



## KBCN News

September 2013

We had a fascinating presentation on koalas by Jacinta Hamilton at the last supporters meeting last month. Just when we all thought we knew everything there was to know on koalas, we were all amazed at how much we didn't know!

At the next supporters on the 15th October, Simon Fox, who comes from a varied teaching background working in both formal and non-formal education will be discussing Raingardens. Come and find out how Simon links this concept to bio-filtration and we'll look at some of the larger sites in Brisbane where bio filtration has been used to treat storm water on a large scale.



Simon will then run through the process of how to build a small scale Raingarden for your own backyard.

Nibbles and drinks will start at the usual time of 7pm and here is a photo of what the nibbles are to tempt you!

Well! The federal election is over and we have a new government and senate. Let us hope the environment survives. If the Queensland government is anything to go by, those who want to protect our beautiful country will be kept busy over the next 3-4 years!

Did you know we have a Facebook page? Please 'friend' us and feel free to add comments and photos, we'd love to 'hear' from you. Why don't you [check it out now](#) ?

The SEQ Catchments were successful in their proposal Brisbane Communities Working Together to obtain some funding from the Caring for our Country Target Area Grants. The good news is that this funding may spread out to some of our projects. Congratulations to SEQ Catchments!

Our treasurer, Lennert, investigated alternative banks for our accounts and the committee has agreed to move to BankMECU. If you're interested why we agreed to the change, apart from better interest rates, here is a link to their web site <http://www.bankmecu.com.au/why-bank-with-us.html>

Our monthly bird walk was held again at Pony Club Bend, Mitchelton. With a larger group than usual but very welcome, we spotted thirty-seven bird species. The next one is scheduled for 13th October at Grange Forest Park. Just email [birds@kedronbrook.org.au](mailto:birds@kedronbrook.org.au)<[birds@kedronbrook.org.au](mailto:birds@kedronbrook.org.au)> if you'd like to join us.

We hope some of you had the opportunity to attend the Habitat Brisbane Restoration Celebration on Sunday morning 8th September at the Mitchelton Pony Club. It was an honour for the Kedron Brook Catchment Group to be an important part of this annual event. The event brings together bushcare groups and their volunteers as well as representatives from other environmental

organisations, BCC Habitat Brisbane representatives and Brisbane City Council councillors. Check out the pictures [taken on the day](#).

After a welcome by state and local government representatives, activities included a guided tour of both the Osborne Road and the Tuesday Tree Liberators bushcare sites and wildlife displays.

Attendees were from a wide range of creek catchment groups and from KBCN, Charles, Melissa and Lennert enjoyed the free breakfast, displays and talks. Sorry you missed it? Well don't worry it'll be on again next year!

Other items of interest

Is your yard being infested with Myna (Indian Myna) birds? We've been approached by the Brisbane City Council regarding the potential of a humane trapping trial. They are becoming a serious problem and it will be interesting to hear what the Council has in mind. We'll keep you posted. There is also a website where all feral animal sightings can be reported not just Mynas. The link is [www.feralscan.org.au/](http://www.feralscan.org.au/) Feel free to investigate this site it is very interesting.

News regarding Kedron Brook is on [our website](#) which is just waiting for you to have a peek!

Bye for now

Melissa – Secretary