

PRESIDENT'S REPORT November 2019

Bellbowrie green bridge

This green bridge will connect Bellbowrie and Moggill residents to walking and cycling options and public transport services on the eastern side of the river, including rail services at Wacol and Darra. The map below highlights the proposed location of the bridge.

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BELLBOWRIE GREEN BRIDGE

Starting with our longest-lasting project – getting Wacol state-owned prison land changed to public open space and protecting the resident kangaroo and wallaby population there.

The issue has taken a new turn with Lord Mayor Schrinner’s proposal of a Green Bridge to cross the Brisbane River from Weekes Road in Bellbowrie to somewhere on the bank opposite. A new road would join up with Grindle Road and only take pedestrians, cyclists, emergency vehicles and maybe busses.

This map, put out by BCC this week, shows a proposed walking and cycling network connecting from the proposed bridge to Summers and Wacol Station Roads with their bus routes and access to Darra and Wacol railway stations.

It will also improve emergency access to Moggill and Bellbowrie during floods.

There is one route that particularly interests CDEA and that is the one that runs through the Wacol prison land and connects up with the northern end of Wacol Station Road, this would open the state land to commuter and recreational riding.

CDEA Management Committee will be working closely with BCC on the future use of the State land. Already Council has planted thousands of native trees there as part of its 2 Million Trees project. We will make sure there is still a grassy paddock for the kangaroos and wallabies to graze on and hopefully much of the land will be a Kangaroo and Wallaby Sanctuary.

There is certainly no place there for a large rental warehouse as suggested by the State officials we talked to earlier in the year.

Please have a look at the Bellbowrie Green Bridge proposal and send your preferences to Brisbane City Council before 6 December 2019. Details will be sent out to the CDEA email list.

Have your say and make our city Brisbetter

We want to hear from you to help plan and deliver this exciting project. Brisbane City Council is inviting you to have your say between 11 November and 6 December 2019.

Have your say by:

- Coming along to a **community information session**:
 - 10am-2pm, 28 November at Bellbowrie Mobile Library, Bellbowrie Shopping Plaza
 - For other dates and times, visit our website at brisbane.qld.gov.au and search 'Green Bridges'.
- Completing an online survey at brisbane.qld.gov.au
- phoning** 1800 318 166 (during business hours)
- emailing** GreenBridges@brisbane.qld.gov.au
- writing** to: Green Bridges for Brisbane, City Projects Office, Brisbane City Council, GPO Box 1434, Brisbane Q 4001

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THECA's survey of Wacol 2 Million Trees Project

The Hut Environmental and Community Association (THECA) has won a Queensland Citizens Science Grant to review the condition of trees and fauna relating to Wacol 2 Million Trees Project. They started in October and the survey will run until June 2020. All the information they record will be very useful in protecting the Wacol natural environmental area and wildlife.

OXLEY SECONDARY COLLEGE (PDA)

The State Government and Council are still negotiating the retention of open land but it is looking hopeful that the State Government will give a substantial amount to Council and the community of Brisbane. CDEA and the Oxley Community Panel are keeping a close watch on this. A point of interest is that this land is now within Jamboree Ward since the last ward boundary changes.



67 Chapman Place, Oxley

This is an area of remnant bushland bordering the Brisbane to Ipswich railway line. Most of the block is classified as an endangered regional ecosystem by State Government. It also has a Powerful Owl living on it, an endangered bird.

The property owner proposes a subdivision into 4 blocks which will entail the removal and damaging of some endangered vegetation.

This is the owner's third attempt to develop the land. Local residents are against the proposed development and are asking Lord Mayor Schinnerer to buy it on behalf of Brisbane City Council. CDEA will be writing to the Lord Mayor to endorse this request. Every stepping stone of remnant vegetation is important to local wildlife and the environment.



Plate 1. Site boundary shown in red and development footprint shown by the blue dashed line.

CDEA Membership lists

CDEA's three membership lists – original with postal addresses, email and financial – are now set up as one list only! Tricia and Warner Dakin are both following up on a couple of addresses.

Please let them or me know of any discrepancies or omissions.

PUBLIC MEETINGS FOR 2020

BCC Library – Mount Ommaney – 7-10pm

- Thursday, 27 Feb 2020
- Thursday, 27 Aug 2020
- Thursday, 26 Nov 2020

Thanks to Brisbane City Council for their ongoing and important support.

Pooh Corner - Sunday morning 7 June 2020, World Environment Day Celebration - bird and bush walks, Geckoes Wildlife presentation, Picnic at Pooh Corner and more.

TO CLOSE

Support Bushcare Groups and CDEA

Please support your local community groups, they need members to give them the influence they need to carry out their objectives. Specifically, please support CDEA, Wolston and Centenary Catchments and the Bushcare groups who are all working in their specific interest areas to protect and conserve the natural environment, both for the sake of the natural environment and of ourselves.

Shealagh Walker, President