



NEWSLETTER

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Thursday 4 December 2008 at 7.30

MEETING ROOM, BCC LIBRARY, MT OMMANEY

Guest speaker

Veron Hansen

Senior Ranger of the South East Unit
Wildlife Branch, Conservation Strategy & Planning
Qld Parks & Wildlife, Environment Protection Agency

Veron has worked with wildlife in Brisbane since 1990. He will talk on legal and human aspects of caring for wildlife - and will be able to advise on how to become a wildlife carer



VISITORS WELCOME

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

Outstanding subscriptions for 2008-2009 can be paid prior to or at the meeting

For further information contact Warner Dakin 3376 7724

Reflections on caring

Animal caring has come a long way and gathered a great deal of momentum in my lifetime. I have seen dramatic changes, both in caring and numbers of animals coming into care and the methods and medications used. No such thing as recognised carers or care groups.

My introduction to animal care was with my father, when I was a child, going to work cutting timber deep in the bush with his brothers during the great depression. The injured birds and animals we found were few and far between because there were few cars around 70 plus years ago. We would drive to work on the Pacific Highway and mostly would only see 5 to 6 cars in a 40 klm drive. We lived in the city of Grafton where there was never a shortage of trees around our homes and the city itself. To find a possum in your backyard was an absolute treat and a mad scramble by male family members to make it a possum box in the hope that it would stay around so the kids could go out at night and feed it apples.

Back in those days if you had a vet in any town you were extremely lucky. Unfortunately they were not trained in the care of such delicate little pristine bodies and usually the drugs would kill them. My father was a man that thought well ahead of his time. He worked out that if cows milk gave me a pain in the stomach, it would not be good for baby animals, so the animals and I were all reared on goats milk. This was very lucky for the animals considering recent research showing that most small animals are lactose intolerant.

Baby roos, wallabies, possums, gliders and koalas all thrived & lived many years. Our greatest source of natural remedies was right there in the bush and we were told how to use them by the wonderful nomadic tribe of aboriginals who lived in the area and were friends with dad and his brothers. We were shown the right plants to stop bleeding, diarrhoea, mend broken bones, boost appetite and many more. Later on in life when I married and had children I took a very serious interest in herbs and vitamins as they became available and applied this to native birds and animals as well as my own family. Over the years I have reared many hundreds of gliders of all sizes, birds, koalas, roos etc all with very natural methods.

Koala pinkies can be reared if they are the length of your little finger (remember we didn't have delicate scales back in those days and everything went on measurement). Smaller than that they were not developed enough to breath on their own. Squirrel glider pinkies are a breeze to rear if they are as long as your little finger. Sugars need to be only as long as the first two joints of your little finder and Feathertails, the first joint. Because they are attached to the mothers teat it is extremely important to feed the little ones every hour around the clock for the first 10 days. It can then be spaced out to 1½ hours and later to 2 hours, but don't let it go over 3 hours until they are furred. The reason being, they will dehydrate very quickly and die.

Not everyone can commit to these hours and it requires very strong commitment and dedication. So hand them on to someone who can and save an animals life - don't run the risk and experiment. Enjoy every minute of caring for these wonderful little creatures - it is such a privilege.

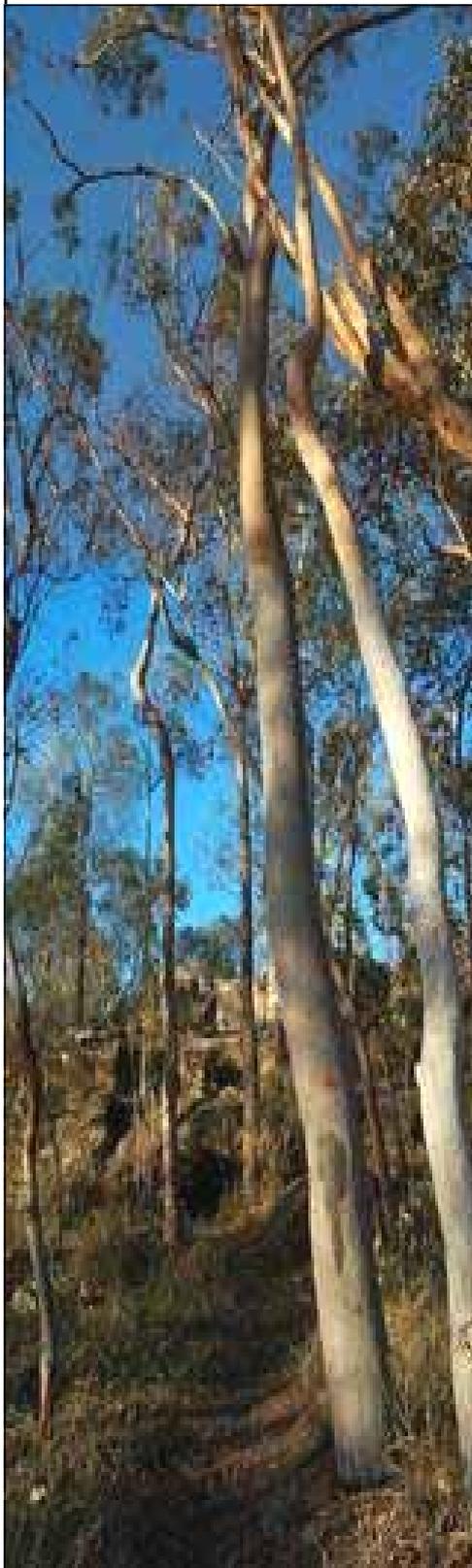
**Jean Goodwin President/Co-ordinator
QLD Native Animal Care**



