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## IMPORTANT CONTACTS

Who to call when	Organisation Name	Contact number
Injured bird life	Pelican and Seabird Rescue Inc.	0404 118 301
Injured koalas	Moreton Bay Koala Rescue	0401 080 333
Rescuing all wildlife in need	Australian Wildlife Hospital	1300 369 652
Wildlife Vet	Deception Bay Veterinary Clinic	3888 3677
Wildlife Hotline (wildlife emergencies, marine strandings and pollution incidents)	Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service	1300 130 372

## Calendar of Planned Events

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
20 August 2011	2.00 pm - 5.00pm	Park excursion	Deception Bay Conservation Park*
TBA Sept 2011	TBA	Weed control	Deception Bay Conservation Park*
12 Nov 2011	2.00 pm - 5.00pm	Rubbish Removal	Deception Bay Conservation Park*
TBA Nov 2011 (date TBA)	TBA	Annual General Meeting	TBA

**\*Note:** Deception Bay Conservation Park – meet at Antigua Crescent or Bermuda Avenue accesses.

## From the President

The next activity on the 20<sup>th</sup> August is fast approaching and I am looking forward to spending time with others to show what the park is about. I have been in very different parts of the park and realise that there are opportunities aplenty for the association, with regards to the Deception Bay Conservation Park.

I believe that as a priority before any real work is done in the park, is to get familiar with the park. I have endeavoured to get the information out about the frameworks involved in protecting the conservation park, to make sure members and volunteers are on the same page.

On my morning commute along the waterfront between Esplanade South and Main Terrace, on my way to the bus at the shopping centre, I have been able to identify three mangrove species – grey mangrove, red mangrove and river mangrove. I have also identified the Moreton Bay Ash and the Forest Red Gum. I have the aim to identify all species listed in the baseline survey, to then see if there are other as yet unidentified species in the conservation park. That includes both flora and fauna.

While all this is going on there are few other issues being tackled, more from an administrative aspect. As the association allows families, the association has to produce a child protection risk management plan. This will go hand-in-hand with the risk management framework and action plans being formulated.

Looking forward to seeing you on 20<sup>th</sup> August.



Gavin Dale  
President.

## Regional Ecosystems

In the Baseline Survey of the Deception Bay Conservation Park mention is made of Regional Ecosystems especially REs 12.1.2, 12.1.3, and 12.3.6. The regional ecosystems are a way of classifying and mapping the ecosystems in Australia. This mapping then provides the framework to preserve representative areas from all ecosystems.

Australia is divided into 85 bioregions, of which 13 are in Queensland. The bioregions are described in the interim Biogeographic Regionalisation for Australia (IBRA). In Queensland, the bioregions are numbered but use the same nomenclature.

The Regional Ecosystem classification system uses three numbers separated by points.

The **first part** is the bioregion as discussed previously.

The **second part** refers to the land zone that the regional ecosystem occurs on. The land zone is a simplified geology/substrate-landform classification for Queensland.

The **third part** is the ecosystem number and denotes different vegetation. Rainforest vegetation is classified and described using Webb's classification (Webb 1978). Non-rainforest vegetation structural classes follow a modified Specht (1970) system (Neldner,

1991). Plant names follow the current Census of Queensland Flora.

In the modified Specht (1970) system, the Herbarium describes the vegetation by the predominant strata, which is the one that is assessed as contributing the most above-ground biomass. The tallest strata is regarded as the emergent layer if it does not form the most above-ground biomass, regardless of its canopy cover, eg. *E. populnea* trees above a low woodland of mulga. The Herbarium measures the height and cover of each layer independently, ie. separate height and cover values for the emergent (where present) and canopy layers.

Therefore **RE 12.1.2** is:

**Bioregion 12** – South East Queensland (SEQ)

### **Land Zone 1**

Short description - deposits subject to periodic tidal inundation

General term - tidal flats and beaches

Quaternary estuarine and marine deposits subject to periodic inundation by saline or brackish marine waters. Includes mangroves, salt pans, off-shore tidal flats and tidal beaches. Soils are predominantly Hydrosols (saline muds, clays and sands) or beach sand.

### **Ecosystem number 2**

This gives the description of RE 12.1.2 as salt pan vegetation comprising *Sporobolus virginicus* grassland and samphire herbland. Grasses including *Zoysia macrantha* subsp. *macrantha* sometimes present in upper portions of tidal flats. Includes saline or brackish sedgeland. Occurs on Quaternary estuarine deposits. Marine plains/tidal flats.

### **RE 12.1.3**

Described as mangrove shrubland to low closed forest. Occurs on Quaternary estuarine deposits.

### **RE 12.3.6**

Described as *Melaleuca quinquenervia*, *Eucalyptus tereticornis*, *Lophostemon suaveolens* +/- *Corymbia intermedia* open-forest to woodland with a grassy ground layer dominated by species such as *Imperata cylindrica*. Occurs on Quaternary floodplains and fringing drainage lines in coastal areas.

More information is found at [http://www.derm.qld.gov.au/wildlife-ecosystems/biodiversity/regional\\_ecosystems/index.php](http://www.derm.qld.gov.au/wildlife-ecosystems/biodiversity/regional_ecosystems/index.php)



## Conservation Park Excursion

On **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August** commencing at **2.00pm** an excursion will be made in the Conservation Park. It is basically a walk and talk about anything to do with the Conservation Park.

