

Karawatha Forest Protection Society Inc.



Karawatha News



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NEWSLETTER MAY 2016

DATE CLAIMER

Next Meeting of the Karawatha Forest Protection Society Inc.
Thursday 19th May 2016 ~ 7 PM

Library meeting Room, Sunnybank Hills Shopping Town

*Note: No General Meeting in July. There will be 2 Saturday Meetings held
at the new Discovery Centre - dates to be advised in the May Newsletter*

Peaks to Points Festival Event in Karawatha

On July 23 bring the family to a free interactive morning focused on learning about Australian wildlife and exploring beautiful Karawatha Forest, hosted by the Karawatha Forest Protection Society and the Butterfly and Other Invertebrates Club (BOIC). 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. Karawatha Forest is home to 320 plant species, and is one of the largest areas of remnant bushland in Brisbane.

Please wear covered shoes for the guided walk and bring water, a hat and sunscreen.

Be sure to leave some extra time before or after the event to explore Brisbane City Council's newly opened Discovery Centre, featuring an interactive floor projection of a frog habitat, a sculptural forest discovery area, a virtual reality experience giving a bird's eye view of Karawatha Forest and Queensland's first nature play space.



Event hosted by the Karawatha Forest Protection Society and the Butterfly and Other Invertebrates Club. The Peaks to Points Festival brings the community together to celebrate the diverse ecosystems of greater Brisbane's southern region through a program of interactive, informative and fun-filled events. 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. For more information or to RSVP, by July 16, send an email to secretary@karawatha.com

Election Candidate's Forum 6.50pm - 8.30pm Thursday 16 June 2016 Sunnybank Hills Library

We have invited all known candidate's in the federal electorate of Rankin, to present at a KFPS public forum on issues relevant to Karawatha Forest. Candidates will be given an opportunity to present their views and plans, followed by Q&A from the audience.

(Seating based on first come first served and we will be staying on topic)

ENVIRONMENTAL REFERENCE GROUP

Bulimba Creek Catchment Coordinating Committee Inc. (B4C) and the Karawatha Forest Protection Society (KFPS) have presented our submission after consultation with Transurban. Our submission focusses on the need to move fauna successfully along the corridor to increase diversity within populations.

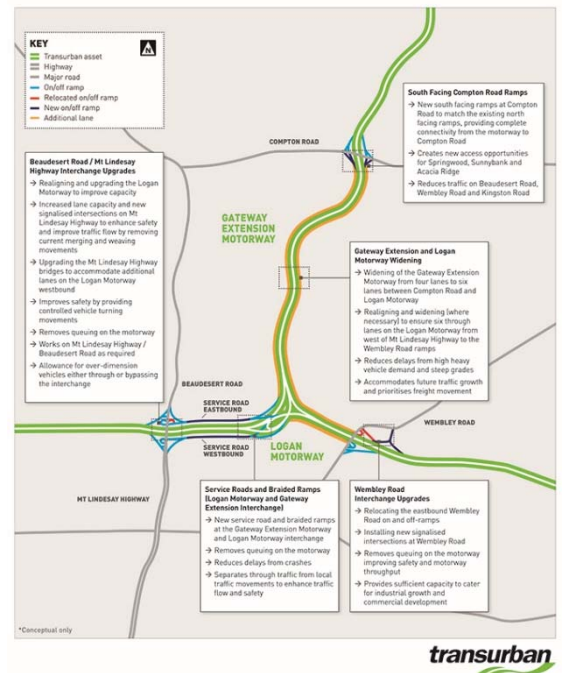
Our submission objectives are to minimise environmental impacts to Karawatha and Drewvale Forest networks; improve connectivity of previously separated bushlands and compromised corridors; revegetation and rehabilitation; and retention of species richness.

Transurban have been very receptive to our submission and are keen to work with us to achieve the best environmental result possible within the scope of the project.

The Society will advise progress in future newsletters. You can read more about the proposed LEP here:

<http://govianetwork.com.au/projects/logan-enhancement-project/>

Logan Enhancement Project proposed scope



NEWS AROUND THE FOREST

◇ The new Discovery Centre has many recreational and educational activities on offer for free or at a low cost. Get the kids involved in activities where they learn about nature and the environment.

On May 7 Roman presented a practical and fun activity, to build your own worm farm, that the kids really enjoyed.

Learn more at the BCC events and activities web site: <http://bit.ly/24T54Ks>



◇ Councillor Angela Owen Taylor has advised that cameras are being used in Karawatha Forest for monitoring the movement of pest animals from 3 - 10 May 2016. Data collected will assist in the planning of pest animal trapping programs to protect native wildlife from the negative effects of pest animals such as feral cats, wild dogs and foxes”.

Do you receive your newsletter by post? Have you considered receiving your newsletter by email instead? It's easy to do and you get a glorious colour version. Just email the Secretary to update your preferences at secretary@karawatha.com. Thanks to the all the members who elected to receive their newsletter by email.

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.

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