

Moggill Creek Catchment Group

AGM

Brookfield Hall 26th Nov. 2020

ORDER OF BUSINESS

- Welcome (Chairman – Jim Pope)
- Apologies
- Minutes of 2018 AGM (Secretary – Kathleen Walmsley)
- Chairman's Report
- Treasurer's Report (Alan Walmsley)
- Election of Office Bearers (Temporary Chair – Cr Adermann)
- Guest presentation (Dr Tim Howell)
- Close of meeting and refreshments



Tawny Frogmouth – Anne Love

Moggill Creek Catchment Group

2020 Annual Report

*Working for Moggill Creek
Catchment*



MCCG Committee Meeting July 2020

Summary of Activities for 2019/2020

- **Approximately 500 members**
- **3000 volunteer hours (valued at \$120,000)**
- **Native Plant Nursery supplied over 15,000 plants**
- **Around 60 Bushcare Working Bees (3000 native plants on public land)**
- **Kid's Day at the Cottage – cancelled due to Covid-19**
- **Photographic Competition (600+ visitors)**
- **Public Lectures in Brookfield Hall and on Zoom**
- **Quarterly Newsletters**
- **Website – transferred to WordPress**
- **Facebook: Over 900 followers (50% increase)**
- **New Instagram and YouTube channels**
- **Over \$72,000 in new Grant Funding**

MCCG Photography Competition 2020



Prize Presentation at the Photography Competition Display, Kenmore Village Shopping Centre (October 2020)

Photography Competition (Coordinator Rebecca Bain)



Photography Competition 2020 Winners and Sponsors

OP1 Native Plants and Fungi - Sponsor Pisces Enterprises

1st Malcolm Frost - Pink Bloodwood

2nd **Tony Thulborn** - Mission accomplished (Grevillea)

3rd **John May** - Fungal growth

OP2 Native Birds – Kenmore Bridge Club

1st Anne Love - Tawny Frogmouth

2nd Tim Desilets - Gotcha

3rd Mandy Watson - Wood Duck portrait

4th Alan Walmsley - 'Peekaboo'

5th Tony Thulborn - More than colour

Op3 Native Animals - Sponsor Dr Christian Rowen

1st Mandy Watson - Stingless Bees

2nd Geoff Lawrence - Dragonfly

3rd Tim Desilets - Delicate Lady

4th Megan Beltramelli - 'All the better to see you with'

5th Alexander Davies – 'Smile, o' bearded one'

Young Persons Our Catchment - Sponsor Cr Greg Adermann

1st William McConaghy – Water Dragon

2nd Ava MacGeorge – Pied Butcher Bird

3rd Sascha Wall - Lillypads at Walkabout Creek

Chairman's Choice - Fiori Kitchen and Bar & Amcal+ Pharmacy

Open: Ed Frazer – My friend 'Kook'

Young Persons: Ava MacGeorge – Green Tree Frog

People's Choice Open - Sponsor Pet Chalet

1st Kathleen Walmsley – I'm in hiding

2nd Ed Frazer – Azure Kingfisher poised to strike

3rd Anne Love – Native Bee

Anne Love – Tawny Frogmouth (tied)

People's Choice Young Persons – Sponsor Cr Greg Adermann

Chloe Butler - Bushwalk

Newsletter (Editor Cathi Lawrence)

- The 8-page MCCG newsletter is issued quarterly to our Members.
- We are delighted that members increasingly opt for an electronic copy (keeping our costs down).
- Cathi is very keen to encourage ALL members of the MCCG to contribute to the newsletter and is actively seeking what she calls 'new voices' to contribute.