The high tide is at 1.24pm at 1.89 metres (Brisbane Bar) and low tide is at 7.28pm at 0.82 metres.

### Program

1. Walk south along behind the houses to the drain.
2. Walk out to Bermuda Avenue and walk down to Thomas Street
3. Walk behind the houses towards the drain.
4. Walk back to the gate on Thomas Street and then walk along the fire break
5. Walk back to Bermuda Avenue entrance
6. Walk out to clay pan and inundation areas.

Topics to discuss include:

- Regional ecosystems (refer earlier)
- Flora identification:
  - mangroves
  - eucalypts
  - exotic flora
- Fauna:
  - Exotic fauna
  - Vestiges and scats
  - Possible fauna
- Future plans:
  - Link between Bermuda Avenue and Thomas Street
  - Conversion of fire break into walking track and placement of bird hide
  - Removal of exotic flora
- Other items from baseline study

This activity will finish about 5.00pm.

### What to wear

#### *Footwear*

Please wear sturdy covered footwear, preferably boots and gum boots. Initially shoes/boots will suffice as we are staying off the softer areas. Once we venture out onto the claypan, gum boots are advised.

#### *Clothing*

It is advisable to wear full length arm and leg protection to protect against the sun and vegetation scratches. Also a hat as the weather is predicted to be fine and warm. Sunscreen is also advisable.

The association will have a number of people carrying first aid kits.

**Please notify John Shepherd, Volunteer Co-ordinator by e-mail [friendsdecbayconspk@gmail.com](mailto:friendsdecbayconspk@gmail.com), or phone 0400 794 699.**

## History of Deception Bay – Part 2

(excerpt provided by Tom McLoughlin)

### The Bay's Appeal is No Longer a Secret

Compiled by Mrs. Patricia McLoughlin – 1996

*(from previous issue)*

By 1907 the Poultnes who had a sawmill at Everton Park had cut out the best of the mill timber around Deception Bay and left with the exception of Harry Poultney who stayed on and passed the time fishing and carried out odd jobs for a living. It has been suggested that timber from the Everton Park sawmill was probably used to build the first school in Deception Bay in the 1890's. Some of the early pupils were Jimmy Sparkes, Morton Poultney and Percy Lipscombe.

There were no property roads in the Bay and a winding track in from the Redcliffe Road was made among the trees with some sandy patches and at times these were very boggy. Mosquitoes were thick and fierce and one had to use a switch to keep them at bay. It was a slow trip in as there were no motor cars in the early days. The Bruce Highway, now Deception Bay Road was surveyed and built between the two World Wars.

About 1890 F.L. Henzells, Real Estate Agents of Brisbane listed for sale on behalf of the Ellensvale Land Company quite a number of allotments, mostly 16 perch, in the lower area of Deception Bay. Some were priced as low as one pound and front blocks were listed at twenty pounds. On the map produced streets were not named but it is possible considering some of the present names they were named during the later part of Queen Victoria's reign.

In 1907 there were a number of houses along the sea front. At the southern end there was the Sparkes, then Webster's large shingled roofed house and their caretaker's cottage, and two Poultney houses, one of which had a shingle roof. Fred Pedwell had a twin cottage built mainly of timber washed up during the 1893 flood. Then William Wallin had a few acres. The Reserve (now the Library Park) separating them from Bancrofts large paddock with their large house on the northern end of the Bay.

William Wallin, who owned the Royal Exchange Hotel at Aspley, had heard in 1900 that land was up for sale and bought about 30 acres from a Mr. Smith. The whole of the property was covered with tall gum tree and lantana and was unfenced. William Wallin only required the frontage so he retained 8 acres and sold the rest. Out in the bush there were the Duggans out towards the Redcliffe Road, Lipscombes who had the first Post Office in Deception Bay (now Lipscombe Lodge on Boundary Road). A blacksmith's shop was also located close by, which was probably was used to shoe Poultney's horses which were used as a team to haul the logs out around the Bay to the North Pine (Petrie) railway station and then railed to Enoggera railway station and then hauled by horses to the sawmill at Everton Park.

On and near the road to Burpengary lived the Humes, Thomas and Maitland families.

Near the big rock on the beach (near Seymour Street) in the front of Bancrofts was a gunyah built mainly of branches and occupied by an Aboriginal family. It is said that the children around were always scared to go past. The Aboriginals kept a number of families in crabs, fish and oysters and they never interfered with the activities of property owners.

Fred Pedwell worked for the Bancrofts for a time and eventually bought a few hundred acres on Burpengary Creek. He moved part of the Bay house over to it and started dairying.

When the Bancrofts left the Bay the Dunne brothers - Dinny, Jim and Jack - took over and ran a dairy on the property. They claimed Bancrofts oyster beds and if anyone got on to them Jim would go down with a shotgun and chase them off.

*(continued next issue)*

## 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.

## Abbreviations

Abbreviations used in this newsletter:

**DBCP** – Deception Bay Conservation Park ('the park')

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

**MBRC** – Moreton Bay Regional Council

**QPWS** – Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service

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## Membership Renewal

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

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