



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 27 August 2008 at 7.30 pm

MEETING ROOM, BCC LIBRARY, MT OMMANEY



Guest Speaker Gail Spina

Programme Co-ordinator
Griffith University's Centre for
Innovative Conservative Strategies

Indian Myna the "Flying Cane Toad"

City slicker or Urban Cowboy? - Addressing some common myths about the ecology of the myna, history of introduction and current research directions

VISITORS WELCOME

Due to construction work, we suggest you park in the undercover parking area which will be open till midnight

Outstanding subscriptions for 2008-09 can be paid prior to or at meeting

For further information contact Noel Wilson 3376 1412

Opening of West Centenary Junior Rugby League Club

As part of the Ipswich Motorway upgrade between Wacol and Darra, the West Centenary Junior Rugby League Clubs home at Centenary Highway Park has been relocated to Grindle Road Wacol. The official opening was attended by many government representatives, local interest groups and residents

The speakers described what an asset the development was to the community. Unfortunately, it is an asset only to the 300, maybe 500 people actively involved in Rugby League in the area. To the rest of the community it is either a big yawn or is seen as a detrimental use of the land, or worst of all, as a lost opportunity to do something really good. At the point where community consultation was important, Main Roads went to ground, ignored those requesting that their views be considered, and pushed ahead with somebody's narrow minded, unimaginative plan.

The land on which the football facility has been built was promised by then Premier, Peter Beattie, for public recreation and open space. Had community consultation worked, these things would have happened:-

- The minimum area possible would have been taken up, instead of 17.5 hectares, almost 10% of the available land.
- The fencing would have been carried out in a way that allowed the kangaroos maximum access to the area – as it is, kangaroos are being corralled into both the sports field parking area and the driveway to Wolston House, facing the probability of death by inattentive motorists.
- The development would have been done in a way that allowed multi-purpose use of the land. Cricket pitches could have been incorporated between the two major football fields, and the facility would not be useless for more than 6 months of each year.
- The 175 place car park would have been sited in a position where it could serve whatever sport ultimately gains access to the adjoining land.

This facility could have provided the impetus for the development of the rest of the land, but instead will remain locked up under the selfish (if I may say so) control of a single interest group for much of each year, and the next sport trying to establish itself without the benefit of \$6.5 million of Main Road's largesse, will find it that much more difficult. *Article by Warner Dakin*



The fence, which corrals kangaroos to the left into Wolston House driveway or to the right into sports field car park

More questions than answers for the Kenmore Baptist Church development application for Seventeen Mile Rocks

The fact that there had been protected vegetation over the whole Seventeen Mile Rocks Road site is hardly recognised in Kenmore Baptist Church's development application. The development proposals for their site were prepared **after** extensive vegetation clearing and earthworks had been carried out in November 2006. **The whole site was, and still is, classified by Brisbane City Council as Valued Urban Vegetation and Waterway Vegetation.**



Tree bases buried in KBC batter along Seventeen Mile Rocks Road 03.11.2006

KBC site being cleared of Valued Urban Vegetation 03.11.2006



The ecological values of the previously vegetated site were considerably different to those of the sad block of land as it is now, with hardly a tree left standing outside the Waterway Corridor. Some of these trees still have earth piled around their bases despite CDEA asking several times for this to be urgently removed. Other trees have had the earth scraped from around their bases and have been like that for over 18 months. All are destined to slowly die.

Why was this allowed?

It is hard to understand how it took Brisbane City Council approximately two weeks to stop the work on site after the community reported the clearing and earthworks. It is even harder to understand how KBC has escaped without sanction from BCC for its clearing and earthworks which were apparently carried out under the auspices of removing rubbish from the site.

What happened with council's processes?

There was a distinct lack of information on the KBC Development Application which made it very difficult to make submissions to Council. On top of this, a large amount of additional KBC information arrived at the local Councillor's office TWO days before the end of the Public Notification Period. This was only uploaded onto the BCC website ONE day before the final date for the community to make submissions on the development application.



View of KBC batter from creek looking north-east 08.11.2006



Ground cut away around Strangler Fig Tree 08.11.2006

What happened to the Public Notification process which has clearly faltered?

