

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

7.30 pm Thursday 26 August 2010

Mt Ommaney Library Meeting Room  
Dandenong Road, Mount Ommaney

### PROGRAM

7.30pm: Speaker

8.00pm: Light supper

8.30pm: Meeting (close 9.30pm)

**VISITORS WELCOME - free entry - MEMBERSHIP SUBS DUE AUG 26**

**Hear the entertaining and informative Bruce Carey  
'What are we doing to our soils?  
and...  
the implications for our food supply'**



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Past newsletters, photo gallery  
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#### **CDEA meeting dates for your diary:**

- 2010 - Thursday 7.30pm 25 November
- 2011 - Thursday 7.30pm 24 February
- 2011 - Thursday 7.30pm 26 May
- 2011 - Thursday 7.30pm 25 August
- 2011 - Thursday 7.30pm 24 November

#### **Newsletter articles for submission:**

Please forward your CDEA or bushcare related story of less than 400 words with a photo, to [julievejle@tadaust.org.au](mailto:julievejle@tadaust.org.au)

## **Roving Natural Regenerators** *article and photo by Randall Richardson*

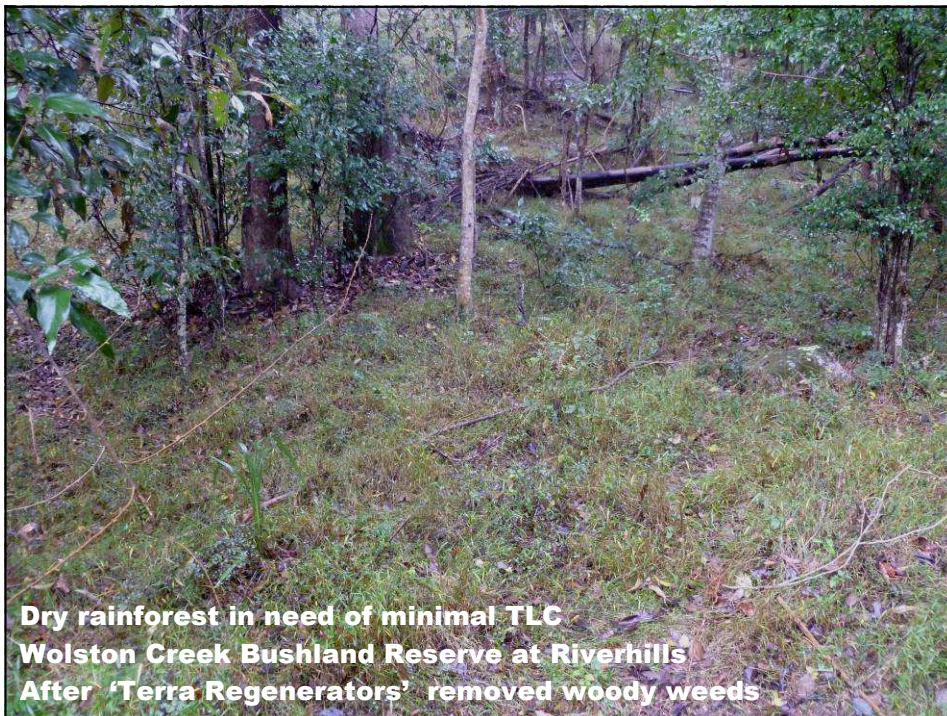
The ecological work I do with my company 'Terra Regenerators', takes me through large areas of bushland across Brisbane, Redlands and Logan councils. This work is sourced through various programs such as Wipe-out Weeds, River Weeds, Natural Areas recurrent funding and Habitat Brisbane.

One of the most frustrating parts is the ability to get areas to a good state, then walk away. Due to restrictions of funding, a majority of our work is the removal of high priority weeds. I understand and accept these restrictions because taxpayers money needs to be targeted and as we all know there is no shortage of targets.

However, there are areas that I come across which are in quite good condition and would require little work to relieve any major weed burden. Many of these would only require a visit every three to four months to keep this way. Some sites also exist within Habitat Brisbane but the bushcare groups often lack the time or skill to do this work.

The eastern suburbs already has a group of very dedicated bushcare volunteers who work across a number of sites, taking their expertise with them. Some Brisbane City Council eco-officers have been known to work with this group in their own time.

The actual set-up need not be the same as it is for the eastern group but the concept is what I would like to suggest for the western/southern suburbs. Such a group would primarily be comprised of people with good plant identification skills, good knowledge of weeding techniques but most of all a love of weed free native bushland.



The areas to be targeted would be predominantly intact communities that require infrequent visits to maintain such as the one shown here.