Website (Tracey Read)

(www.moggillcreek.org.au)

- During 2019/2020 the MCCG Website was migrated from the Adobe Business Catalyst platform (which is closing) to WordPress
- Thanks to Michelle Johnston, Adrian Mortimer and Adam Dare (eStorm) for helping with this mammoth task!
- Tracey Read has added MCCG Instagram and YouTube channels

Facebook (Janine Nicklin)

@moggillcreek

945 Followers (69% women, 29% men) – up from 630 last year

Groups sharing our posts on their Facebook pages include:

- **QLD 4069**
- **Brisbane Catchments Network**
- **Cubberla-Witton Catchments Network**
- **Wild BNE**
- **Dr Christian Rowan MP**

MCCG Native Plant Nursery



Volunteers at the nursery contributed 1,077 hours during 2019-20, working on the first and third Mondays of each month. 111 different varieties of plants were potted.

MCCG Native Plant Nursery (Andrew Wilson, Bryan Hacker)

SECTION

Pullenvale Rd Moons Lane	218
Lower Moggill	375
Huntington	612
Showgrounds	806
Haven Road	34
Upper Brookfield	3306
Gold Creek Reserve	35
Wonga Creek	993
Upper Gold Creek	252
Lower Gold Creek	225
McKay Brook	634
Gap Creek	1066
Pullen Pullen	3811
Cubberla Witton	835
Unknown destinations	1996
TOTAL	15198

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Moggill Creek Catchment Sections

Section	Working bees	Average attendees	Volunteer hours	Hours outside working bees	Plants
2	10	7.7	171	38	160
3	11	12.5	332	69	790
4	4	4.0	37	151	110
6	0	0.0	0	59	0
6 (Pacey Road)	1	8.0	28	1	25
8	4	4.5	50	16	118
9	7	5.6	84	30	0
11	12	6.1	165	94	686
11 (KSHS)	1	76.0	304	15	800
12	9	5.0	111	44	140
Total	59		1282	517	2829

Lower Moggill (Judy Petroeschovsky)



Monthly working bees have been very well supported with a lot of local participation from young families . Ages range from 3 to 80 – a good community effort!

We have worked primarily to complete the upper bank plantings around our area of the creek. The council have assisted with preparation of planting areas and we have had excellent results in the growth shown.

Huntington Tuckett Bushcare Group (Jim Pope)



This year we took over a new area opposite Kensington Circuit, Brookfield, where we carried out new plantings with assistance (\$11,860) from a Lord Mayor's Community Sustainability and Environmental Grant

Showgrounds, McKay Brook and KSHS (Damien Egan & Bryan Hacker)



Rafting Ground Road Site: Total Hours: 55 Plants: 40
Brookfield roundabout site is a back-drop to the Brookfield Showgrounds and highlights the importance of regenerating our bushland for all visitors to appreciate.

Brookfield Primary State School: Total Hours: 188 Plants: 110
This new site is the area bordering BSS on the opposite-side of Moggill creek bank running parallel with Rafting Ground Road.

Kenmore State High School: Total Hours: 319 Plants 700
National Tree Day planting 26th July 2020 Cancelled due to Covid – 19 Pandemic restrictions.

McKay Brook

Ten monthly working bees focussed on control of Chinese celtis and exotic vines.
On average 5.5 volunteers attended each working bee and 121 hours of work were carried out.

Upper Gold Creek (Gordon Grigg)

- Fed. Govt. Communities Environment Program Grant (\$9,700) for Old Sawmill site, adjoining the MCCG Cottage.
- Large area of SEQWater land with a very good sample of local tree flora, some very large.
- Up to 100 trees will be labelled and more planted in sparsely treed areas
- Remains of the old sawmill (which operated from 1919 to 1923) will be kept accessible.



Concrete Footings for Sawmill Engine

More volunteers needed.

Contact Gordon Grigg

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g.grigg@uq.edu.au.

