Moggill Creek Catchment Group

Annual General Meeting



Tuesday 22 November 2022

Ciaran Turnbull

Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country

Sandy Pollock MCCG Chairperson

> Moggill Creek Catchment Group

Aislin Kelly-Crawford

Acknowledgement of Country

The Moggill Creek Catchment Group acknowledges the Turrbal people and Jagera people as the traditional custodians of the land of the Moggill Creek Catchment and surrounds. We pay our respects to elders past, present and emerging and to their continuing cultural and spiritual connection to land, waterways, sea and sky.

Image: Chris Bruton

Apologies

- Elizabeth Watson-Brown MP, Member for Ryan
- Cr Greg Adermann, Councillor for Pullenvale Ward, BCC
- Wesley DeMuth, Creek Catchments, Community Conservation Partnerships Officer, BCC

Special Guests

- Dr Christian A. C. Rowan MP, State Member for Moggill, Shadow Minister for Education, Shadow Minister for the Arts
- Dr Trevor Lambkin, President of the Butterfly and Other Invertebrates Club



Agenda

- Minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting
- Chairperson's Annual Report
- Public Liability & Accident Insurance
- Treasurer's Financial Report



- Election of the 2023 Committee Dr Christian A. C. Rowan MP (temp. Chair)
- General Business &- Lucky Door Prizes
- Guest Speaker Dr Trevor Lambkin



Minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting

Zoe Bishop



Image: Chris Bruton

Minutes of 2021 AGM

The minutes of the AGM meeting held on 15 February 2022 ("2021 AGM") as circulated. Abbreviated Summary:

1. Welcome and Order of Business - Acting Chairperson, Malcolm Frost opened the meeting and welcomed all attendees

2. **Minutes of the 2020 AGM** - were read by the incoming Secretary, Zoe Bishop (prepared by Secretary, Kathleen Walmsley)

3. Annual Report of MCCG Activities 2021 was presented by Jim Pope

Treasurer's Report - Jim Pope presented the Treasurer's Report on behalf of Alan Walmsley, Treasurer.
 Election of Office Bearers - Cr Gregg Adermann participated as Acting Chair, congratulated the outgoing executive, wished the incoming chairperson, Sandy Pollock and his executive every success for 2022.
 Handover to New Chairperson - Cr Gregg Adermann handed over to the new Chairperson, Sandy Pollock.
 Guest Presentation by Gordon Grigg - on the Old Sawmill Forest Walk.
 The meeting was closed at 8:30 pm

MOVED: Zoe Bishop – Move that the minutes are a true record of proceedings SECONDED: Sandy Pollock CARRIED



Chairperson's Annual Report

Sandy Pollock



Joseph Pappas

25 Year Anniversary - MCCG Since 1997



Background to the formation of MCCG

In June 1997 **Brisbane City Council** published the **Moggill Creek Catchment Management Plan**. Subsequently, a Moggill Creek Catchment Management Plan Supplement was published for the Planning Section, Waterway and Asset Management of BCC.

Formation of MCCG

These reports generated considerable community interest and following a community meeting in October 1997 it was decided to form the **Moggill Creek Catchment Management Group Inc.**, which was incorporated in December 1997. The name is now usually abbreviated to **Moggill Creek Catchment Group (MCCG)**.

A copy of the Moggill Creek Catchment Management Plan can be seen in most local libraries and at MCCG's library in the Cottage at the end of Gold Creek Road.



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Summary of Activities for 2022

- Approximately 450 members
- 7,300 volunteer hours expended (valued at over \$350,000)
- Gold Creek Native Plant Nursery supplied over 15,000 plants



Over 55 working bees



- Kids day at the Cottage: approximately 120 children (260 people total)
- Photographic Competition (>600 visitors and 36 participants)



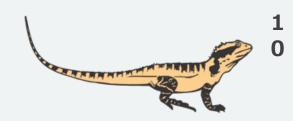
Public lectures at Brookfield Hall and Kenmore Library



- Quarterly Newsletters: Autumn, Winter, Spring and Summer 2022
- Facebook: Over 1,500 followers, 1,300 likes



Instagram: 209 followers, 101 posts



Events – Kid's Day at the Cottage June 2022





- Eight stalls presenters
- 120 children educated/engaged
- 260 people passed through
- Despite many hurdles happened!



Moggill Creek Catchment Group Kids' Day at The Cottage SUNDAY JUNE 12th 10am - 1pm

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Geckoes Wildlife Show Snail Whisperer





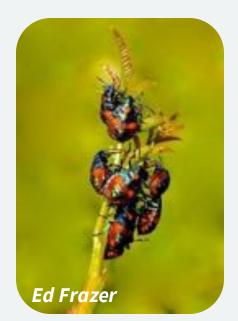


Karina Jaclyn Thank you for hosting this event. My daughter and I had a lovely time, and the wildlife show was brilliant!

