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## PUBLIC EVENT

Our local WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY celebration is proudly brought to you by the Lord Mayor's Community Fund, **Councillor Sarah Hutton, Centenary and District Environment Action & Wolston and Centenary Catchments.**

It is being held on **Sunday morning, 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2021, at Pooh Corner Environment Centre, 100 Wolston Road, Wacol.**



## WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

*(Vaughan Kippers, Editor)*

This international event, which has the theme of **"Ecosystem Restoration"**, marks the commencement of the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration. Ecosystem Restoration means "assisting in the recovery of ecosystems that have been degraded or destroyed, as well as conserving the ecosystems that are still intact." (<https://www.decadeonrestoration.org/what-ecosystem-restoration>)

"Ecosystem restoration can take many forms, including (<https://www.worldenvironmentday.global/>):

- Growing trees
- Greening cities
- Rewilding gardens
- Cleaning up rivers and coasts

To learn more about ecosystem restoration and the UN Decade, visit: [www.decadeonrestoration.org](http://www.decadeonrestoration.org)"

Landcare Australia (<https://landcareaustralia.org.au/landcare-event/world-environment-day/>) has stated "World Environment Day is the biggest annual event for positive environmental action."

In Australia, we celebrate many days related to key agriculture, water and environment events. For a calendar of events you can see the Australian Government website (<https://www.awe.gov.au/news/stay-informed/events>). During 2021, some of the most relevant environmental dates were/are:

### February

2<sup>nd</sup> - World Wetlands Day  
(<https://www.environment.gov.au/water/wetlands/world-wetlands-day>)

### March

- 3<sup>rd</sup> - World Wildlife Day (<http://www.un.org/en/events/wildlifeday/>)  
6<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> - World Parks Week (<http://www.parks-week.org/>)  
including Clean Up Australia Day (7<sup>th</sup>)  
(<https://www.cleanup.org.au/get-involved-as-a-community-member>)  
21<sup>st</sup> - International Day of Forests  
(<http://www.un.org/en/events/forestsday/>)  
22<sup>nd</sup> - World Water Day (<http://www.worldwaterday.org/>)

### May

- 2<sup>nd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> - International Composting Awareness Week  
(<http://www.compostweek.com.au/>)  
8<sup>th</sup> - World Migratory Bird Day (part 1)  
(<http://www.worldmigratorybirdday.org/>)

## May (cont.)

22<sup>nd</sup> - International Day for Biological Diversity  
(<https://www.un.org/en/events/biodiversityday/>)

## June

5<sup>th</sup> - World Environment Day  
(<http://www.un.org/en/events/environmentday/>)

8<sup>th</sup> - World Oceans Day  
(<http://www.un.org/en/events/oceansday/>)

17<sup>th</sup> - World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought  
(<https://www.un.org/en/events/desertificationday/>)

## July

Plastic Free July (<https://www.plasticfreejuly.org/>)

26<sup>th</sup> - World Mangrove Day (International Day for the Conservation of the Mangrove Ecosystem)  
(<https://en.unesco.org/commemorations/mangroveday>)

31<sup>st</sup> - World Ranger Day  
(<https://whc.unesco.org/en/news/2137>)

## August

Platypus month

(<http://www.act.waterwatch.org.au/Platypus.html>)

1<sup>st</sup> - National Tree Day  
(<http://treeday.planetark.org/about/>)

4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> - Landcare week  
(<https://landcareaustralia.org.au/national-landcare-conference-2020/>)

16<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> - Keep Australia Beautiful Week  
(<http://kab.org.au/keep-australia-beautiful-week/>)

## September

National Biodiversity Month  
(<https://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/biodiversity-month>)

1<sup>st</sup> - National Wattle Day  
(<http://www.wattleday.asn.au/about-wattle-day/about-wattle-day>)

11<sup>th</sup> - Bushcares Major Day Out – BMDO  
(<https://landcare.nsw.gov.au/groups/bushcares-major-day-out/>)

