

Bushlands to Bay



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CATCHMENT CARE LUMINARY AWARD



From left: Mik Petter (B4C President), Andrew Davidson (Catchment Care Luminary Award winner), Heather Barns (B4C Secretary), Wayne Cameron (B4C Catchment Manager).



During Catchment Care Luminary Award presentation.



Lunch was offered to all attendees after the Catchment Care Luminary Award presentation.



Claudia Arias (left) and Rachael Williams (right) having lunch after the presentation.

On Saturday 15th August, the inaugural Catchment Care Luminary Award was presented to Andrew Davidson. This award is presented to outstanding landcarers in both Bulimba Creek and the wider region who have committed over a decade of outstanding community leadership, are currently finishing or scaling back their community leadership roles and are willing to record and share their experience with others.

This award was sponsored by Bulimba Creek Environment Fund and proudly supported by SEQ Catchments.

The Bulimba Creek Environment Fund supports a range of activities, including:

- Projects to restore Bulimba Creek waterways and environment
- Bushcare groups
- Monthly presentations at Sustainability Centre

Your financial support will help us continue the work of protecting our waterways and biodiversity in and around Bulimba Creek.

All donations over \$2 to the Bulimba Creek Environment Fund are tax deductible.



WATERWAY WORKS AT SALVIN CREEK

B4C is undertaking erosion control works and creek recovery at Salvin Creek, at the rear of the Living Faith Church at Carina Heights. The works were required after Qld Urban Utilities upgraded the sewer pipes crossing the creek. Works have entailed coir netting installation, coir logs and plantings of over 850 native tubes have been installed.

Thanks to the Green Army teams for their assistance. Salvin Creek is the vital corridor link between Whites Hill Reserve and Bulimba Creek corridor.



B4C field crew and Green Army team at Salvin Creek.

MINNIPPI PARKLANDS REHABILITATION WORKS

Minnippi Parklands, on the eastern side of Bulimba Creek, is one of the iconic natural area sites of the city of Brisbane. Two large lakes and recreation facilities make it an ideal public natural amenity. B4C is currently performing rehabilitation of wetlands, bushlands and riparian areas to improve its environmental and community values. This project is sponsored by Port of Brisbane P/L since 2013, through Landcare Queensland.

Further planting will occur in the next couple of months.



Bulimba Creek at Minnippi Parklands

PACIFIC GOLF COURSE CREEK COLLAPSE



B4C is working with Council and the Pacific Golf Club to design a rehabilitation plan for Bulimba Creek within the Pacific Golf Course at Carindale.

Lack of deep rooted native plants and woody vegetation has left the banks significantly eroded.

A subsequent collapse is occurring, resulting in erosion from the heavy creek flow. We have engaged a professional hydrology company to undertake a "benching design". B4C will add a specifically researched revegetation plan. Breaking new ground – so to speak!

NATIONAL TREE DAY AT MT GRAVATT

National Tree Day was held on the 26th July. Over 80 people established 300 plants to create small bird habitat on Mt Gravatt. A new sign was unveiled, funded from **Everyone's Environment Grant**. Well done and thank you to all involved on the day!



Creating new habitat on the Mountain

ABANDONED BABY KOALA FOUND AT B4C PLANTING SITE

A baby koala, about 6 months old, was found curled up in the midst of our planting site at Salvin Creek, Carina Heights. The Green Army team was at the site for routine maintenance. There was no sign of the mother in the surrounding trees. The baby koala was taken to the Daisy Hill Koala Centre for rehabilitation and is doing well.



Baby koala found at Salvin Creek.

THE IMPORTANCE OF BATS

On Saturday 2nd August, Ray Ison, member of Bat Conservation & Rescue Old Inc, presented on the fascinating world of bats. Many bats, in Australia and globally, are threatened with extinction. All flying-fox populations are declining at an alarming rate. Major threats to flying-foxes are extensive clearing of their feeding territories, destruction of campsites and illegal killing.

How can you help bats?

- Never buy thin nylon netting. It is cruel and deadly and is responsible for hundreds of deaths of flying-foxes.
- Make your fences wildlife friendly.
- If you come across a sick or injured flying-fox or any bat, do not handle the animal but report it to experts.
- If a flying-fox or any bat is on the ground or alone during day, it almost certainly needs help.



Bat carer, Denise, with a flying-fox.

COMMON MYNA HUMANE REDUCTION PROGRAM

The 'Common Myna Humane Reduction Program in Brisbane' is a community program which creates community awareness of Common Myna (*Acridotheres tristis*) impacts, volunteers build cages and participants trap Common Myna birds in their backyards. This project is proudly funded by a Lord Mayor's Community Sustainability & Environmental Grants from Brisbane City Council.

COMMON MYNA HUMANE REDUCTION WORKSHOP

The first event of the program was held on Saturday 12th September. Stefan Hattingh, B4C Project Manager, gave a detailed background of the Common Myna birds and explained why it is important to control them in Australia. Stefan also talked about how you can start trapping in your own backyard.



CAGE BUILDING WITH CARINA MEN'S SHED

On 13th August, Jo and Keith Weir (members and volunteers of B4C) presented to a group from Carina Men's Shed how to build cages to trap Common Myna birds. So far the group has built 6 set of cages.



Carina Men's Shed volunteers building a Common Myna cage.

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RECENT EVENTS

San Sisto College visit— As part of their Geography studies, 130 girls visited our nursery over two days. Leigh, our nursery manager, gave an overview of our organisation, a tour of our facility, explained water conservation measures and had them propagating native plants. Other students have assisted on Mondays after school.

Catchment Tour – Organised by Brisbane City Council, the tour brought together Habitat Brisbane, Catchment Groups and Land for Wildlife participants. They visited Ekibin Creek Bushcare Group, Mt Gravatt summit, a Land for Wildlife property at Gumdale and B4C.

Green Heart Fair at Carindale – Volunteers helped with the display at Carindale Recreation Reserve, giving information about bushcare, native plants, pollinator gardens and native bees.

Caltex Family Day at Fort Lytton — Volunteers distributed native plants suitable for home gardens and showed people how to propagate herbs.

International River Symposium — B4C members helped with the display of Brisbane Catchment Network stand at the International River Symposium at Brisbane Convention Centre.



B4C members helping with the display at the International River Symposium.

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