

# Conservation Park Chronicles

Official Stakeholders Newsletter of the  
Friends of the Deception Bay Conservation Park Inc.



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## Management Committee

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## Calendar of Planned Events

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
21 June 2011	7.30pm	Management Committee meeting	Guides Hut, Sampson Street, Deception Bay
16 July 2011	3.00pm	Sausage Sizzle	Apex Park, Captain Cook Parade, Deception Bay
16 July 2011	5.30pm	Toad Busting	Deception Bay Conservation Park, Antigua Crescent, Deception Bay
Sept 2011 (date to be advised)	TBA	Weed control	Deception Bay Conservation Park, Antigua Crescent, Deception Bay
12 Nov 2011	2.00pm to 5.00pm	Rubbish Removal	Deception Bay Conservation Park, Antigua Crescent, Deception Bay
Nov 2011 (date to be advised)	TBA	Annual General Meeting	TBA

More details in the section from the Volunteer Co-Ordinator.

## From the President

From the positive feedback received from the first edition, it was decided to continue issue of newsletters. At the moment there is no real time frame for the turn around of issues, so it was decided that the newsletter is issued on an ad hoc basis, when there was enough material.

It has now been six months since the first AGM and while much work has been achieved, there is a lot still being undertaken by the management committee. We are exploring such issues as collecting of rubbish from the extremities of the Conservation Park, holding a toad busting night, and a weed removal day. We have also obtained a calendar of events through 2011, that we may align ourselves with.

Progress is under way to deliver a strategic plan for the association, and other subsequent plans, including a child protection risk management plan. A Memorandum of Understanding with Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service is being explored.

Gavin Dale  
President.

## From the Volunteer Co-Ordinator

After the Australia day clean up of the Deception Bay Conservation Park (DBCP) in March it become obvious that additional clean ups of the park are required as rubbish is continually being washed in and deposited at the high water mark. As the park extends all the way from the DPI Southern Fisheries to Burpengary Creek, there is a lot of clean up to do and this creates a problem getting the rubbish from the northern extremities of the park to the Bermuda St access. We have attempted to gain access to the park closer to the Burpengary Creek end but to date nothing has eventuated. If anyone is aware of an access we would be pleased to hear of it. We have also approached the QPWS to ascertain whether it would be feasible to take a minimum impact vehicle, either a six wheeler or possibly a hovercraft to collect the rubbish. Needless to say there are some issues with this.

### Rubbish clean up

Nevertheless a rubbish clean up of the DBCP has been tentatively planned for Saturday the 12th November. This date coincide with National Recycling Week 7th to 13th Nov and also follow high tides in the area and should yield a substantial amount of rubbish. World Fisheries Day is on the 21st Nov so that is also relative.

Two other volunteering events have also been planned.

### Toad busting and sausage sizzle

The first is a 'toad busting ` evening on July 16th. As everywhere, the toads are in plague proportions in the park and the QPWS have given approval for their removal provided humane protocols are followed. The best time to find a toad if they haven't gone into winter hibernation is early in the evening and we have picked a night with a full moon so visibility should be reasonable. If you are able please bring the following items:

gloves,	bag,	torch,
mobile phone,	gum boots, and	insect protection

If anyone has access to dry ice, please advise as we will be requiring some on the night.

It is appreciated that not everyone is keen to tackle a toad and so prior to the toad bust a sausage sizzle is planned for all friends of the DBCP in the park on Captain Cook Parade at 3:00pm. All of our volunteers, including those who have not yet attained the QPWS induction are invited to come along for a friendly get together and discussion on the park. If you haven't been inducted yet you may still wish to come down to the DBCP after the sausage sizzle to have a look around and enjoy the scenery and night life.

### **Weed control**

The other planned event is weed control in the park. It is anticipated that this will take place some time in September, (date to be advised), when the weeds are emerging so that we can eradicate them hopefully before they flower.