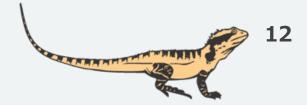


Events – Photography Competition 2022

- 22 entrants in Open Category with 82 photos
- 14 children in Digital and Young Persons Category with 22 photos
- 439 voters involved in People's Choice Awards
- Total prize money \$1,400
- 679 Likes on Social Media
- Available for viewing over 6 days











Thanks again to our generous sponsors of the MCCG Photography Competition 2022







Ms Elizabeth Watson-Brown MP

MCCG Cottage Events – Old Gold Creek Sawmill Walk Opening – coming soon!

To be officially opened by Federal Member for Ryan - Elizabeth Watson-Brown

Over 60 plants labelled

Decades in the making!

Heritage and natural history interest, and an important addition to the Gold Creek Cottage as local land use and botanical identification feature, and excellent birding area

Some 300 metres of walking trail







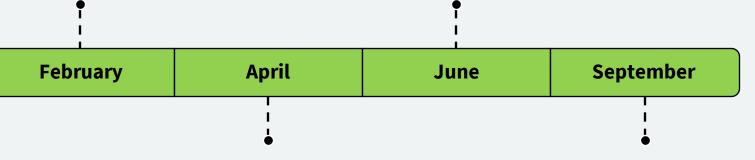


Events – Quarterly Public Talks

Dr Bill McDonald

Dr Gordon Grigg

"Introducing the Old Gold Creek Sawmill Forest Walk" "Brisbane Rainforests – their flora, ecology and relationships within SEQ rainforest"



Monica Richter

WWF "Economic strategies to mitigate climate change"

Dr Gordon Grigg

"Recent work confirms that dinosaurs were warm-blooded and presents strong evidence that most of the ancestors of today's birds and mammals were too, sharing a 300-MY-old ancestry."



Community Engagement – MCCG Stalls

Fewer than previous years, thanks to ongoing wave of COVID, and very heavy rainfall event during the Brookfield Show (13-15th May). However, at least five new members signed up.

Good turnout at the Kenmore Shopping Centre for the MCCG Photography Competition, several new memberships signed up, and many members of the public engaged.





Community Engagement – Social Media



#mccgphotocomp

moggillcreekcatchmentgroup

27 posts 2022 between 4-113 likes Up to 18 comments (thanks Joseph Pappas!)

101 posts and 209 followers



Moggill Creek Catchment Group: 20 subscribers and 17 videos, with up to 439 views, especially popular MCCG tubestock planting and Nursery



92 posts in 2022 1,315 Likes 1,566 Followers as at Nov 22

Increase in followers by about 50/month (May 22: 1173 – Oct 22: 1313)

Publications – Quarterly Newsletter

Autumn, Winter Spring and Summer issues 2022

Change in printer for Newsletter, slight increase in cost, membership fees remain unchanged

Cathi Lawrence continued as Editor in 2022

Digital (email) and hardcopies (print post) still supplied



Publications – Local Bulletin and MCCG Website

Popular 'Wildlife Matters', 'Know Your Wildlife' and 'Bush Bites' continued in 2022

'Know Your Wildlife' to be discontinued in 2023

Thank you to all our 2022 contributors:

- Ed Frazer
- Jutta Godwin
- Jim Pope
- Lewis Peach
- Manda Page
- Kristy Stevenson
- Rebecca Bain
- Bryan Hacker
- Phil Bird
- Gabrielle Lebbink





Images: The Bulletin

Native Plant Nursery Gold Creek Reservoir

- Nursery distributed 15,782 plants in 21-22 FY
- Volunteers to the nursery contributed 1,211 hours (excluding additional time provided by Andrew Wilson and Bryan Hacker)
- Average of 16 volunteers per working bee
- 154 different plant species potted during 21-22 FY
- Seeds from 113 different plant species collected by 23 members for germination at the nursery
- Bryan Hacker main point of contact for Nursery for customers and MCCG members
- MCCG supplied other catchment groups with some plants, including Cubberla-Witton and Pullen Pullen
- Installation of new water tank by capable Nursery team





