

# Karawatha Forest Protection Society Inc.



## Karawatha News



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### NEWSLETTER JULY 2016

#### DATE CLAIMER

**Next KFPS General Meeting ~ Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2016 ~ 11AM -1 PM**  
**At the Discovery Centre, Acacia Road. Light lunch provided. All welcome.**

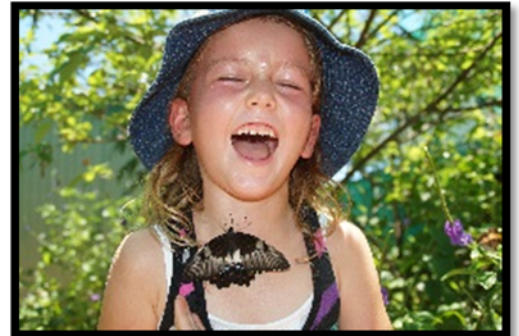
*Note: No General Meeting in July.*

## Peaks to Points Festival Event in Karawatha

**It's almost time, places are limited, please book your spot to attend on July 23**, hosted by the Karawatha Forest Protection Society and the Butterfly and Other Invertebrates Club. Meet at the Discovery Centre, Acacia Rd at 10 am to hear more about local butterflies, their life cycles and host plants, at a short talk by members of the BOIC followed by a walk to explore part of the forest. For more information or to **RSVP**, by July 16, send an email to [secretary@karawatha.com](mailto:secretary@karawatha.com)

Held over two weeks from Saturday 16 July to Sunday 31 July 2016, Peaks to Points shines a spotlight on the community's efforts to care for our creek catchments and natural areas on the south side of Brisbane. Proudly supported by Brisbane City Council.

More festival events listed at <http://peakstopoints.com.au/>



## Welcome to our new Members and thank you.

**Our Society has been around since 1991**, that makes us 25 this year. We need and value each and every one of our members. The more support we have the easier it is for us to obtain, all important, grant funding to complete projects we have in mind for the forest. In the next couple of years we are planning projects for Koalas, Glossy Black Cockatoos and of course our very special Green-thighed Frogs.

We'd love to hear from our members, new and old, about the ways they connect to our forest. Have you seen flora or fauna you couldn't identify? Did you have an encounter with one of our migratory birds? Do you love the way the forest looks now after all that wonderful rain? Let us know via facebook, email or snail mail.

Not a member? Please join our Society, the forest will thank you.

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*Thank you very much* to all the members who have elected to receive their future newsletters by email.



## News around the Forest

◇ The Discovery Centre is closed this week while repairs are carried out on a little water issue around the main entrance. It is expected to reopen by July 21.

◇ The Garfield Road section of Karawatha is undergoing long awaited revegetation. Large logs have been scattered about the site that will make excellent habitat for ground dwelling fauna.

◇ The Green-thighed frogs were active during the recent heavy rain, huge thanks to Ben Revell for braving the wet and capturing some fantastic photos of our elusive amphibian. He also photographed pobblebunks, striped marsh, eastern sedge, green treefrog and an ornate borrowing frog. He heard raveni, gracilentia, clicking and beeping froglets.

Our forest certainly comes alive when rain falls.

◇ Please join us at the Discovery Centre for our August general meeting at 11am. Come along, meet the committee members and learn more about what the Society does.



## The Australian Bird Feeding & Watering Study

This is a citizen science initiative being conducted by researchers at Deakin University and Griffith University. One of the most common ways people interact with birds is through providing food and water. Feeding wild birds is an important activity for large numbers of people and the practice may be a significant way for many to connect with nature.

Why do they find this interesting? For the simple reason that they do not know how providing food and water might impact on bird ecology and diversity in Australia. While providing food and water to birds is a popular activity, little is known about what species are attracted to these resources and why people like to provide them. Most importantly we need to understand the ecological and behavioural effects of bird feeding as almost all information from other countries regarding bird feeding simply does not apply here.

If you provide food or water for birds and would like to take part in this exciting study, sign up today! They would love to have you involved. [www.feedingbirds.org.au](http://www.feedingbirds.org.au)

### Calendar Event: 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.

For more information or to RSVP, by July 16, send an email to [secretary@karawatha.com](mailto:secretary@karawatha.com)

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