### **Next Management Committee Meeting**

The next meeting of the committee of the Friends of Deception Bay Conservation Park is on Tues 21st June so if you have an idea that you would like discussed or agenda item that you would like tabled at the meeting please advise me in advance.

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Volunteer Coordinator  
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## **Injured Wildlife**

### **Seabirds**

The association has been in contact with Pelican and Seabird Rescue Inc., to establish a relationship with this organisation in the event of volunteers finding injured sea birds. They are keen to give a presentation to our members about their role and what protocols are in place when injured sea birds are found. The common cause of injury to sea birds is fishing line and hooks. In the meantime if injured birds are found the 24/7 rescue hotline is 0404 118301. Also please advise the association so we can log the occurrence for our reference.

### **Other wildlife**

Generally if any other injured wildlife is found in the Conservation Park, staff from Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service should be contacted in the first instance. They will direct you to the particular contact depending on the type of wildlife encountered. Call the Wildlife Hotline on 1300 130 372 to report wildlife emergencies, marine strandings and pollution incidents.

## **Fishing**

It has been noticed that people carrying fishing equipment into the Deception Bay Conservation Park. With the role of QPWS inducted volunteers being "eyes and ears" of activities in the conservation park, research was conducted into this activity in the conservation park, with especial note that it adjoins the Moreton Bay Marine Park. Generally, the QPWS policy is that fishing is allowed in, into, and from a conservation park in Queensland as long as the *Fisheries Act 1994* and *Fisheries Regulation 2008* and other subordinate plans, are being adhered to. Note, fishing includes crabbing. This means a person can stand in, stand outside the boundary of the conservation park and fish in the conservation park and can stand in a conservation park and fish outside the conservation park, unless the land into which the fishing is conducted has conditions on fishing. With crabbing, the pots

need to be clearly marked with tags with the persons surname as required under the *Fisheries Regulations 2008*.

As the conservation park adjoins the Moreton Bay Marine Park, namely Habitat Protection Zone 205, the following conditions exist with fishing in this and other zones:



What can I do in each zone?				
Entry and use guide	General use zone	Habitat protection zone	Conservation park zone	Marine national park zone
Boating	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Line fishing	Yes	Yes	Yes <sup>a</sup>	No <sup>b</sup>
Crabbing	Yes	Yes	Yes <sup>c</sup>	No <sup>b</sup>
Trotting	Yes	Yes	Yes	No <sup>b</sup>
Bait gathering	Yes	Yes	Yes	No <sup>b</sup>
Bait netting	Yes	Yes	Yes	No <sup>b</sup>
Netting (other than bait netting)	Yes	Yes	No <sup>b</sup>	No <sup>b</sup>
Limited spearfishing	Yes	Yes	Yes	No <sup>b</sup>
Limited collecting	Yes <sup>d</sup>	Yes <sup>d</sup>	Yes <sup>d</sup>	No <sup>b</sup>
Trawling	Yes	No <sup>b</sup>	No <sup>b</sup>	No <sup>b</sup>

NOTES:  
a: Up to two lines and a maximum of two hooks per angler  
b: All equipment must be stowed or secured  
c: Maximum of four pots per person  
d: No coral. Limits apply to species and equipment used

**This is not an exhaustive list. For full details about the activities allowed in Moreton Bay Marine Park, refer to the *Marine Parks (Moreton Bay) Zoning Plan 2008*.**  
+ Pumicestone Passage commercial fishing closure under *Fisheries Act 1994* remains.

Both diagrams from [Map of zoning and key designated areas](http://www.derm.qld.gov.au/parks_and_forests/marine_parks/moreton_bay_marine_park_zoning_plan_review/current_zoning_plan.html) accessed from [http://www.derm.qld.gov.au/parks\\_and\\_forests/marine\\_parks/moreton\\_bay\\_marine\\_park\\_zoning\\_plan\\_review/current\\_zoning\\_plan.html](http://www.derm.qld.gov.au/parks_and_forests/marine_parks/moreton_bay_marine_park_zoning_plan_review/current_zoning_plan.html) accessed 11/06/2011.