Rowena Street Park



- In partnership with Challenge Employment & Training and the State Govt. (Skilling Queenslanders for Work), we are providing practical bushcare experience for a second group of volunteers, leading to the Certificate 1 in Conservation and Land Management (CALM).
- This group are currently working at Rowena St. Park, with support from BCC/Habitat Brisbane (Simon Fox).
- In the new year we plan to re-vitalise the Rowena St. Park bushcare group – **Volunteers Needed!**

Federal Govt. Communities Environment Grant

Grant of \$12,500 Funded weed eradication and biodiversity enhancement projects on 9 private (Land for Wildlife) properties in the catchment



Joyce Westenberg's property – Savages Rd

Bush Tucker Garden



- Established in 2006 and located behind Brookfield Produce Store, the Bush Tucker Garden had fallen into neglect.
- In August we removed masses of weed vines with assistance from a local Baha'i Youth Group.
- Produce Store Manager donated 14 bales of sugarcane mulch.
- Many of the 34 species originally planted need replacing.
- MCCG also owns two 20,000 litre water tanks on the Produce Store site.

Platypus Survey (Christine Hosking & Tamielle Brunt)

- 15th year of survey conducted in early Sept. each year.
- 55+ Volunteers (despite Covid restrictions)!
- 11 confirmed sightings (c.f. 11 last year)
- Most sightings in Gold and mid-to-lower Moggill Creeks
- One in upper Moggill Creek (first for several years)
- Platypus persist in Gold and Lower Moggill Creeks due environmental flows from the Gold Creek Dam



Platypus in Creekside Park
'Swimming Hole' Sept. 2020

Creek Health Monitoring Program (Adrian Webb & Lewis Peach)



Fish Survey Training Nov. 2020

- Qld Citizen Science Grant (\$30,000 over 3 years) to re-vitalise the CHMP
- Volunteers will monitor water quality, macro-invertebrates and fish, and nearby creek conditions.

- Data will be used to assess creek health at sites across Moggill Creek Catchment
- Project will promote the benefits of environmental health of our waterways.



A Good Catch!

Local Bulletin

After 8 years and 100 articles, Jim Butler will write his last 'Feather Fascination' article for The Local Bulletin next month.

MCCG are proposing to take over the column and re-brand it as 'Wildlife Matters', to include all forms of local wildlife.

Proposals for monthly contributions of ~300 words are sought from all MCCG members.

Contact Jim Pope: j.pope@qut.edu.au

Feather Fascination!
with local Birdwatcher,
Jim Butler **Extinctions and Climate Change**

I am in awe of the miracle of a chick in a nest in a tree. The image at right is of a Tawny Frogmouth chick, looking like a badly knitted soft toy, with its parent.


The nest creates the optimal conditions for chick development. Birds construct their homes alongside ours. Their nests are as vital to their existence as our homes are to our existence. In terms of "life on earth", chicks in a nest and kids in our homes are equivalent. We are symbiotically living together on this planet. However, the many observed impacts of climate change point toward an increasingly fraught future for birds, trees and humans; specifically, it is adversely impacting nest-building. The natural world produced us and shaped us; trees and birds hold our origins and they remain the true home of our existence. Even today, nature gives us everything, from the air we breathe to the water we drink and the food we eat, and the solace for our psyches. We will thrive if we have a proper human relationship with the actual birds and trees and all of nature around us.

Birds and trees are disappearing from the planet while we're living on it. It is directly our generations' responsibility. We have nearly reached the point of no return in our destruction of the natural world. Mega blazes ravaged every Australian state last summer, scorching bush and killing 33 people. 180 Million birds were killed or displaced. The United Nations has declared 2021–2030 the 'UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration'. The conservation of the planet's remaining natural ecosystems and the large-scale restoration of degraded ecosystems will limit both climate change and species extinction. Restoring 15% of denuded ecosystems in known priority areas could avoid 60% of expected extinctions.