12<sup>th</sup> - National Bilby Day (<https://savethebilbyfund.com/>)

16<sup>th</sup> - International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer  
(<https://www.un.org/en/events/ozoneday/>)

26<sup>th</sup> - NatWorld Rivers Day  
(<https://www.organicweek.net.au/core/>)

## October

4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> - Australian Wildlife Week  
(<https://www.aws.org.au/australian-wildlife-week-2021/>)  
including World Habitat Day (4<sup>th</sup>)  
(<https://www.un.org/en/events/habitatday/>)

9<sup>th</sup> - World Migratory Bird Day (part 2)  
(<https://www.worldmigratorybirdday.org/about>)

18<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> - National Bird Week  
(<http://birdlife.org.au/get-involved/whats-on/bird-week/>)  
including Aussie Backyard Bird Count  
(<http://aussiebirdcount.org.au/>)

18<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> - National Water Week  
([http://www.awa.asn.au/AWA\\_MBRR/About\\_AWANational\\_Water\\_Week.aspx](http://www.awa.asn.au/AWA_MBRR/About_AWANational_Water_Week.aspx))

## October (cont.)

20<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> - Enviroweek  
(<https://www.enviroweek.org/about/>)

22<sup>nd</sup> - Wombat Day  
(<https://www.facebook.com/WombatDay>)

## November

7<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> - Pollinator Week  
(<https://www.australianpollinatorweek.org.au/>)

8<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> - National Recycling Week  
(<https://recyclingnearyou.com.au/nationalrecyclingweek/about>)

## December

5<sup>th</sup> - World Soil Day  
(<https://www.un.org/en/observances/world-soil-day>)

6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> - Coastcare Week  
(<https://landcareaustralia.org.au/coastcare/>)

## CELEBRATION OF WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

(Vaughan Kippers – Editor)

**Outdoors Queensland**, which promotes a large range of Adventure Activities, is specifically promoting World Environment Day (<https://outdoorsqueensland.com.au/whats-on/world-environment-day/>)

The **Sunshine Coast Environment Council** (SCEC) has organised a month-long Festival during June, to celebrate World Environment Day (<https://www.wed.org.au/>).

Locally, **Councillor Sarah Hutton** (<https://www.facebook.com/CrSarahHutton/>), **Centenary and District Environment Action** (CDEA - [cdea.org.au](http://cdea.org.au)) **Wolston and Centenary Catchments** (WaCC - [wacc.org.au](http://wacc.org.au)) have organised a celebration on Sunday morning, 6<sup>th</sup> June.

## Proposed Program includes:

7am - Guided Bird Walk  
9am – Kids' Environment Hunt  
10am – Reptile Show  
11am – Recycling Workshop

**See Flyers for further information (Registrations required).**

## LOCAL BUSHCARE GROUPS

(Vaughan Kippers, Editor)

“The Habitat Brisbane program is Brisbane City Council's community bushcare volunteer program. It supports over 160 Habitat Brisbane groups whose hands-on conservation efforts protect and enhance habitat and biodiversity in bushland, parks, wetlands and waterways across Brisbane.



Habitat Brisbane groups are run by dedicated volunteers who are committed to keeping Brisbane clean, green and sustainable. Groups work in partnership with Council and receive advice and support from Council's Habitat Brisbane officers." See the following web site for further information (<https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/clean-and-green/natural-environment-and-water/biodiversity-in-brisbane/habitat-brisbane-community-bushcare>), including details about bushcare groups operating in the suburbs of Brisbane. Nine local bushcare groups have featured in this Newsletter over the years. You can access relevant articles via the Newsletter Index on the CDEA website (<https://www.cdea.org.au/cdea4/>), especially CDEA Newsletter Issue 42, February 2020.