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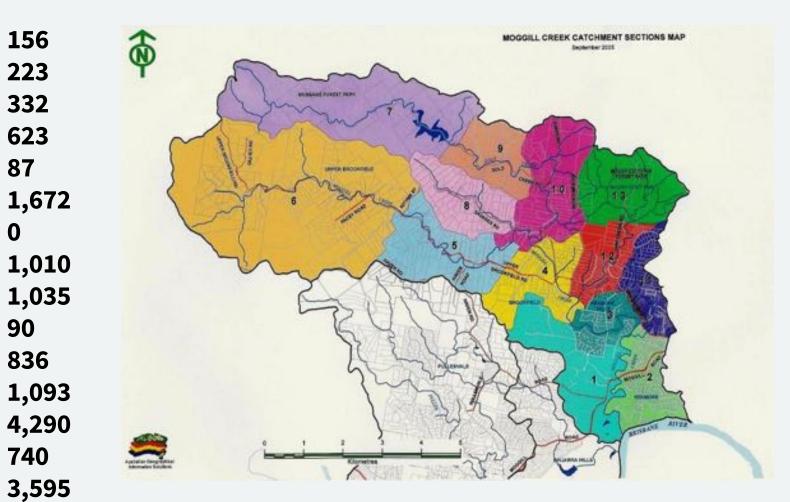




Plants provided by the MCCG Nursery 2021-2022

SECTION

Pullenvale Rd Moons Lane
Lower Moggill
Huntington
Showgrounds
Haven Road
Upper Brookfield
Gold Creek Reserve
Wonga Creek
Upper Gold Creek
Lower Gold Creek
McKay Brook
Gap Creek
Pullen Pullen
Cubberla Witton
Other destinations

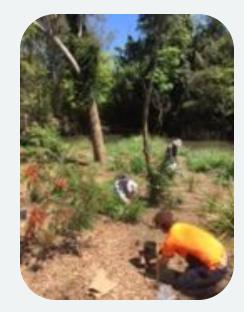


TOTAL

Bushcare Groups and Working Bees

MCCG Section Data, 2021-22*

Section	Working bees	Average attendees	Volunteer hours	Hours outside working bees	Plants
1 (Rowena St)	2	11	39	0	0
2 Kenmore SHS	4	9	114	64	450
3 (Creekside)	10	13	361	42	426
4 (Brookfield Showgrounds)	6	3	39	85	461
6 (Upper Brookfield)	2	4	14	63	142
6 (Pacey Road)	4	13	123	3	75
8 (Savages Road)	3	3	21	15	89
9 (Gold Creek)	8	6	96	32	0
11 (Gap Creek)	9	12	445	156	2,347
12 (Gap Creek)	8	13	239	134	800
Total	56		1,491	594	4,790
* 1 July 2021 - 30 June 2022					





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Challenge Employment and Training Teams

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And Distances in the

Approx 20 weeks of paid training and practical experience towards achieving **Certificate 1 in Conservation and Ecosystem Management (CAEM)**.

To date the program has been very successful, with **almost 100% of graduates** obtaining **full-time employment** after completing the course.

MCCG benefit from the excellent

work they do on our bushcare sites as part of their practical experience. Working from October 22 in Rowena Street and Gap Creek.

Challenge Employment & Training



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Conservation and Land Care Worker • Bush Regenerator • Grounds
Maintenance Team Member • Mowing and Brush Cutter / Sprayer
Operator



Creek Health Monitoring Program (CHMP) – Lewis Peach

Thursday 26th May - Online presentation on Water Engineering & impact of major floods events on waterways by **Sanja Oldridge**.

May, October, November – CHMP surveys

Saturday 12th November - Training and Waterway health survey (Gold Creek Dam)

Saturday 19th November - Waterway health survey (Mid Catchment Moggill Creek)

General finding is an increase in percentage of native fish species – exotics declined (flooding?)











Creek Health Monitoring Project (CHMP) in 2022

- 9 waterway health surveys in 2022
- Kids Day
 - Lewis and Victor ran a waterbugs stall
- CHMP article in local paper
- Sanja Oldridge flood engineering presentation
- Sensitive and very sensitive macro-invertebrates consistently seen (indicator of good health)
- Recent surveys have recorded a high ratio of native fish to exotics





Moggill Creek Catchment Group Online presentation by Sanja Oldridge Water Engineering & impacts of major flood events on waterways

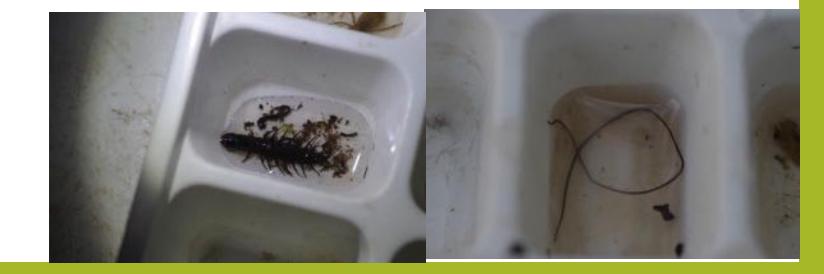
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Fish results in 2022