*Erase the Root – no Tree
Thee – then – no me –
The Heavens stripped –
Eternity's vast pocket, picked –**

— by the purveyors and enablers of carbon-based energy and land clearing.
Celebrate your symbiotic lives with nature ~ Jim

Contact Jim: beautifulbirds@y7mail.com Image: Tawny Frogmouth and Chick
Digital Bird Guide: <http://www.moggillcreek.org/> Ed Frazer at Brookfield





Councillors Paul Toomey (The Gap) and Greg Adermann (Pullenvale) visiting MCCG Native Plant Nursery (with Bryan Hacker) Sept. 2020

Many Thanks To:

- **Management Committee and Section Leaders.**
- **200+ volunteers who assisted at the Bushcare Working Bees and in the Plant Nursery.**
- **Newsletter editor, Cathi Lawrence.**
- **Tracey Read and Janine Nicklin for managing our website and Facebook page respectively.**
- **Simon Fox from Habitat Brisbane and the LFW team of Cody Hochen and Catherine Madden.**
- **Creek Catchment Officers Andrew Wills and Donna Edwards.**
- **Councillor Greg Adermann (Pullenvale Ward), the Member for Moggill, Dr Christian Rowan and Julian Simmonds, Member for Ryan for their ongoing support.**
- **Rebecca Bain and her Photography Competition committee.**
- **Bruce Siemon for collating all manner of data on our activities.**
- **Chris Hosking and Tamielle Brunt for running the 2020 platypus survey ably assisted by the 55+ wonderful volunteers.**
- **Adrian Webb and Lewis Peach for their work on the Creek Health Monitoring Project**
- **Adrian Mortimer for regularly assisting with IT issues.**
- **Bryan Hacker for his excellent Landcare advice to members.**
- **Phil Bird for his leadership of the Cane Toad Challenge.**



Financial Audit Report for the year ended 30 June 2020

Financial Statements – Summary Report

Balance Sheet 30 June 2020

Current Assets	2020	2019
Suncorp Account	\$36,385.73	\$17,231.17
ING Interest Account	\$52,571.28	\$40,716.29
Commonwealth Trust Account	\$26.46	\$26.46
ING Trust Interest Account	\$8,963.54	\$8,902.32
Total Assets	\$97,947.01	\$66,876.24
Surplus for the year	\$31,070.77	\$14,916.21

Income vs Expenditure

	2020	2019
Total Income	\$60,220.88	\$43,157.82
Total Expenditure	\$29,150.11	\$28,241.61
Surplus for the Year	\$31,070.77	\$14,916.21

NOTE 2020 surplus of \$31,070.77 is made up entirely of committed grant expenditure

Income 2020

Grants

Native Plant Nursery ENV19-20426	\$2,676.95	
BCC Kids Day 2019	\$462.00	
SEQW Kids Day 2019	\$3000.00	
CSA Tree Daisy	\$2913.60	
Community Action ENV19-20422	\$11,859.92	
Communities Env Program CEP78742	\$12,500	
Communities Env Program CEP78616	\$9,700.00	
Operational and PR ENV19-20408	\$5,500.00	2019
Total Grant Income	\$48,612.47	\$29,142.00

General

Donations	\$234.00	
Interest	\$417.41	
Memberships	\$9,778.00	
Merchandise (Calendars)	\$571.00	
Photo Competition	\$550.00	
Plant Sales	\$58.00	2019
Total General Income	\$11,608.41	\$14,015.82

Expenditure 2019

Grants

Communities Environment Program	\$7,200.00	
Kids Day 2019	\$2,539.06	
CSA Anzac Tree Daisy	\$205.32	
Nursery and Website update	\$3,866.06	2019
Total Grant Expenditure	\$13,810.44	\$18,283.95

General

Cottage Admin	\$4,568.12	
Public Relations	\$4,141.46	
Nursery	\$755.73	
Merchandise (Calendars)	\$500.00	
Photo Competition	\$1,587.00	
Section Leaders	\$764.86	
Website	\$2,722.50	
Donation (Mt Cootha protection)	\$300.00	2019
Total General Expenditure	\$15,339.67	\$9,957.66

I move that the CSG Accountants Auditors Report for the year ended 30 June 2020 be accepted.

I also move that CSG Accountants be appointed Auditors again for the 2020/21 financial year.

MCCG Elections

Cr Greg Adermann
Acting Chair

PUBLIC LIABILITY AND ACCIDENT INSURANCE

In accordance with the governance requirements of the Office of Fair Trade 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 is provided to all Landcare organisations under the QWaLC cover-letters of insurance.

