

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 JULY 2015

JULY ACTIVITY

KFPS. Meeting Thursday 16th July Guest Speaker:

Tanya Pritchard

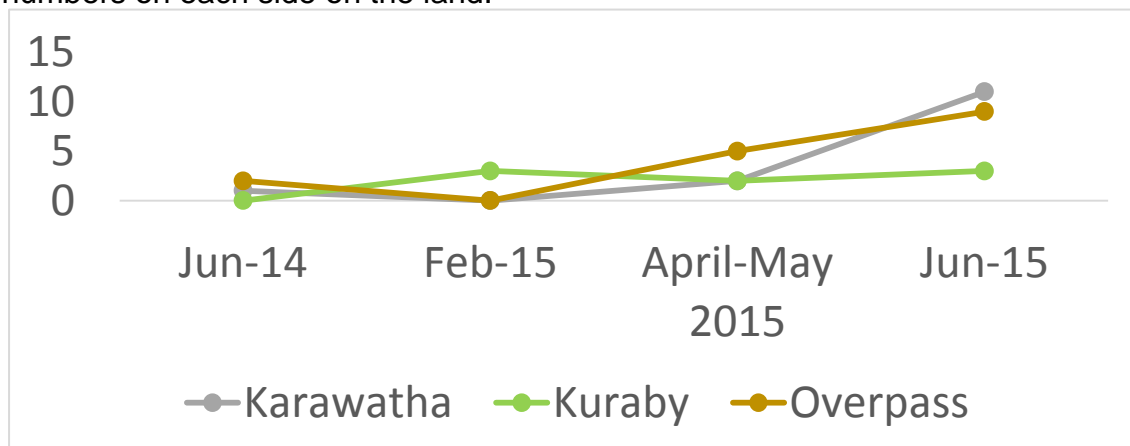
Queensland Trust For Nature.

Tanya will talk on Koala surveys in our area as well as possible research issues in Karawatha Forest . The Trust purchased Koala Crossing at Peak Crossing south of Ipswich last year. Peak Crossing is part of the Flinders Karawatha Corridor - the largest remaining continuous stretch of open eucalypt forest in South East Queensland – and was at risk of being cleared.