## Communicating with members

Some members are not in a position to receive e-mails, so have to receive correspondence, including this newsletter, by post. This can be time consuming, especially if an urgent notice has to be sent out to members, as the notices are hand delivered.

An idea that the committee wish to pursue, is that members who live close to those members who do not have e-mail access, be paired up to get this information coverage. If any member is able to assist or requires further information please contact the Volunteer Co-Ordinator.

So far no-one has come forward asking for assistance in being able to receive communication from the association, nor volunteering to provide hard copies of e-mails to members that reside in their vicinity. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

## Management Committee resignations

Due to unforeseen circumstances, two members on the Management Committee have resigned from the management committee. If any member wishes to volunteer and be appointed to this position please contact the Secretary, Trish Keegan.

## Know Your Management Committee - President

So that the members get a better understanding of the person behind the role, President Gavin Dale will kick off the "Know your management committee" article.

Gavin was born in Melbourne and raised in Aspley, Brisbane. After leaving high school, and a short (6 month) university stint, and a job designing computer circuit boards, Gavin joined the Royal Australian Navy as a Radar Plotter sailor. After 8 years, Gavin then left and joined the Queensland Police Service. Gavin was stationed at Bribie Island from 1991 to 1995, Emerald from 1995 to 1997, and then Deception Bay from 1997 to 2000. Gavin then resigned from Queensland Police Service, and undertook a Cert IV in Microcomputer Technology. From this course and with his background in law enforcement, Gavin then joined the Office of State Revenue as an investigation officer in 2001. Gavin still works in the Office of State Revenue, but now is an intelligence analyst.

On the social side, Gavin and a group of friends, who had an interest in bushwalking decided to form a club in the Caboolture area to service bushwalking enthusiasts in the Caboolture/ Redcliffe/ Glasshouse Mountains area. This club became the Glasshouse Bushwalkers Club Inc., with Gavin as the inaugural President. Apart from the period from 1995 to 1997, Gavin has been the President, although tried on many occasions to take a back step, but no-one seems interested.

The Glasshouse Bushwalkers Club Inc. is an affiliate of Bushwalking Queensland Inc., the peak body for bushwalking in Queensland, which Gavin is currently Secretary, but been a delegate since the club joined that organisation. Part of the role of Secretary for Bushwalking Queensland Inc. is that Gavin is also delegate to Bushwalking Australia Inc., the peak body of bushwalking clubs in Australia. Bushwalking Queensland Inc. has established a relationship with QPWS through an memorandum of understanding giving bushwalking clubs better access to national parks than the general public, in most circumstances, and provide track maintenance volunteers, plus monitor the remote camp-sites in national parks.

With Gavin's experiences and background, he is eager for FDBCPI to take the opportunity of being the first organisation in Queensland to work co-operatively with QPWS in developing and maintaining the DBCP, as a whole, and perhaps take full responsibility for the park in the future, and gain infrastructure appropriate to the proper management of the park, and to display the natural and cultural significance of the park. Gavin would also like to see the park elevated to national park status, and infrastructure in the park that would make the Deception Bay area taken from "backwater" status to "jewel in the crown" of the Moreton Bay Region.

*[The opinions and expressions in this article are totally of the subject person and not necessarily those of the Friends of the Deception Bay Conservation Park Inc.]*

## Abbreviations

Abbreviations used in this newsletter:

**DBCP** – Deception Bay Conservation Park

**FDBCPI** – Friends of the Deception Bay Conservation Park

**MBRC** – Moreton Bay Regional Council

**QPWS** – Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service

***This newsletter is currently being edited by the President, Gavin Dale. If any member wishes to take on the role of Editor, or has any article to publish in this newsletter, please contact the President.***

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