Fish Types	total
Native	204
Exotic	115
Most Common Native species	
Empire Gudgeon	123
Firetail Gudgeon	40
Agassiz's Glassfish	14
Southern Purple spotted Gudgeoned	4



Moggill Creek Platypus Survey 2022

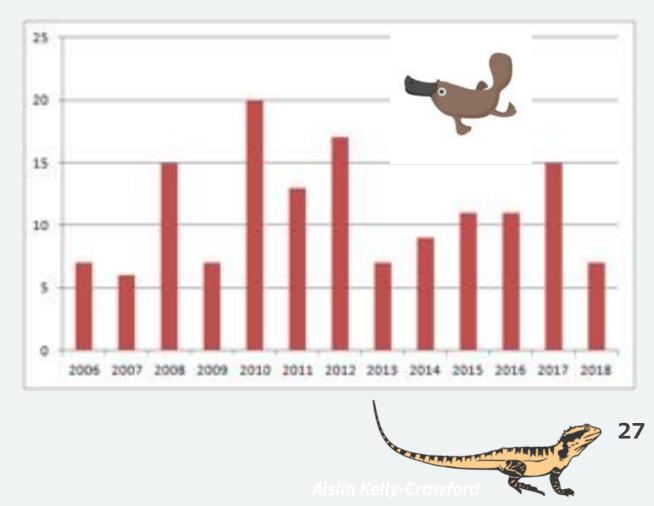
The observational survey was **important this year due to the major flooding events** earlier in the year. Flooding can either be beneficial or detrimental for platypuses. A slow increase of water, **fills the system and washes out nutrients and built-up sediment**. More water means an **increase in waterway connectivity** for platypuses to move and a depth that is **safe and effective for foraging**. Especially during breeding season (June – October).

This year's results have identified the **distribution to be consistent with previous years**. It was also interesting that platypuses were **not sighted in the lowest section around Kilkivan Avenue**.

Overall, **7 sites recorded observing platypuses**, and distance and timings suggest **individuals**. With this year's low number, you can't speculate a decline in numbers







Memberships – Suzanne Philp and Chris and Zoe

Month	2021		2022									
Month	2021	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Мау	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	No∨
New Members this month	-	7	12	4	5	11	6	7	5	1	6	3
Members who renewed this month	-	36	76	18	22	86	24	9	5	5	11	9
2021 Members still to renew for 2022 (unfinancial)	-	339	326	311	293	232	195	190	189	186	182	-
Current (financial) Members	500	187	199	221	247	344	375	387	397	401	421	428

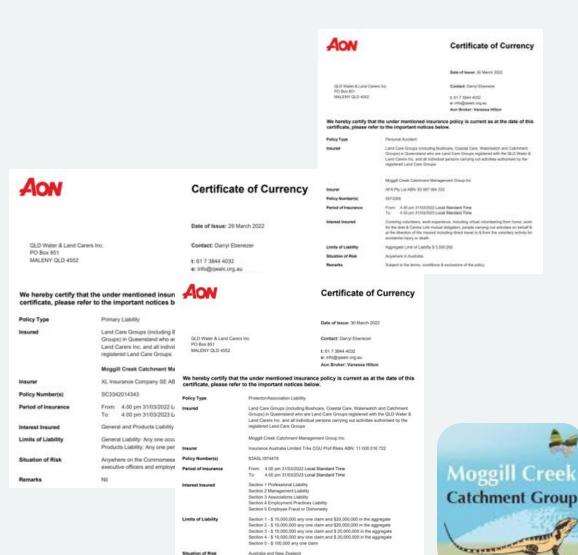
First Life Member – Connie Arthur! Congratulations!

Approximately 100 new memberships/renewals in May 2022



Public Liability and Accident Insurance

In accordance with the legal requirements of the Office of Fair Trading for Incorporated Associations; we inform all candidates nominating for election and all members present that we hold adequate general liability, personal accident and protector liability insurance, as provided to all SEQCMA members from State funds managed by QWaLC.



Subject to the terms, conditions & exclusions of the policy

Remarks

Special thanks to:

Tracey Read PR genius and very hardworking social media guru

Dale Borgelt and the KDATC team for another great year getting children into the bush, and seeing and understanding wild things

Jim Pope for his mentorship, and extraordinary work in getting the Challenge Employment Team working for another year for MCCG

Bryan Hacker and **Andrew Wilson** for organising and successfully coordinating the Gold Creek Nursery and volunteers (and seed collection)

Damian Egan for longtime work in Section 4 revegetation and weeding Brookfield Showgrounds of Moggill Creek, one of many valued Section Leaders

Rebecca Bain and the Photography Competition team for a well-organised and smoothly run event

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Gordon Grigg for his Old Sawmill Walk leadership, and excellent zoological talk!

