

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

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KFPS. Meeting Thursday 20th August

Guest Speaker: Vince Watego

Fascinated with the natural world from an early age, Vincent Watego, known to most as Vince, spent a majority of his early years fishing, hiking and camping with friends and family.

His keen creative mind and artistic drive led him to a Tattoo apprenticeship. Vince's skills in the tattoo industry have been widely recognised, winning him numerous awards including the Realistic Animal Portrait category in the 2013 Ink-Off held by the Annual Logan Tattoo and Art Exhibition.

Working in the tattoo industry has given Vince the chance to hone his painting skills. Recently due to ill health Vincent found the need to regroup himself. So to reconnect with one of his first passions, he decided to start making time again to go exploring within nature. Arming himself with an inexpensive DSLR he has spent much of his leisure time over the past 3 years exploring numerous locations throughout SEQ and has built quite a substantial collection of native wildlife and wildflower photographs.

Finding that his passion for conservation magnified throughout this time, Vince's goal now is to share some of these experiences by recreating his captured moments on canvas. He uses the profits generated from sales of his original artwork to aid Australian Conservation efforts and charities.

Vince will share his photography and experiences in Karawatha Forest at the next meeting.

www.facebook.com/vwategoartist



July Guest Speaker ... A Great Presentation.

Tanya Pritchard from *Queensland Trust for Nature* gave a presentation outlining the scope and interests of the organization which included acquiring and increasing the value of privately held land under conservation, education and research, off-sets for developers, and security for wildlife corridors. Of particular interest was the work being done by QTFN in the local Peak Crossing – Flinders/ Karawatha koala habitat. Vice Pres Alf giving a gift to Tanya Pritchard.

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Next meeting

Thursday 20th August 2015

7.00 pm Library meeting room
Sunnybank Hills Shoppingtown.



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DATE CLAIMER KFPS EVENT

WALK AT DUCK PONDS : "BOTANY, BIRDS AND BUTTERFLIES"

As a part of the BUSH CARE'S MAJOR DAY OUT program on the **13 SEPTEMBER 2015**
<http://www.bushcaresmajordayout.org/> KFPS are hosting a walk for 60 to 90 minutes.

Meet 8 am Elizabeth St Woodridge. Wear closed in shoes, bring hat, sunscreen and water. Please note the ground is uneven and unsuitable for children under 6 years and people needing assistance of walking stick etc. Walk lead by KFPS member Jill Fechner. If you plan to go on the walk , please contact KFPS secretary Paula Tel 0424 650 560.

Draft Green-Thighed Frog habitat restoration plan.



KFPS. has for some time been concerned about the habitat security at the "Duck Pond" for the Green-Thighed Frog. KFPS has commissioned a report from EcoSure with suggestions of possible actions to safeguard the habitat of this unique species.

Concerns in Karawatha Forest

There have been recent sightings of **goats** in the forest. BCC Local assets have removed most of them but a couple have avoided capture. If you see any goats please contact BCC 3403 8888.

While viewing video footage of the fauna using the Compton Rd overpass, it was noticed that there were **foxes** waiting at the bottom of the Ecoduct. Perhaps it was a good place to hunt as the animals crossed the overpass. Local Assets have begun work to catch and remove these animals.



While researching the route for the "Botany Birds and Butterflies" walk, it was noticed that people had spent time around the Duck Pond and left a serious amount of **rubbish**.

This detracts from the beautiful forest vista as well as destroying the scarce habitat of the native animals that are in that area.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL FORM

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I would like to become a member/ renew my membership of the society for the 2015/2016 financial year. (1 September 2015 to 31 August 2016)

Fees Single \$10 Family \$15 Pensioner/ Student \$5

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Cheque

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Cash

Bank Transfer (please use your name as 'Reference')

If a **new** member, please also send in this form so we can send you newsletters, etc. If an **old** member, then only send this form if your details have changed.

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Thank you for your time and help.