Nominations for the Management Committee 2020

Position	Nominee	Nominated by	Seconded
Chairman	Jim Pope	Dale Borgelt	Gordon Grigg
Vice-Chairman	Malcolm Frost	Kathleen Walmsley	Jim Pope
Secretary	Kathleen Walmsley	Tracey Read	Dale Borgelt
Treasurer	Alan Walmsley	Jim Pope	Malcolm Frost
Public Relations Officer	Tracey Read	Kathleen Walmsley	Jim Pope
Landcare Adviser	Bryan Hacker	David Edwards	Ann Edwards
Water Quality Adviser	Adrian Webb	Jim Pope	Alan Walmsley
Nursery Manager	Andrew Wilson	Bryan Hacker	Jenny Hacker
Cottage Manager	Dale Borgelt	Alan Walmsley	Kathleen Walmsley
Grants Officer	Volunteer Needed!		

Section Leaders

Position	Appointee
Section 1: Pullenvale/Rowena Park	Jim Pope (Temporary)
Section 2: Lower Moggill Creek	Judy Petroeschovsky
Section 3: Huntington/Tuckett	Jim Pope
Section 4: Showgrounds	Damien Egan
Section 5: Haven Road	Volunteer Needed!
Section 6: Upper Brookfield	Kate McVicar
Section 7: Gold Creek Reserve	SEQ Water
Section 8: Wonga Creek	John Crowley
Section 9: Upper Gold Creek	Gordon Grigg
Section 10: Lower Gold Creek	Volunteer Needed!
Section 11: McKay Brook	Bryan Hacker
Section 12: Gap Creek	Deb Craig

Appointed Positions

Newsletter Editor

Cathi Lawrence

Web Co-Ordinator

Tracey Read

Facebook Page Manager

Janine Nicklin

Presentation



Michelle Johnston – MCCG Website Coordinator 2015 - 2019

Lucky Door Prize

Donated by Dr Christian Rowan

STATE MEMBER FOR MOGGILL

Dear Members,

Thank you for extending me the invitation to attend your 2020 Annual General Meeting.
Please accept my apologies for my absence due to the current sitting week of the Queensland Parliament.

I note that 2020 has been a particularly challenging year for our community, most especially for our local community groups. As the Queensland Government continues to ease its COVID-19 restrictions, my office is able to assist with any enquires.

I would like to pass on my congratulations to the executive committee and all club members for all of your hard work this year, despite the circumstances. Your continued dedication to our local environment, specifically the Moggill Creek Catchment is to be commended.

Following the swearing in of the re-elected Palaszczuk State Labor Government, I wrote to the new Environment Minister requesting that consideration be given to greater support for the MCCG to assist with additional public education and information as well as additional funding to enhance and protect the biodiversity of our local flora and fauna.

I have attached a copy of my correspondence to the Minister and I will be sure to keep you updated when a response is received.

Yours sincerely

Dr Christian A.C. Rowan MP State Member for Moggill Shadow Minister for
Communities
Shadow Minister for Disability Services & Seniors
Shadow Minister for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Partnerships Shadow Minister for the Arts

Fish of Moggill Creek

Dr Tim Howell: Freshwater Ecology Consulting

Tim is an aquatic ecologist with a PhD in fish ecology and river rehabilitation. While writing his PhD thesis he lived in Kenmore and spent his spare time poking around in Moggill Creek. In 2010 he worked with MCCG to develop sampling protocols for the Creek Health Monitoring Program (CHMP). Tim was involved in the initial surveys and continued to provide data analysis support for several years after moving to the Sunshine Coast in 2012

This presentation will provide an overview of fish assemblages in Moggill Creek covering:

- Native, translocated and introduced pest species recorded in recent times
- Species that appear to have become locally extinct
- Species which may be recorded in the foreseeable future
- Variability in life histories
- Spatial variability in assemblage composition
- The value of long-term monitoring programs