Treasurer's Financial Report

Financial Audit Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2022

Alan Walmsley

Treasurer

Moggill Creek Catchment Group

Image: Chris Bruton

Balance Sheet - 30 June 2022

Current Assets	2022	2021
Suncorp Account	\$32,740.57	\$33,677.77
ING Interest Account	\$52,705.31	\$52,652.65
Commonwealth Trust Account	\$4,542.58	\$4,479.82
ING Trust Interest Account	\$8,986.37	\$8,977.64
Total Assets	\$98,974.83	\$99,787.64
Surplus for the year	-\$812.81	\$1,840.63



Income vs Expenditure – 30 June 2022

	2022	2021
Total Income	\$25,146.63	\$48,132.62
Total Expenditure	\$25,959.44	\$46,291.99
Surplus for the Year	-\$812.81	\$1,840.63



Income – 30 June 2022

Grants

Admin, Operations and Native Plant Nursery Community Conservation Partnership Program	\$9,020.00	
Kids Day 2022 BCC Pullenvale Ward	\$1,000.00	
Nursery Water Tank Replacement Gambling Community Benefit Fund	\$2,545.60	
	2022	2021
Total Grant Income	\$12,565.60	\$30,748.50

General

Donations	\$768.50	
Mike Humphries Donations	\$19.26	
Interest	\$64.85	
Memberships	\$9,410.02	
Merchandise (Calendars)	\$848.40	
Photo Competition	\$1,325.00	
Plant Sales	\$145.00	
	2022	2021
Total General Income	\$12,581.03	\$17,384.12



Expenditure – 30 June 2022

Grants

Total Grant Expenditure	2022 \$15,438.97	2021 \$34,611.03	
Kids Day 2022 BCC Pullenvale Ward	\$660.00		
Nursery Water Tank Replacement Gambling Community Benefit Fund	\$1,930,00		
Native Plant Nursery Improvements LMCSEG ENV20-21504	\$9,320.94		
Kids Day 2021 BCC LMCF	\$390.00		
Kids Day 2020 SEQW	\$1,138.14		
Sawmill Weed Removal CEP 78616	\$1233.64		
Moggill Creek Health Monitoring Queensland Citizen Science	\$766.25		

General

Total General Expenditure	\$10,520.47	\$11,680.96
	2022	2021
Section Leaders	\$284.09	
Cottage Grounds	\$197.99	
Photo Competition	\$1,214.00	
Merchandise (Calendars)	\$515.80	
Nursery	\$1,023.38	
Public Relations	\$2,334.31	
Cottage Admin	\$4,950.90	



Auditor's Opinion

The financial report of the Moggill Creek Catchment Management Group Inc. presents fairly the financial position at 30 June 2022 and the financial performance of the association for the year then ended in accordance with the basis of accounting.





I move that the CSG Accountants Auditors Report and financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2022 be accepted.

I also move that CSG Accountants be appointed auditors again for the 2022/23 financial year.



Resignation of Office Bearers and Election of the 2023 Committee

Temporary Chairperson

Dr Christian Rowan MP

Moggill Creek Catchment Group

Image: Chris Bruton

2023 Management Position Nominees

Position	Nominee	Nominated by	Seconder
Chairperson	Sandy Pollock	Alan Walmsley	Kathleen Walmsley
Vice Chairperson	Malcolm Frost	Bryan Hacker	Dale Borgelt
Treasurer	Alan Walmsley	Jim Pope	Kathleen Walmsley
Secretary	Chris Bruton and Zoe Bishop	Dale Borgelt	Sandy Pollock
Public Relations Officer	Vacant – nominations to be called from the floor		
Cottage Admin/ Events Coordinator	Dale Borgelt	Zoe Bishop	Chris Bruton
Grants Officer	Vacant – nominations to be called from the floor		



2023 Management Position Nominees - Continued

Position	Nominee	Nominated by	Seconder
Landcare Advisor	Bryan Hacker	Jim Pope	Tracey Read
Water Quality Advisor	Lewis Peach	Chris Bruton	Zoe Bishop
Committee Member	Jim Pope	Alan Walmsley	Kathleen Walmsley
Committee Member	Tracey Read	Jim Pope	Brian Hacker
Committee Member	Gordon Grigg	Dale Borgelt	Chris Bruton
Committee Member	Simon English	Victoria Anderson	Sandy Pollock
Committee Member	Anna Williamson	Chris Bruton	Zoe Bishop