Victoria is a 4 ½ month old Squirrel Glider who has been in care since she was a month old

Metroplex

The 'Metroplex' court case regarding the future of the former Sanananda Barracks site is still a current issue.



The court hearing itself went for three weeks which, I understand is a long time in the Planning and Environment Court. FoPC, SORB and CDEA are 'self represented litigants' in the case, which means that we didn't appoint barristers and solicitors. It probably goes without saying that we had steep learning curves.

Initially parties outlined their arguments in written "opening submissions". Because the community environment groups (Friends of Pooh Corner, Save Our Riverfront Bushland, and CDEA) are concerned with the extensive ecological issues with the proposed development, we engaged two ecological experts. The hearing itself was the chance for all parties to get further evidence in the form of opinions and views of the nominated experts who were examined and cross-examined.

Finally closing submissions were given. Although the hearing finished in early September, since that time the community groups have made submissions, both oral and written.

Brisbane City Council is opposed to the Metroplex development application. Other parties involved in the court case which are also opposed to the development application include Ipswich City Council, Springfield Land Corporation and owners of shopping centres in south west Brisbane and in Ipswich. These parties argued on planning and traffic issues, and were essentially in the case to represent their interests. Department of Main Roads and Department of Transport are 'co-respondents' in the case.

Many thanks to the non-government organisation, **Environmental Defenders Office-** <http://www.edo.org.au/edoqld/> and to everyone who helped during the past 12 months in giving time, advice and financial support to assist our involvement.

It may be some months until Judge Rackemann hands down judgement, following lodgement of a final overdue submission from the owner of the site Metroplex.

Article by Nikki Parker (Friends of Pooh Corner)

Editors note: Particular thanks to Nikki Parker, Shealagh Walker and Ed Parker who each spent 3 weeks in court, aside from the immense preparation work load before, during and after the event.

CDEA SNIPPETS - CURRENT HOT ISSUES

Lobbying for:

- Kangaroo-friendly fauna crossings in Wacol
- Feral Rusa Deer to be declared a pest species in S-E-Qld
- Open access to 200ha on State-owned prison land in Wacol
- Preservation of two historic fig trees on Council land in Jindalee
- Maintenance of environmental links from Flinders Peak to Karawatha
- Removal of dumped soil around 200 mature tree-trunks at Middle Park
- Ecological corridor/access to Brisbane River and local creeks in Wacol

Lobbying for mitigation of negative impacts from local developments:

- Replacement plantings on Centenary Highway (near Jindalee bridge)
- Wacol's 650 old growth trees and ecological corridor (Metroplex)
- Mt Ommaney Creek Shopping Centre (and marshland) upgrade
- Koorungal Drive to Mt Ommaney Bridge and pathway (BCC)
- Rowing Club on Brisbane River at Sumner's Road Riverhills
- Jindalee Creek and native bushland at Darra (CSR)
- Kenmore Baptist Church at Seventeen-Mile Rocks
- Major road works through Centenary suburbs
- Sinnamon Heritage Strip in Jindalee

CDEA SNIPPETS - SUCCESSFUL OUTCOMES

Helped community and other groups to:

- Prevent unnecessary culling of Wacol's kangaroos
- Preserve ridgeline walkway at Seventeen Mile Rocks
- Retain environmental links from Flinders Peak to Karawatha
- Retain 5.6ha of parkland opposite Mt Ommaney shopping centre
- Plan BCC '02' plantings at Wolston Creek Bushland Reserve in Riverhills
- Retain 3.14ha of bushland at Horizon Drive Westlake as public open space
- Retain 200ha on State-owned prison land in Wacol as public open space
- Retain 10.5ha of bushland at Fort Road Oxley as public open space
- Retain 134ha at Pooh Corner in Wacol as public open space
- Establish walkway at Westlake/Riverhills bushland reserve
- Establish 11 local Habitat Brisbane bush-care groups

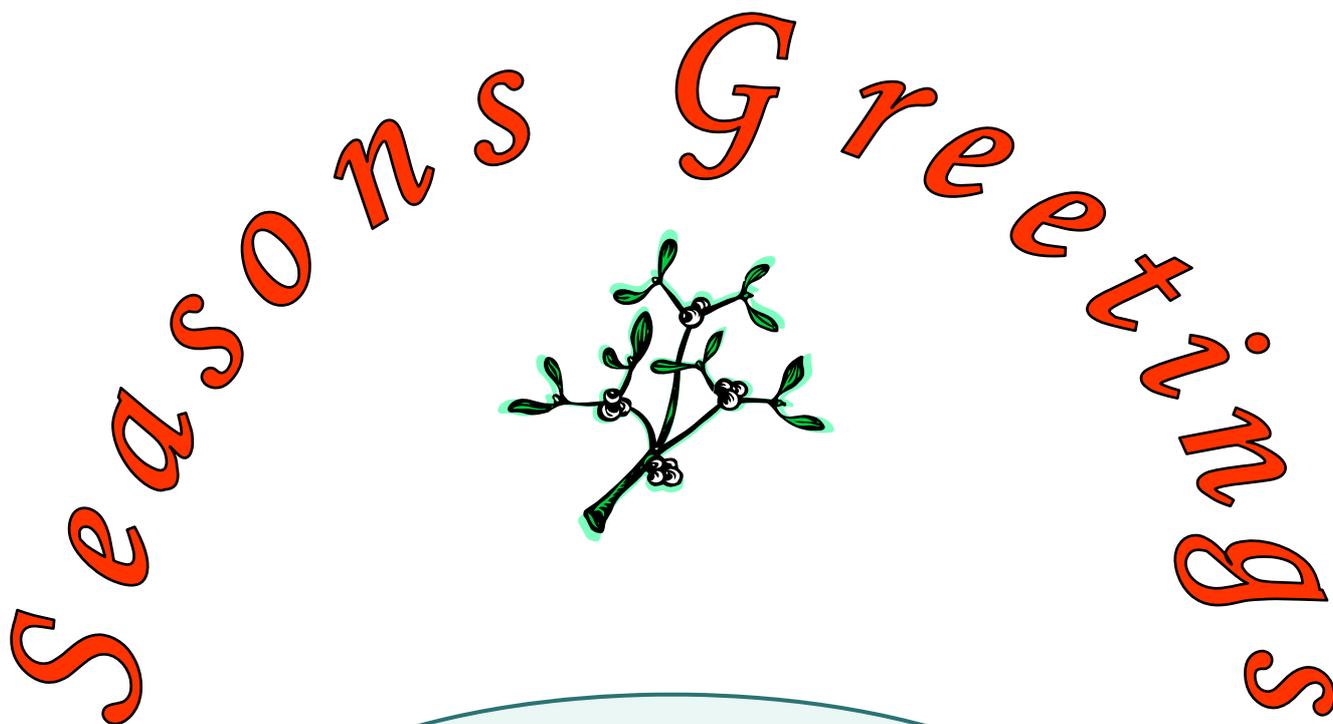
SUSTAINABLE JAMBOREE

Is a volunteer organisation aimed at reducing our ecological footprint by working with schools, household and other organisations; and is supported by Centenary Community Connections, Queensland Government, Mt Ommaney Library, Lord Mayor's Suburban Initiative fund and Jamboree Ward.

Contact www.sustainablejamboree.org, info@sustainablejamboree.org Ngairé 3375 7268.

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 regularly networks with other groups and continues to be a respected local community voice of over 11 years, providing a platform for environmental and recreational issues.



2009 CDEA MEETING DATES
Thursday February 26
Thursday May 28
Thursday August 27
Thursday November 26

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