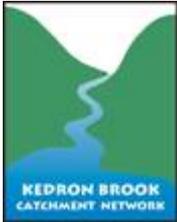


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KBCN News

Welcome to the new look newsletter for the Kedron Brook Catchment Network members (and friends). We have moved with the times and no longer post paper copies but will provide a snapshot of activities, news and events to members on a monthly basis via email.

News

- A great start to the year for the network is the successful application of a grant for \$8,000 from the Brisbane City Council to upgrade the existing remnant vegetation in Camoola Street Park, Keperra. KBCB will be working with Men of the Trees (MOTT), Habitat Brisbane and local residents to plant trees etc. to improve the habitat. The launch will be on Saturday 22nd July starting at 8:30am. Everyone is welcome to come along and help with the plantings plus enjoy a BBQ afterwards to replenish the tummy supplies. Some gardening equipment will be available but feel free to BYO. If you'd like to help, keep an eye on the web site for updates <http://www.kedronbrook.org.au/>
- Thanks to a grant from the OLGR – gambling fund – we have recently purchased a shipping container to house all equipment used for the various purposes of our group. The container is now sitting atop of Sparkes Hill and we are in the process of having a sign built with contact information. A professional street artist will paint the container with animals and plants in the hope graffiti vandals leave it alone. We'll also put a coating of anti-graffiti paint over the artwork.
- Our bi-monthly member meeting was held 16th April at Downfall Creek and Donna Farrell gave an interesting and informative presentation on weeds. Useful and important details of what are now declared weeds was provided and very timely too given the generous rainfall over the last few years.
- Our theme for 2013 is to focus on weeds so if you can think of a catchy title for us, it will become our slogan for the year! Just send your ideas through the web page and there will be a prize for the creator of the best slogan.
- Thanks to grant funding we have also managed to purchase new shoes for wading through creeks etc when conducting our annual fish snap shots. A few sessions have already been held with the very exciting find of Rainbow fish at one of the sites – a first ever! The next session will be at Dawson Parade, Arana Hills on the 18th May starting at 2pm. They usually go for about 2 hours. If you'd like to join in, contact our President for further details or check

the web site. Should you be expert at using an Horiba to test water quality we'd love to hear from you too.

- Other exciting purchases thanks to different grant monies include night vision binoculars and headlamps. We hope to test these out in the not too distant future with a spotlighting adventure.
- We have WPSQ calendars with magnets, Sharing Shorelines brochures, Yellow Crazy Ant fact sheets and Know Your Creek info sheets available by post if any member would like some copies. Great reading for staff lunch rooms!
- The next bird expedition will be at Wahminda Park, Samford on the 2nd June. It's a great way to spend a crisp winter's morning if you're an early riser. Full details on the web site <http://www.kedronbrook.org.au/> under the Projects heading.
- This year Boondall Wetlands are celebrating their 20th year as a Ramsar listed wetland. The big 'day' is in October so keep an eye open for events to recognise this very special moment in time.
- The committee is still searching for a Secretary who can join the team. We meet once a month plus the bi-monthly member meetings. For more information please contact our President, Robert Standish-White via the email contact form available on our web site.
- For the next member meeting scheduled 18th June, Barry Jahnke, a volunteer with the Society for Growing Australian Plants, will talk trees in an urban environment. A pertinent topic given the recent sad incidents of falling branches. We hope to see you there and would particularly like to meet our recently joined members.
- There is much more going on behind the scenes for the KBCN and news can be obtained not just from the website but our Facebook page and our bi-monthly meetings. If you have any ideas or suggestions on how best to update members please let us know. If you're a budding publisher or know of a university student who'd like to practise publishing techniques/designs and would be interested in taking on our newsletter development, they would be welcomed with open arms. As you can see from the above my talents are not in this field!

Cheers

Melissa
Committee member

PS: If you would no longer like to receive updates like these, please let us know and we will remove you from the address list.