CDEA's expectations are that an ecologically sustainable development will be the outcome of this vexed issue. We would also appreciate answers to our questions.

Article by Shealagh Walker

Two Planning and Environment Court Cases - a roundup by Ed Parker

CDEA is, seemingly continuously, engaged with responding to development proposals that arise in our south-western sector of Brisbane. Currently CDEA is involved with two cases which have reached the Planning & Environment Court. One involves CSR Limited at Seventeen Mile Rocks, the other more major one relates to the Metroplex industrial development of the old Wacol army barracks (Sanananda).

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Case 1 Metroplex industrial development at Wacol

This development reached the stage of a full hearing, scheduled to last 3 weeks, commencing on 18 August 2008. The site involves a proposal for industrial development of the one square kilometre Wacol Army Barracks site (Sanananda Barracks), sold by the Federal Government to Metroplex in 2005.

This Sanananda Barracks site was the 'sister' site to Pooh Corner, which was saved from sale for development as a result of the actions of Friends of Pooh Corner, CDEA and SORB. In April 2005 the Federal Govt relented and 'sold' the site to Brisbane City Council for \$1 for conservation purposes. The environmental values of the Pooh Corner site (138ha or 1.38 sq km) include in excess of 95% site coverage by Endangered Regional Ecosystem 12.3.3.

The case relating to Metroplex' Wacol Army Barracks site is BD2680/07: Metroplex -v- BCC & Others, and is being held in the Banco Court, L2 State District Court, George St.

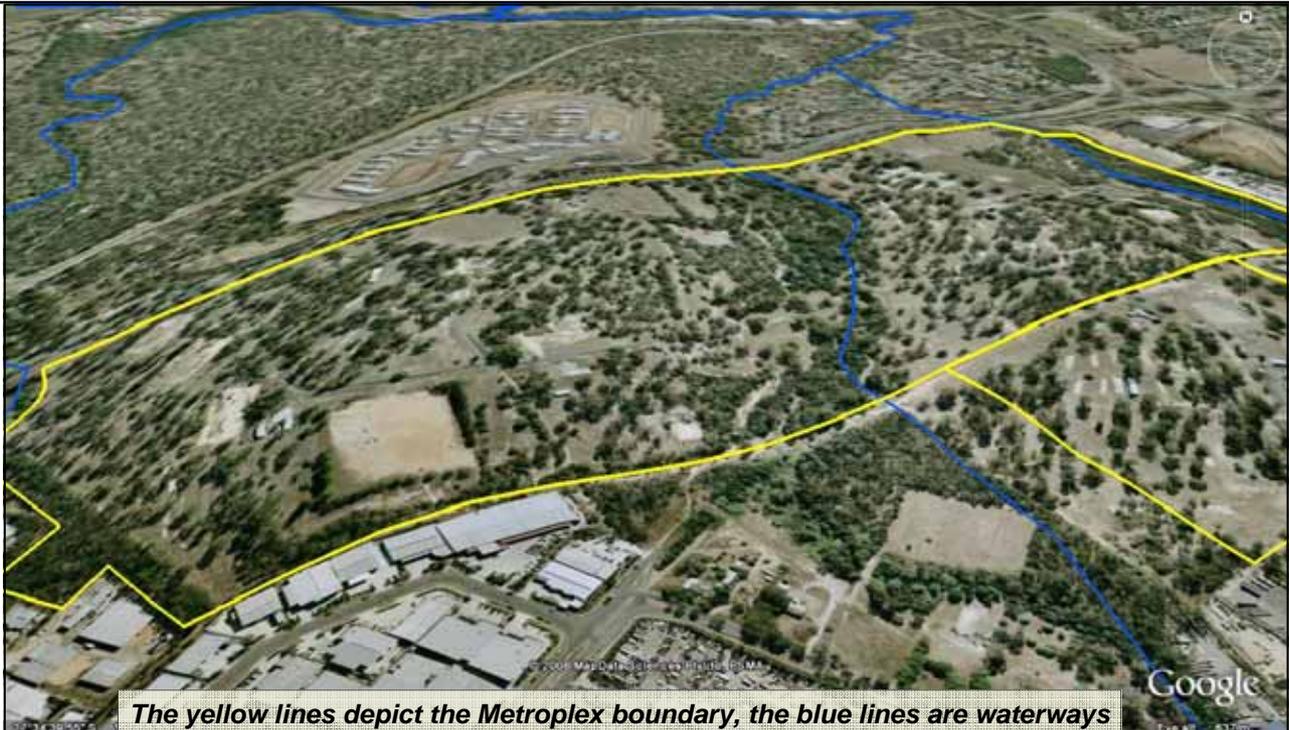
This is a very large case, as there are thirteen parties to this appeal, including the following three public interest litigants:

- Centenary & District Environment Action (represented by Shealagh Walker)
- Friends of Pooh Corner (represented by Nikki Parker and Simon Birrell); and
- Save Our Riverfront Bushland (represented by Ed Parker).

The community litigants are opposing the development on environmental grounds. These include many aspects, among them that at least 750 old-growth trees would be removed, including at least 165 trees with fauna habitat values (hollows). Indeed, the site contains over 3,000 trees.

As part of our groups' intervention in this matter, we have recently been able to secure EPA mapping of what is in fact Endangered Regional Ecosystem on this not previously mapped. This is now a certified RE on the current RE mapping (since late July 2008).

If you find yourself in Brisbane CBD and interested to sit in at the public gallery of the Banco Court, feel free to do so (between now and 5 Sep 2008). Check with Shealagh or Ed re timetable and venue.



The yellow lines depict the Metroplex boundary, the blue lines are waterways

Case 2 - CSR appeal re Emerging Community land

This is the second of two CSR cases in the last few years, the first involving the CSR tile factory at Bellwood St Darra. This second case, CSR Limited vs BCC & Others (BD418/08), involves the land zoned as Emerging Community adjacent to Jindalee Creek. This land is at the rear of CSR's Monier industrial subdivision, approved last year. CDEA, as did BCC, opposed the re-zoning ('material of change of use') because of impacts upon the existing parkland riparian corridor.

This came to a settlement at a second mediation session held on 15 August 2008, without going to a full hearing in the P&E Court. The outcome was that CSR had to concede additional land for parkland and to setback proposed retaining walls to reduce impacts on the park and the path through the park. More details to be posted in a future newsletter.

Centenary and District Environment Action Incorporated (CDEA)

is a community environmental group which focuses on protection of the natural environment, public parkland and recreational areas and the mitigation of urban development impacts within the Centenary suburbs and neighbouring areas.

CDEA SNIPPETS - CURRENT HOT ISSUES

- To retain** ecological corridor and access to Brisbane River and local creeks on State-owned prison land in Wacol ('Westgate'), for wildlife and public
- To contest** Metroplex (Wacol) Development Proposal to destroy 750 old growth trees and an ecological corridor across the site
- To contest** CSR (Seventeen Mile Rocks) Development Proposal (and loss of native bushland) close to residential areas and creeks, in contradiction to the City Plan
- To mitigate** negative environmental impacts of the 'Koorngal Drive to Mt Ommaney bridge and pathway Proposal'
- To mitigate** negative environmental impacts of Kenmore Baptist Church Development Proposal in Seventeen Mile Rocks
- To lobby** Council for removal of deep mud (from lake excavation) dumped around scores of mature tree-trunks on Gertrude McLeod Golf Course
- To lobby** authorities to declare feral Rusa Deer a pest species in S-E-Qld
- To maintain** an environmental link from Flinders Peak to Karawatha
- To maintain** and preserve two historic fig trees on Council land in Jindalee
- To campaign** for kangaroo-friendly fauna crossings in Wacol



CDEA SNIPPETS - SUCCESSFUL OUTCOMES

- Worked to** save 200ha on State-owned prison land in Wacol
- Worked to** save 134ha at Pooh Corner in Wacol
- Worked to** save 3.14ha of bushland at Horizon Drive Westlake
- Worked to** save 10.5ha of bushland at Fort Road Oxley
- Worked to** save 5.6ha of parkland opposite Mt Ommaney shopping centre
- Worked to** prevent the unnecessary culling of Wacol kangaroos
- Worked to** establish the walkway at Westlake/Riverhills bushland reserve
- Worked to** establish several (of 11) local Bushcare Groups

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We invite you to join or renew membership

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Centenary and District Environment Action Inc.

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