

# Karawatha Forest Protection Society Inc.



## Karawatha News



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**“It is clear that landowners retaining vegetation remnants or revegetating cleared landscapes to restore habitat will play a major role in the long term survival of koalas.”**

2014 Koala Count <http://koalacount.ala.org.au/bdrs-core/npansw/home.htm>

## NEWSLETTER APRIL 2015

### NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Karawatha Forest Protection Society will be on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2015.  
**Everyone is welcome**

### MAY ACTIVITY

TALK and WALK around and across the ECODUCT (Landbridge) across Compton Rd.

**Sunday May 17<sup>th</sup> at 9am**

There is plenty of road side parking on the Northern side of Compton Rd. (As you head North towards Springwood.) **“Please do not park on the grass verge”**

The Tour will be guided by Prof Daryl Jones from Griffith Uni. The Deputy Director of Environmental Futures Centre.

There will be information on the birds, animals and plants that use this Ecoduct with snippets on the cost, history and value of the structure. Hear how testing, research and counting are done to find which plants and animals use the structure.



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## **SEQ FROGS GROUP SEARCH FOR CANE TOADS IN KARAWATHA FOREST.**

Alf Laxis, Corny Van Eldik and Jill Fechner of KFPS joined the SEQ Frogs group in a night search for cane toads in Karawatha Forest along the Wallum and Brushtail tracks.

The party, divided into two groups, recorded some 459! cane toads captured, and humanely euthanised using a new product called Hopstop. Apart from the cane toads that we found, we sighted lots of frogs, a scorpion and a tawny frogmouth.

Thanks to Brett, Vincent, Jasmine, Jill, John and everyone involved. Thanks also Brisbane Catchments Network, Wolsten & Centennial Catchments & Brisbane City Council. Looking forward to even bigger events before the next breeding season starts.

More photos at this site.

<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.1098489933510304.1073741845.542626089096694&type=1&pnref=story>



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### **Message from Councillor Kim Marx**

I am pleased to announce that construction of the Karawatha Forest Discovery Centre within Karawatha Forest will start this week, weather permitting. The Acacia Road entry is now closed. The Karawatha Forest Discovery Centre will be a creative, learning and play space where visitors can explore, discover and be inspired by the area's diverse wildlife and landscapes.

The Karawatha Forest Discovery Centre will include:

- a building with indoor and outdoor sheltered areas including a theatre room, outdoor classroom and public toilets
- a learning space with play features inspired by nature (not standard park play equipment)
- outdoor picnic and recreation spaces
- upgrades to the connecting pathways within the picnic reserve
- an upgrade to the Acacia Road entrance including a dedicated turning lane
- a new car park area providing an additional 50 spaces
- a new all abilities access trail.

The discovery centre will be constructed within the Acacia Road picnic reserve. For the safety of park visitors, the picnic area at Acacia Road and walking tracks in that area will be closed for the duration of construction. Alternative picnic facilities and walking tracks can be accessed from Illaweena Street.

Construction of the project will generally be undertaken from Monday to Saturday between 7am and 5pm and in a manner that minimises the impact on the forest, its flora and fauna and the surrounding community. Council will be operating under an environmental management plan throughout construction.

Should you have any enquiries regarding the new Discovery Centre, please do not hesitate to contact my office on 3407 0566.

### **Karawatha Family Fun Day**

The Karawatha Family Fun Day will be held on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May at the Borella Road Park, Sunnybank Hills. There will be more rides and attractions for everyone and its **FREE**

### **A CAUSE FOR CONCERN**

On 2 May 2012, the Commonwealth Department of the Environment (Department) listed the combined **koala population** of Queensland, New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory (specifically *Phascolarctos cinereus*) as a "**vulnerable**" **threatened species** under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act).

**IF you find an injured animal anywhere or especially in or around Karawatha Forest,**  
Call RSPCA 1300 ANIMAL (1300 264 625 ) to be directed to nearest ambulance or 3299 1032  
A/Hrs 0412 429 898.

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### **A GATHERING FOR ALL QUEENSLANDERS.**



**Reef, Range & Red Dust Conference 2015**  
[www.ReefRangeRedDust.org](http://www.ReefRangeRedDust.org)

31 August - 2 September  
The Events Centre,  
Caloundra

Later this year, Queensland Water and Land Carers, the Australian Coastal Society and Queensland's Regional Groups Collective are combining their efforts to bring you the very best stories from Queensland.

People from all walks of life will journey to Caloundra for the Reef, Range and Red Dust Conference #RRRD15 from Monday 31st August to 2nd September 2015. The focus of this journey is about how we are all connected in caring for our lands and waters and how this connectivity impacts on each and every one of us.

#### **Karawatha Forest Protection Society**

Next meeting

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2015**

7.00 pm Library meeting room  
Sunnybank Hills Shoppingtown.



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#### **BUSH CARE GROUP**

General activity in the forest **Contact Dennis Kerr 0450 353 206** or [dk25@live.com.au](mailto:dk25@live.com.au)  
Second Sunday of the month 7am >9am ( 14<sup>th</sup> March )