2023 Section Leaders (Appointees)

Section	Leader
Section 1 - Pullenvale/Rowena Park	Alex Berghuis
Section 2 - Lower Moggill Creek	Jez Roff
Section 3 - Huntington/Tuckett	Jim Pope
Section 4 - Showgrounds	Damien Egan
Section 5 - Haven Road	Richard Woodhead
Section 6 - Upper Brookfield	Kate McVicar
Section 7 – Old Gold Creek Sawmill Forest Walk	Gordon Grigg
Section 8 - Wonga Creek	John Crowley
Section 9 - Upper Gold Creek	Robert James
Section 10 - Lower Gold Creek	Position Vacant
Section 11 - McKay Brook	Bryan Hacker
Section 12 - Gap Creek	Deb Craig
Section 13 – Mt Coot-tha Park	Brisbane City Council

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2023 Non-elected positions

Position	Appointee	
Newsletter Editor	Cathi Lawrence	
Membership Secretary	Suzanne Philp	
Website and Social Media	Tracey Read	
Nursery	Andrew Wilson	
Nursery Data and Section Reports	Bruce Siemon	



General Business

2023 Chairperson invites comments from the floor



Image: Chris Bruton

Lucky Door Prizes

Have your ticket ready!



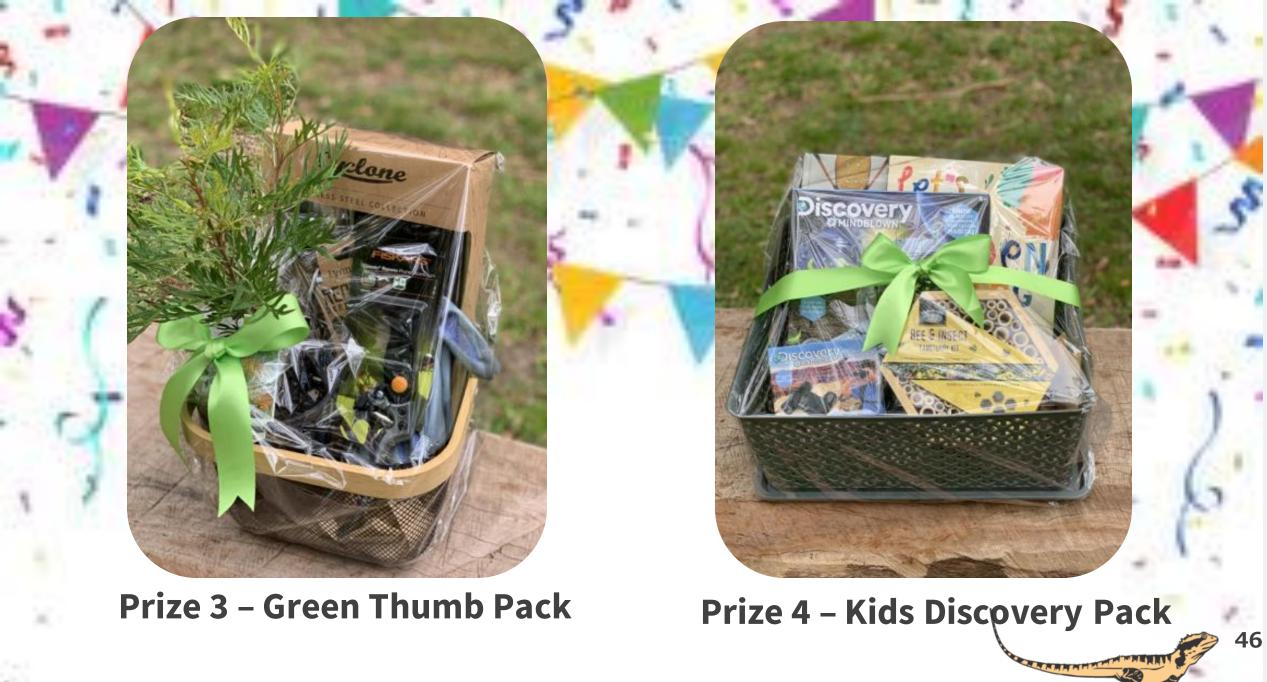
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Prize 1 – Eco Pack

Kindly donated by Elizabeth Watson-Brown MP, Member for Ryan

Prize 2 – 25 Year Celebration Pack

Kindly donated by Dr Christian Rowan MP, State Member for Moggill, Shadow Minister for Education, Shadow Minister for the Arts





