

# *Karawatha Forest Protection Society Inc.*



## **Karawatha News**



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*Arctic Sea ice has reached its peak for the year and it is the lowest on record.*

### **NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2015**

#### **DATE CLAIMER**

**A.G.M. of Karawatha Forest Protection Society Inc.  
19<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

A special request is for a person to nominate for the Treasurer's position. Any person nominating for this position will receive support from the present Treasurer if needed.

#### **WALK TO DUCK PONDS 13 SEPTEMBER 2015**

On September 13 we held a Walk to the Duck Ponds as part of Bush Care's Major Day out. This section of Karawatha was farmland that has been revegetated over the last 10 years. Apart from the twin macadamia trees, where the house stood, and a few rotting fence and electricity posts the Forest is gradually taking over. The duck ponds are actually dams that were used to irrigate strawberries. Pond one is ephemeral, in that it dries up, which makes it a perfect breeding pond for the rare Green-thighed frog, *Litoria brevipalmata*.

The Eastern Sedge Frogs, *Litoria fallax*, were easy to find in their host plant the Mat Rush, *Lomandra longifolia* and a lot of people were very surprised that such a loud noise comes out of such a tiny frog. It was fantastic to find some Koala scats at the base and scratches on the trunk of a *Eucalyptus propinqua*, the Small-fruited Grey Gum. We startled a few well camouflaged Evening Brown Butterflies, *Melanitis leda*, who love to munch on Kangaroo Grass, *Themeda triandra*.

The walk was well attended and we hope that we passed on some knowledge about the native plants in this area of the forest and the wildlife that use them. Many thanks to Rob Hinxman for sharing his depth of knowledge of our native flora and for his unique way of remembering the scientific names.

Note: A flora list for this area is available if you are interested please email [secretary@karawatha.com](mailto:secretary@karawatha.com)



## **COUNCILLOR KIM MARX MESSAGE**

I was delighted to be given a guided tour of the construction site recently and I have to say I am very impressed and pleased with the progress so far. There have been a few unforeseen delays (as with any project) but it's well on its way and I know the residents of Brisbane will be very pleased with the final outcome.



Delighted to meet the “blockies” on site who are building the amenities block.

By the time you receive this newsletter this building will be nearing completion and they can start on the main building.



The rehabilitation of the original dump site has now taken place and is looking great.

This work was the first part of construction that took some time but was a necessary part of the process.



## REDUCE, RECYCLE, REUSE

A mantra that BCC continues to stand by. These are the boulders that were originally scattered around the area of the site and have now been collected and will form part of the new outdoor playground that is to be constructed.



## DISCOVERY CENTRE

Well they say Rome wasn't built in a day, but it's here at last.

The foundation of the highly anticipated Discovery Centre is laid and the walls will start going up soon.

In other news from Council Officers, Weed treatments as part of the Wipe Out Weeds Program for 2015-16 will start in the coming weeks around the frog pond and surrounds (entire Woodridge boundary). These treatments will be targeting Kidney Leaf Mud Plantain, Columbian Wax Weed, Lantana, Mist Weed, Brazilian Nightshade, Cadaghis and Cocos Palms amongst others.

It is worth mentioning that the Woodridge Scouts (end of Elizabeth St) have removed all of the very large Slash Pines from within their land. This will help to reduce the number of pines coming up in the reserve which is great for the forest. Thank you Scouts.

### **Karawatha Forest Protection Society**

Next meeting

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2015**

7.00 pm Library meeting room  
Sunnybank Hills Shoppingtown.



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**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**7 PM Thursday 19th November 2015**

Meeting Room in the Sunnybank Hills City Council Library  
Sunnybank Hills Shopping Town on Compton Road

General Elections for the following Positions on the KFPS Executive Committee:

**President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, up to 4 Committee members.**

**Nomination Form**

Position	Nominee	Nominated by	Seconded by	Signature of Nominee
President				
Vice-President				
Secretary				
Treasurer				
Committee Member				

Assistant Secretary for 1)Minutes, 2) Newsletter, 3) Assist Secretary

If nominating more than one person for a position, please use a separate copy of this form.

Please post, hand or email the forms to the Secretary, P.O. Box 2017 Sunnybank Hills 4109 or [secretary@karawatha.com](mailto:secretary@karawatha.com) before 1st November 2015 and present the signed forms at the meeting. Alan Hay to be Returning Officer.

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**PROXY FORM FOR AGM 19th NOVEMBER, 2015.**

I \_\_\_\_\_ being a financial member of the Karawatha Forest Protection Society wish to appoint \_\_\_\_\_ to vote on my behalf at the AGM.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2015 .