They could be on existing bushcare sites, sites that have had large amounts of high priority weed removal or existing remnants requiring some minor TLC.

I believe that the benefits would be mutual for both bushland and bushcarers.

The benefits for bushland are obvious but the benefits to volunteers could be multiple.

From my own point of view, I gain a satisfaction from walking through different plant communities and discovering their individuality. I also enjoy interacting with people who share an interest in bushland. I find they often come from different backgrounds and can give me valuable insights due to their different perspectives on life and nature.

Finally, there is a sense of joy, a lifting of the spirit, by being in weed free native bush. Maybe that's just me because I usually get thrown into the worst of sites.

**If you share Randall's passion for weed free native bushland and may be interested in joining a group of 'Roving Natural Regenerators' as suggested, please email [julievejle@tadaust.org.au](mailto:julievejle@tadaust.org.au) or phone 37156434. No skills necessary, just a willingness to learn from more experienced group members. A trip to the Qld Herbarium at Mt Coot-tha is an invaluable and interesting way to identify species.**

## Edenbrooke Bushcare Group Update

by Felicity Birt

Edenbrooke Estate, established in 2000, is today a 69 hectare leafy, desirable, residential area in Brisbane's West. The suburb includes Jindalee Creek, which winds through a rehabilitated riparian corridor, in what was once a semi-industrial suburb (Seventeen Mile Rocks).

Developers dedicated 17 hectares to bushland, parkland and open space. However, once the developers moved on, residents became concerned about the number of weedy introduced species invading the area, which could result in considerable loss of natural flora and fauna. Related to this rapid weed growth was on-going clearing of bushland, sedimentation and pollution of the creek and lakes from further developments upstream and reckless dumping of garden waste.

Hence the Edenbrooke Bushcare group was formed in 2006 - and set to work in January 2007.

The very active members have concentrated on three designated areas of bushland, as well as the creek and lakes.

Recently, the focus has been on removing many environmental weeds and in particular, three smothering vine species which have flourished in this area.

Existing areas of bushland and the tree canopy were being adversely affected and diminished by foreign species.

The three foreign vine species are:  
*Passiflora suberosa* (Corky Passion)  
*Ipomoea cairica* (Mile-a-minute)  
*Neonotonia wightii* (introduced Glycine)



**Edenbrooke Bushcare Group at work**

These are plants that invade natural ecosystems and adversely affect the survival of indigenous flora and fauna. Although not declared in Queensland, local government recommends control and eradication as far as possible.

Young vines are hand-weeded as this is the least invasive method of control whereas mature vines need more drastic treatment.

Mature Corky Passion, (South American vines), can be easily traced to their base, which are 'corky' in appearance, then pulled or dug out of the ground and the roots hung over nearby branches to die. If possible, the vines are pulled down from trees and checked for seeds, which are removed and bagged.

Mile-a-Minute (also known as Coastal Morning Glory) has a more invasive, rapid spread and root system, smothering shrubs and trees. So at times, cutting plus controlled herbicide spraying is necessary weeks before the dry vines can be pulled off trees.

There are many native Glycine species but the weedy variety, *Neonotonia wightii*, with its larger leaves and more invasive growth habit was first introduced into Australia as fodder for cattle. Its dense tangling growth smothers grasses and low-lying vegetation, threatens understory vegetation and destroys native tree species. The root system is very strong, so methods of control also involve cutting and spraying.

**The Edenbrooke Bushcare Group meets every month on the Third Sunday at 7.30am (8am in winter) at Barklya Crescent (cnr Edenbrooke Drive) picnic ground. Visitors welcome. No skills necessary, just a willingness to learn from more experienced group members. Queries to Felicity on 3375 3968 or to find a group in your own area check out [www.cdea.org.au](http://www.cdea.org.au)**

## Peaks to Point - Bushland Walk

Article by Shealagh Walker - Photos by Lesley Stratford

CDEA and Wolston Creek Bushland Group hosted the 'Wolston Creek Wildlife Walk' as part of the Peaks to Points Festival which ran from 17 July to 1 August.

The main purpose of the festival was to create more public awareness of the natural environment and for people to have fun doing it.

Twenty people enjoyed a pleasant bushwalk through Wolston Creek Bushland Reserve in Riverhills, looking at Eastern Grey Kangaroos and getting several glimpses of Red-necked Wallabies dashing through the trees. We also saw some beautiful birds.

It was interesting to see the progress of the 7000 trees planted for the council's 2 Million Trees project; many of those planted 20 months ago are already up to 3 metres tall!



Looking south from Riverhills to Wolston Creek with Wacol beyond

The event was capped off with afternoon tea served by Wolston Creek Bushcare Group and CDEA, in a shady spot amongst the Queensland Blue Gums looking down onto a wide bend in the Brisbane River below.