Guest Speaker

Dr Trevor Lambkin President of the Butterfly and Other Invertebrates

Club

Moggill Creek Catchment Group

Image: Chris Bruton







The Mistletoe butterflies of Brisbane: their beautiful and complex relationships

A challenging problem for sampling

Dr Trevor A Lambkin

This presentation

- Basics on butterflies 101
- Basics on mistletoes 101
- Mistletoes and butterflies
- In Australia?
- Some have intriguing life histories
- Some we rarely observe
- Sampling

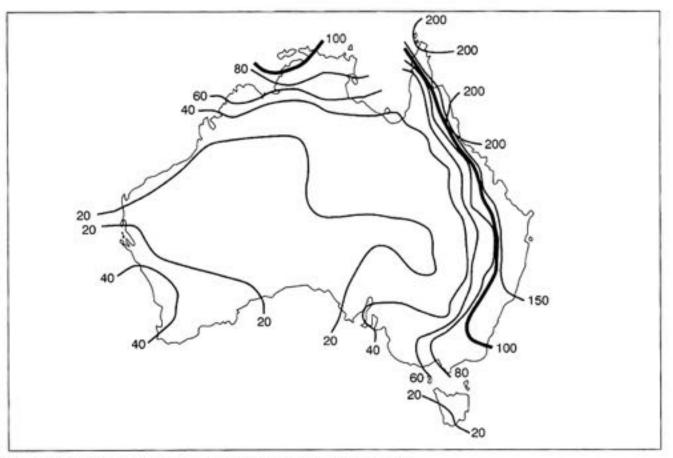




Basics on butterflies

BUTTERFLIES 101

- In Australia there are roughly 430 species of butterfly
- Primarily 5 families
- The bulk of species occur in Queensland
- SEQ has one of richest butterfly faunas in Australia
- Second to the Wet Tropics and Cape York/Torres Strait



Species richness isopleths for the Australian butterflies.

PAPILIONIDAE SWALLOWTAIL BUTTERFLIES









- Predominantly tropical
- Some of these species are the largest butterflies in the world
- The birdwing butterflies of New Guinea and Asia do occur in Queensland
- Richmond birdwing is in this group
- Two common species around Brisbane whose larvae feed on citrus leaves

HESPERIIDAE THE SKIPPER BUTTERFLIES

- Predominantly temperate with many endemic species in southern Australia
- Second largest family of butterflies
- Mostly small, orange and fast flyers
- The larvae of most species feed on monocots such as sedges or grasses



PIERIDAE YELLOWS, JEZABELS AND MIGRANTS

- Predominantly tropical with some species in NSW
- This family contains the introduced cabbage white
- Delias or jezabels are a stunning group







NYMPHALIDAE NYMPH BUTTERFLIES

- Mostly large and showy
- Occur across all zones from tropical to temperate
- Contains the Danaines crows and tigers







LYCAENIDAE BLUE BUTTERFLIES

- Occur across all zones from tropical to temperate
- Largest family of butterflies
- Mostly relatively small
- Australia has the largest species in the world









Basics on mistletoes - 101

- Aerial mistletoes are parasitic
- Worldwide roughly 1260 species worldwide
- Mostly in two families
- 940 species in Loranthaceae and 350 species in Viscaceae
- Around 90 species in Australia with 43 species in the east – highest diversity of any country



The two families

- Viscaceae includes some mistletoe hyperparasites NOTOTHIXOS, VISCUM
- Loranthaceae includes all aerial parasites of trees and shrubs AMYEMA, DENDROPTHOE



Biology

- Mistletoe seed is spread by the Mistletoe Bird (*Dicaeum hirundinaceum*)
- Fruit of mistletoes are consumed and pass through the gastrointestinal tract
- After passing through they become very sticky and adhere easily onto branches
- The germinating embryo taps into the phloem of the tree via a haustorium-makes a vascular connection
- Mistletoes do not kill their hosts



Mistletoe butterflies – what we know

- Larval hostplants are mistletoes
- Two families of butterflies
- Very few mistletoes in Europe (*Viscum album*) and north America
- Just one mistletoe butterfly species in north America
- Many in the Neotropics and Asia



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The mistletoe butterflies

- Greatest diversity in the Neotropics (Theclinae) of the Lycaenidae
- In Australia just over 13 species (Theclinae and Polyommatinae)
- The Australasian region *Delias* (Jezabels) of the Pieridae 250 species
- PNG is the centre of *Delias* group
- In Australia 9 species of *Delias* exclusive mistletoe feeders







