Developments ≈ Parks
≈ People – recreation ≈ Significant Trees ≈ Flora ≈ Wildlife ≈ Waterways

Why do we need to protect Urban Bushland?

- ◇ Critical to protect Brisbane's unique biodiversity
- ◇ Provides an escape for people from stresses of city life
- ◇ Offers outdoor recreational opportunities
- ◇ Provides habitat for our diverse wildlife
- ◇ *When we compromise the air, the water, the soil and the variety of life, we steal from the endless future to serve the fleeting present. David Suzuki*

Humans need the natural environment in order to survive. We must respect and protect it for our own generation and all those to follow.

Special Significance to Centenary Suburbs and District

- ◇ Three types of macropod in one area — Eastern Grey Kangaroo, Red-necked Wallaby and Swamp Wallaby
- ◇ Diverse range of wildlife including Kangaroos, Wallabies, Echidna, Platypus, Squirrel Glider, four types of Possum, and over 100 species of birds
- ◇ Unique mob of urban Kangaroos at Wacol — visible from local roads and bushland walking tracks
- ◇ Varied vegetation types, including dry rainforest, paperbark woodlands, and giant eucalypts along the riverbanks



Eastern Grey Kangaroos at Wolston Creek Bushland Reserve



CDEA is negotiating with the state government on the transition of 200 ha of Wacol state land [as seen above] to be used for public open space and recreation



Local native plants



Lord Mayor's GreenHeart Awards
Ed Parker 2009
Shealagh Walker 2010



Brisbane River from Rocks Riverside Park



**Going 20
years!**

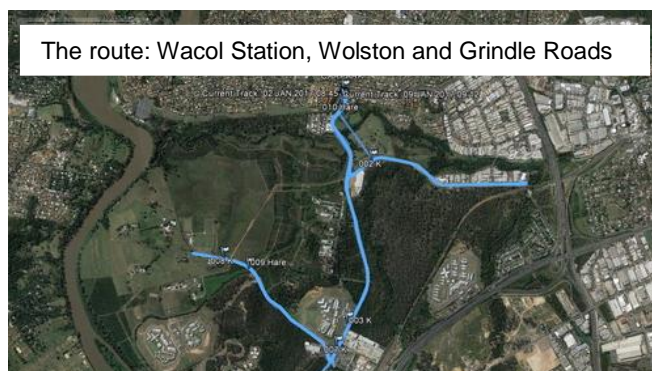


CENTENARY AND DISTRICT ENVIRONMENT ACTION HOT ISSUES

Survey of roadkill in Wacol

As a result of the wanton killing of 17 kangaroos with a vehicle on Grindle Road, Wacol, in February 2016, the RSPCA convened a meeting with Brisbane City Council (BCC), Friends of Pooh Corner, Wolston and Centenary Catchments (WaCC) and CDEA to seek a way to address the issue of kangaroos and wallabies crossing roads in Wacol. As a result, council engaged Professor Darryl Jones of Griffiths University to study the issue and he has made several recommendations to reduce both kangaroo roadkill and injury to people in the Wacol area. Dr Jones' recommendations are being incorporated into the construction of a new bridge over Wolston Creek. They include dry shoulders under the bridge and wildlife fencing on the approaches to the bridge. These measures will guide kangaroos and wallabies under the bridge instead of over the road and should greatly reduce vehicle/kangaroo impacts in this area. Other measures will be used throughout the new 'Wildlife Zone'.

CDEA and WaCC carried out surveys of dead kangaroos and wallabies on Wacol Station, Wolston and Grindle Roads, 3 times a week for 3 months starting early in 2017. The survey is continuing once a month during the 9 months of bridge construction then will run for 3 times a week again for 3 months after construction. The data will be given to Griffiths University and to BCC to use for future Wildlife Zones in other parts of Brisbane.



