## Karawatha Forest Protection Society Inc.



Karawatha News



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## **NEWSLETTER MARCH 2016**

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Next Meeting of the Karawatha Forest Protection Society Inc. Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2016 ~ 7 PM Library meeting Room, Sunnybank Hills Shopping Town

# **DISCOVERY CENTRE NOW OPEN**

Brisbane City Council's new Karawatha Forest Discovery Centre opened at Acacia Road on 27 February, 2016. The Centre is a creative, learning and play space where visitors can explore, discover and be inspired by the area's diverse wildlife and landscapes. It will be open to the public Tuesday to Sunday from 9am to 4pm.

The Karawatha Forest Discovery Centre includes:

- multi-sensory displays including an interactive floor projection of a frog habitat, a sculptural forest discovery area, a night time theatre room and a virtual reality experience which gives you a bird's-eye view of Karawatha Forest
- a meeting room and adjacent large undercover area available for environmental group use
- an upgrade to the Acacia Road entrance including a dedicated turning lane and new signage
- additional public toilets
- upgrades to the connecting pathways within the picnic reserve
- an additional picnic shelter with two double plate electric barbecues
- a new car park area providing over 50 additional spaces and coach facilities
- new play elements include a water play component, climbing features, discovery trails and sculptural artworks, with over 20 hidden animals integrated in the artworks and play space

Centre is closed on Mondays and public holidays.

Phone Council on 07 3403 8888 prior to your visit for current centre and reserve notifications.



#### CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

This year we joined with the Woodridge Scouts for Clean Up Australia Day. It was a fantastic turnout with over 150 attending to clean up the forest. This included members of KFPS, social groups, a local church group, members of the public and of course the wonderful scouts. Together we collected almost a full skip of rubbish that did not belong in our beautiful forest.



4 staff from Transurban will attend our meeting from 7.00 pm to 8.15 pm. They will give a 15 minute presentation on the Logan Enhancement Project/Gateway Extension. They will focus on information about how the forest might be affected. This will be followed by 60 minutes of questions from the audience. All members and friends are very welcome to attend. RSVP to secretary@karawatha.com by 15 March 2016 for catering purposes.

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### Saturday July 23, 2016 ~ 10 am

Peaks to Points Festival - Native Plants of Karawatha & the Wildlife that depend on them A short talk at the Karawatha Forest Discovery Centre followed by a guided walk in the forest. *More information to follow.* 

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