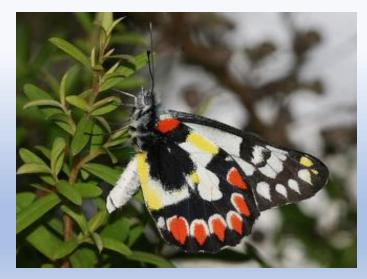




The Jezabel butterflies - Delias

- In Brisbane we have two relatively common species
- Delias nigrina and Delias argenthona
- Two other species that can occur in Brisbane
- Delias nysa and Delias aganippe
- Larvae feed gregariously on mistletoes
- Predominantly winter flyers











The azure butterflies - Ogyris

- Unique genus almost exclusively Australian most species are solely mistletoe feeders
- The azure butterflies rival the Neotropical Morpho
- SEQ four species
- Have a very different behaviour to most other butterflies





The azure butterflies - Ogyris

- Fly high and remain settled for long periods
- Because of their cryptic underside pattern difficult to see when settled
- Frequent very high clumps of mistletoe
- Larvae feed on foliage of mistletoes and pupate under loose bark or in borer holes









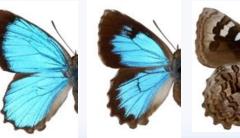




The most common azure butterflies in Brisbane – Ogyris (facultative)









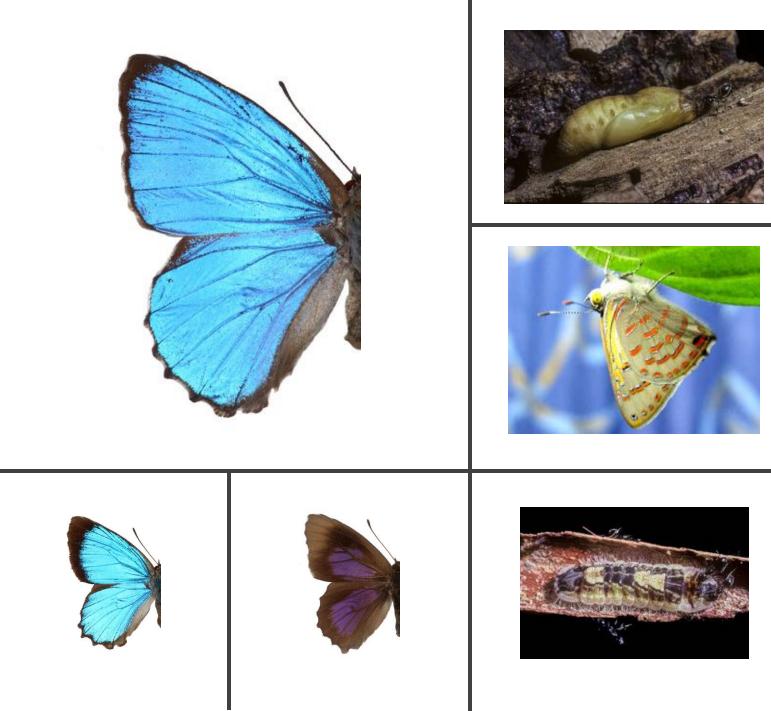












Are they rare?

- Rarely observed
- A study across Brisbane undertaken in late 90s
- Results indicated that across all suburbs sampled 2 or 3 species were detected
- Some surprising results
- At two locations another rarely detected species
- Hypochrysops cyane (Cyane Jewel)

In focus - Ogyris zosine



- Again rarely observed
- Intricate and complex life history
- Obligate relationship with *Camponotus*
- Hidden Brisbane suburb gem

In focus - *Ogyris* zosine

- Most common mistletoe hosts are Dendropthoe vitellina and Amyema conspicua
- In Brisbane occur on Crepe Myrtle
- Life history





How can we detect the presence of the three common species?

- Make use of their habits to detect immatures of the butterflies
- The larvae pupate under loose bark on trees
- Often travel down to base of tree
- Construct habitats of bark tied to trees
- These entail paperbark bands
- Tied onto smooth barked trunks below mistletoe
- System was developed in the 1950s
- Simply called 'banding trees'



The task at hand?

- Tying paperbark onto trees with mistletoe
- Paperbark cut to size, plant tie and a ladder
- Examining under the bands every three weeks
- Collecting larvae and pupae

What do the immatures look like?

- Larvae are flat in profile
- They are found under the bands
- When under the bands they are normally ready to pupate



Problems?

- It is labour intensive
- The bands must be tied flat onto the trunks because of Asian House Geckos
- Checking regularly under bands: three- week intervals
- But rewarding



Benefits

- Using the banding method, we can detect these rarely observed butterflies.
- The data we collect can provide a very good indication of their presence and distribution across the Brisbane area.
- Once we are confident with our methodology, we can then plan to use similar practices to sample for other species.











THANKYOU





Meeting Close

Sandy Pollock



Image: Chris Bruton

