

# Karawatha Forest Protection Society Inc.



## Karawatha News



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### NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2016

#### DATE CLAIMER

**Next Meeting of the Karawatha Forest Protection Society Inc.  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2016 ~ 7 PM  
Library meeting Room, Sunnybank Hills Shopping Town**

#### ***A Message from Cr Kim Marx***

Happy New Year. This will be my final contribution to the Karawatha Forest Protection Society Newsletter. Due to the Queensland Electoral Commissions' boundary redistribution, the majority of the Karawatha Forest will become part of the newly formed Calamvale Ward. I am however looking forward to being with the Lord Mayor at the official opening of the long awaited Discovery Centre, something I am extremely proud to have been a part of and have welcomed working with all the members of the Society in delivering.

Over the last month, Council Officers ran an enforcement patrol at Karawatha Forest with the Queensland Police (QPS) targeting illegal swimming, trail bikes and drug related issues occurring around the frog ponds on the Woodridge boundary. Very few people were in the quarry area at the time of the patrols, however whilst patrolling the frog ponds on the Woodridge boundary, the QPS staff frightened off 5 male youths from the immediate area. (Unfortunately for them one of them he left his car keys, mobile phone etc behind.) This resulted in 3 of the youths returning to the site to be given a very thorough interrogation as to who, and why they were in this area. Names, addresses and contacts were taken by police making these youths very nervous.....not sure they will ever return to this spot. Thank you for the tip off we received about this behaviour. Continued cooperation between the Members of the Society, the general public and Brisbane City Council Officers goes a long way to dealing with this unsavoury behaviour.

Thank you to all the members who have educated me over the years on the many wonderful aspects of the Karawatha Forest and all it has to offer and I look forward to seeing you all at the official opening – Date to be announced soon.

Kind Regards

Cr Kim Marx

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Cr. Kim Marx  
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Lend the Scouts a hand  
Clean Up Australia Day  
March 6th 2016

Start: 08:30 AM End: 11:00 AM

Meeting Point:

Woodridge Scout Den

18 Elizabeth Street, Woodridge

**Come on Australia - Let's Go**

Register now at [cleanupaustaliaday.org.au](http://cleanupaustaliaday.org.au) or call 1800 CUA DAY



## Banksias in the Forest

You will find two types of Banksia in our forest. *Banksia integrifolia*, commonly known as coastal banksia (left), has dark green leaves with a white underside. Flowers are a good source of food for possums through the winter months



*Banksia robor*, commonly known as swamp banksia (right), has tough spiky green leaves and occurs in wet areas with sandy soils. Both are pollinated by butterflies, moths, wasps, ants, jewel beetles and birds. The "flower spike" is an inflorescence made up of several hundred flowers closely packed on a woody stem.



## Warts do not a toad make

Just because it has warts does not mean it is a toad, a lot of our native frogs are a bit on the warty side. The frog on the left is the small Ornate Burrowing frog, *Platyplectrum ornatum*. There is often a butterfly shaped lighter patch between or just behind the eyes.

In December hundreds of Cane Toads were removed from the forest but they continue to be a major problem for our native species. A two edged sword, they compete with our natives for food and when they become food they kill whatever has chosen to eat them.

The QLD Frog Society have produced "Be Toadally Sure" a brochure that will help with Cane Toad ID.

[www.qldfrogs.asn.au](http://www.qldfrogs.asn.au)

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