Oxley Secondary College Site

The college closed over 16 years ago and now the state government is assessing the future of the site. Economic Development Queensland (EDQ) is investigating developing the site and has consulted the community on what should go there. The community was represented by a panel of nine community members of which two came from CDEA's Management Committee. The community survey showed an overwhelmingly desire for green space. EDQ prefers mostly residential development. The site is 19 hectares but is seriously constrained for development by protected vegetation, flooding and landslip leaving only about 2 hectares suitable for buildings. A decision was expected in 2016 but as yet has not happened. UBD 198 F7

Transfer of 200 ha of state-owned land at Wacol still on hold

Another project that has been bubbling along for a long time, since 2006, is the issue of transferring 200 hectares of Corrective Services land in Wacol to Brisbane City Council management or ownership. This was originally promised by the Beattie government but the problem in finalising this has been three government changes since then. The first time the government changed, agreements had been reached, but not completely finalised. Each government change since then has brought new asset reviews and no movement towards the promised public and recreation space. UBD 197 D17

SOME SUCCESSFUL OUTCOMES

Wolston and Centenary Catchments [WaCC] CDEA initiated the establishment of WaCC in 2008, to protect and rehabilitate the local catchments. WaCC is now incorporated and flourishing.

Deer Contributed to the declaration of deer as pest species in Queensland in 2009 and continue to press for their removal.

Freemont St, 17 Mile Rocks Co-respondent in a landmark case in the Planning and Environment Court which resulted in the protection of the Seventeen Mile Rocks Escarpment above Rocks Riverside Park from future development. 2001. UBD 198 E5

Pooh Corner, Wacol Helped negotiate for 134 ha of bushland to be sold to BCC by State Government for a peppercorn price. This land is now a bushland reserve for community recreation and habitat for more than 1300 Kangaroos. 2005. UBD197 F16-M16-H19 B

Centenary Highway in Jindalee Worked with Main Roads in revegetating the area adjacent to the highway with local native plant species after the removal of the exotic pine plantation. UBD 177 Q20

Fort Road, Oxley Instrumental in persuading BCC to purchase the Former Passionist Fathers' land as a bushland reserve - 10.5 ha. 2005. UBD 198 G6

Mt Ommaney 'Hospital Site' - now called Lorikeet Park Campaigned for 5.6 ha of the 'hospital site' to be retained as parkland [opposite Mt Ommaney shopping centre]. Late 1990s. Worked with council on a master plan and on the playground design. Collaborated with Rotary to do some revegetation. UBD 197 K6

Goggs Road Rainforest Remnant Worked with BCC to save this Rainforest Remnant as park. 1999. Helped with new plantings of local natives. UBD 178 A19

Bushcare Groups Assisted in the establishment of several local Bushcare Groups.

Wacol and Riverhills Brisbane City Council's 2 Million Trees Program consulted CDEA about the planting of 400,000 trees in the Wacol area and on Wolston Creek Bushland Reserve.

Wolston Road Extension Consulted by BCC on fauna crossing under Sandy Creek bridge, Kangaroo fencing and revegetation of road corridor with local plant species. UBD 197 F15 to K16

CSR Industrial Development, Bellwood St & Monier Rd, Darra Worked with Sinnamon Park Residents Progress Assoc to contest the loss of native bushland and industrial operations being located so close to residential areas and creeks. Successful in preserving parkland through Planning and Environment Court.

Bushland Reserve at Wolston Creek, Riverhills In 2003 this parcel of 56 hectares of the previous prison farm was transferred from the State Government to the Brisbane City Council for parkland. Concerned Residents Against More Prisons (CRAMP) and CDEA (then CRAC) both contributed to this great outcome.

Bushland Reserve at Horizon Drive, Westlake Led the community in saving 3.14 ha of bushland from development, and having native Brush Box planted as street trees to replace weed trees. 2006 UBD 197 D7

Environmental Centre at Pooh Corner, Wacol CDEA liaised with BCC for the first environmental centre in Brisbane's southwest and it is now completed. CDEA has since received a Lord Mayor's Suburban Initiative Fund grant to fit out and furnish the interior. UBD 197 L16



Pooh Corner billabong



Pooh Corner Environment Centre, Wacol