To celebrate COVID-19 easing of restrictions, on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2020, the Westlake Riverhills Bushcare Group Leader, Ed Parker, organised a Community Planting Day at which a total of 200 native grasses, ground covers and small shrubs/trees were planted, watered and fitted with staked tree guards. Twenty-four enthusiastic volunteers attended, including Councillor Sarah Hutton.



**Councillor Sarah Hutton and Shealagh Walker (CDEA President) at Westlake Riverhills Bushcare Group Community Planting Day near Barcoorah Street (Photo © Ed Parker 09:17, 12 July, 2020)**

More recently, there was another planting day.

## **WESTLAKE RIVERHILLS BUSHCARE GROUP PLANTING DAY**

*(Nicole Johnson, WRBG Leader)*

On 11 April 2021, an enthusiastic group of 16 volunteers, of all ages, planted 195 native shrubs and grasses at two (split) sites along the Coucal Trail. This new vegetation, protected by tree guards can be seen along the Brisbane River, near Nisbet St and Amadeus Place, Westlake.

Big thanks to Brisbane City Council in helping with preparations for the successful planting day.



**Plantings between Coucal Trail and Callabonna Street (Photos © Nicole Johnson 08:05, 11 April, 2021 & Vaughan Kippers 10:16, 17 April, 2021)**

Active and passive use of the Coucal Trail is encouraged by the Westlake Riverhills Bushcare Group. However, there has been a little too much 'love' by some community members inadvertently clearing some native grasses, mountain bikers scouring the areas beside steps, and others clearing fallen branches and dumping domestic green waste.

Mountain biking is a fantastic pursuit and actively encouraged at other locations. The Council has a web site <https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/things-to-see-and-do/council-venues-and-precincts/mt-coot-tha-precinct/mt-coot-tha-reserve/mountain-bike-riding-on-mt-coot-tha>, which has information on Mount Coot-tha, and this site, <https://www.cyclingbrisbane.com.au/riding%C2%A0types/mountain-biking>, which lists all the places where mountain biking can be done without harming native bush areas.





**Erosion caused by bikes avoiding the steps on Coucal Trail (Photo © Vaughan Kippers 10:29, 17 April, 2021)**

Fallen branches and vegetation, even some of the weeds, play an important role in providing habitats and preventing soil erosion.

To find out how you can contribute to the local area, casually volunteer and meet new people, the Westlake Riverhills Bushcare Group meets the second Sunday of the month, from 7:30am to 9:30am, part way along or at either end of the Coucal Trail (Balaton St, Tennent St or the bush in between). For further details please email: [WRBG2019@gmail.com](mailto:WRBG2019@gmail.com)

## **MULTI-COLOURED BAND-AIDS HELP PROTECT BUSHLAND TREES**

*(Shealagh Walker)*

Winter is approaching and soon the feral deer that inhabit Mount Ommaney Bushland Reserve will be getting hungry! Their numbers have burgeoned since they first arrived from over the Brisbane River in 2000.



**Shealagh Walker (Leader of Jindalee Bushcare Group) with tree protector adjacent to Wilsons Walkway in the Mount Ommaney Bushland Reserve (Photo © Marie Kirby 11:49, 21 April, 2021)**

They have eaten all the unfenced native grasses and small plants in the reserve and destroyed those they don't eat by trampling them. As a result, woody weeds have taken off across the disturbed slopes!

However, deer are fussy eaters and they don't or can't eat these weeds, so they eat the bark off their preferred native trees. To protect these trees, Jindalee Bushcare Group, in conjunction with CDEA started protecting them with yarn Tree Protectors in 2014. They have proved very successful but some are becoming faded and are falling apart so new ones are being made. Cr Sarah Hutton has introduced the project to the Centenary Knitting and Crochet Circle who has taken up the cause! See the pattern on the CDEA web site: [www.cdea.org.au](http://www.cdea.org.au)

However, the tree protectors are only a band-aid; what really needs to be done to protect the trees and bushland is to remove the deer ASAP!