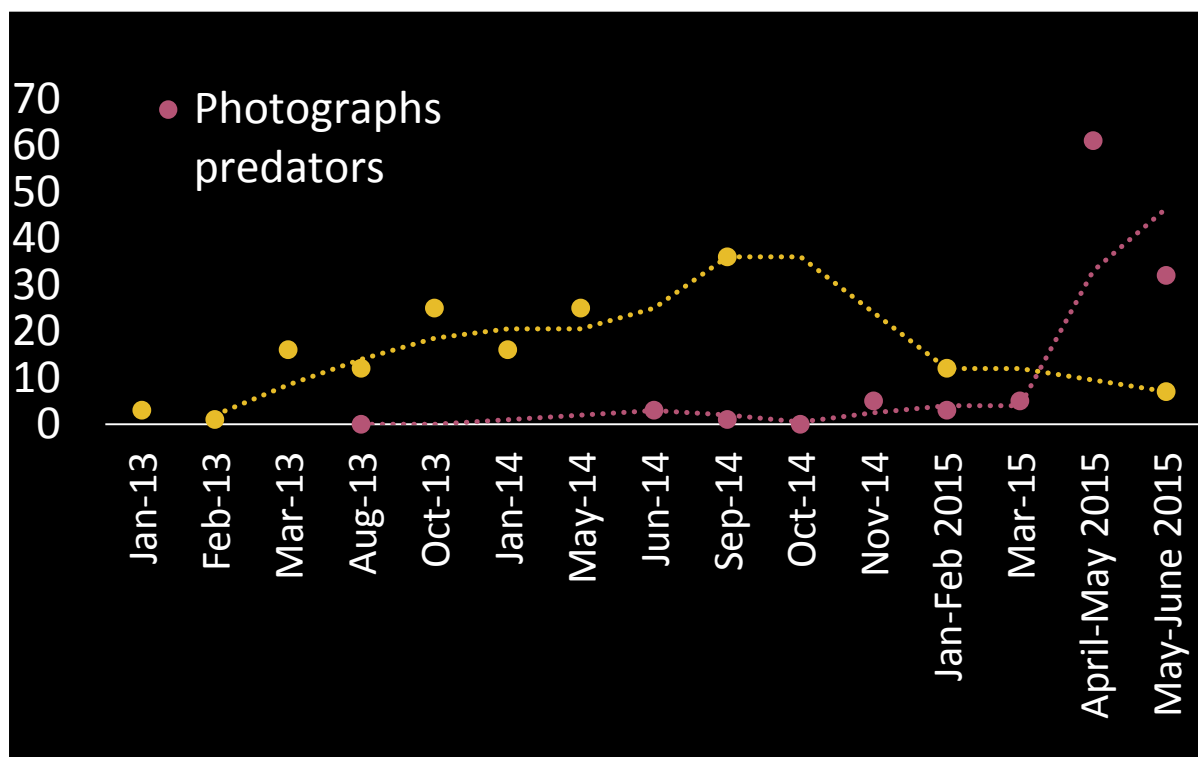
Learn more at <http://www.qtn.org.au/>

“ Reptiles , Frogs and Bats using the Compton Rd. Land Bridge” .

Last month we had a fascinating talk from Melanie McGregor on the Reptiles, Frogs & Bats using the Compton Road Land Bridge. Her research points to a higher diversity of species on the actual bridge than in the forest on either side. Sadly in the last few months **she has found increasing evidence of two of our worst feral predators being cats and foxes.** Both have been caught on cameras and we will have to move quickly to curb the population before it impacts further on our smaller wildlife. Anything from the size of a bandicoot down can fall prey to these predators. Melanie will be presenting her research in Sweden later in the year as this land bridge model had been duplicated there as well as a few other countries, we look forward to an update after she returns. The graph below shows that the number of animals ON the overpass is greater than the numbers on each side on the land.



This graph shows the number of predators captured on film.



NEW MEMBERS OR LAPSED MEMBERS .

FREE MEMBERSHIP FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR IF YOU RENEW FOR 2015/16

The Society has a Special Offer this month. Fill in the Membership Form and pay now and you have FREE membership until the end of the Society's financial year and you will also be fully financial for 2015/16. The larger our membership base , the better it is for the Karawatha Forest Protection Society in our grant applications. The fee is minimal to keep membership in easy reach of all groups.

Membership forms are enclosed at the end of the Newsletter.

Vale Dennis Kerr

It was with considerable sadness that the Society was informed that Dennis Kerr had passed away quite suddenly. He was a great supporter of the values of KFPS. He applied the values in a practical way by heading the Bush Care Group. Every month without fail a morning was spent weeding , propagating plants or planting trees in Karawatha Forest. He will be greatly missed by members of Karawatha Forest Protection Society who knew him. Our sincere condolences go to his family and friends.

Cr. Kim Marx.

The construction of the new Discovery Centre is now underway with earthworks due to start in the next couple of weeks. Work has been undertaken at the old rubbish tip site. This is the site of the carpark.

The Lord Mayor has handed down the Budget for this financial year and funding has been set aside for the Karawatha Forest for bushfire preparedness, rehabilitation of walking trails and new fencing.

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Next meeting

Thursday 16th July 2015

7.00 pm Library meeting room
Sunnybank Hills Shoppingtown.



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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

Paid by

Cheque

Money order (please write name on reverse)

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.

Banking details are: BSB 484799 Account 082387841.

Name _____

Number and Street _____

Suburb/ Town _____ Post code. _____

Email _____

Signature _____ Date _____

I can help with _____ Phone _____

Occupation (Optional) _____

Please indicate your wishes by ticking a space /s below:

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- I prefer my Newsletter and Newsflashes sent by post
- I would like my Newsletter and Newsflashes sent to me by both Email and Post
- I would like to help, when I can, with your email program.
- I am not able to help with email, letters, answering surveys, etc.
- I do not have email but I would help in another way. Please contact me by phone.

Thank you for your time and help.