Afternoon tea overlooking Brisbane River  
End of Riverpoint Bvd Riverhills

**Do you know the origin of the name of Wolston Creek?**

In 1851 Crown Lands Commissioner Dr. Stephen Simpson named his property, which included this creek, Wolston Estate after his birthplace in England. His residence, named Wolston House, is now owned by the National Trust and is situated in Grindle Road, Wacol.

**Wolston Creek Bushland Reserve and Wolston House are both well worth a visit.**

## Peaks to Point - Family Day

Article and photo by Shealagh Walker

CDEA joined with Sustainable Jamboree and Wolston Creek and Centenary Catchments (WaCC) for the Peaks to Point Festival at the Oxley Common in Sherwood.

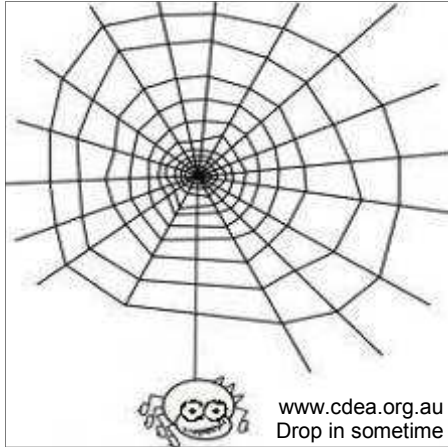
Three groups shared one large 6 x 3 m marquee in a prime position at the centre of the display area.

Weather was brilliant and kids were treated to free face painting and Gecko's wildlife presentations.

The Know Your Creek Booklets were very popular.



Family Day at Oxley Common, Sherwood



## New CDEA Website

by Brian Korner

CDEA has a brand-new website, and we're very proud of it. It is packed with information including back-issues of the CDEA newsletters and the very informative Fort Road newsletters also.

For the technically minded, our new website was built using an open-source content management system known as Joomla! Compared with the old site, it is really easy to maintain and we hope that before long it will be set up in a way which allows all CDEA members including those with minimal computer experience, to contribute articles and photos.

We were very fortunate to have technical assistance from Keith Faulkner of Brisbane City Council in getting this project started. Keith has been extremely generous in volunteering his time for which we are most grateful.

**The address is unchanged: [www.cdea.org.au](http://www.cdea.org.au)**

If you have any comments or suggestions about the website, or would like to contribute some material for publication, please contact Brian Korner at [webmaster@cdea.org.au](mailto:webmaster@cdea.org.au)

### **AWARDS to CDEA and MEMBERS:**



- 2001 Shealagh Walker - State Government Award
- Ed Parker - State Government Award
- 2009 Ed Parker - Brisbane City Council GreenHeart Award
- Noel Wilson - State and Federal Government Awards
- Shealagh Walker - State and Federal Government Awards
- Ngairie McGaw - State and Federal Government Awards
- CDEA Inc - Brisbane Spotless Suburbs Environmental Award
- 2010 Shealagh Walker - Brisbane City Council GreenHeart Award
- Dorotee Braun - Rotary Community Gem Environmental ward

President: Shealagh Walker - 3376 1287  
Vice President: Warner Dakin - 3376 7724  
Secretary: Dianne Ruffles  
Treasurer: Ray Lane

Committee members: Elizabeth Ryan, Ed Parker, Jos Hall, Julie Vejle  
Newsletter Editors: Shealagh Walker, Jos Hall, Julie Vejle  
Web Editor: Brian Korner



## Magpie nesting season can last from July to December

For information about magpies, crows and more:  
see 'living with wildlife' at  
[www.brisbane.qld.gov.au](http://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au)



**CDEA invites membership subscriptions  
for 1st July 2010 - 30th June 2011  
(due before 26 August 2010)**

Queries to: shealagh1@bigpond.com or 3376 1287

The greater our membership - The greater our community voice  
Household \$15 ~ Individual \$10 ~ Concession \$5

**Please circle one amount above and list contact details below  
Post to CDEA Membership, PO Box 515, Mount Ommaney QLD 4074  
Our thanks if you have already paid or have paid in advance**

Quarterly Notice of Meeting and Newsletter distributed by email  
2010 General Meeting dates - Thursdays: Aug 25 (AGM), Nov 25

**Membership address:**

Date.....Postal address .....

Suburb .....P/code ..... Home phone .....

**Individual members (over 18):**

**1.** Last Name .....

First Name .....Mobile Phone.....

Email address .....

**2.** Last Name .....

First Name .....Mobile Phone.....

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**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.

**A respected local community group since 1995**