



Pine Rivers Koala Care Association Inc.

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Upcoming Events

June 23rd 2016

1900 – 2100

PRKCAI Monthly Meeting,
Penticup Community Centre
Samsonvale Rd, Warner

July 2nd 2016

0930 – 1430

Pet Barn Rothwell BBQ

July 9th 2016

1000 – 1400

Bunnings Brendale
Community Fun Day

July 9th 2016

Geckoes Reptile Handling
Course

29-31st July 2016

Pine Rivers Show

Recent Events

May 25th 2016

EDO LawJam

State Planning Laws

May 26th 2016

PRKCAI Monthly Meeting,
7 p.m., Penticup
Community Centre
Samsonvale Rd, Warner

May 29th 2016

Dayboro Day

June 11th 2016

Samford Wellness Expo

Want to make a difference? Be heard!

Within 3 weeks we will have results to hand for the next Federal Election. We have heard little from either of the major parties with regards to conservation or the environment. Each of our local candidates needs to be made aware of where you stand. If you are a voter make yourself heard, campaign for the environment at every opportunity you get.

Our Queensland State Government has announced an additional \$12.1 million over four years and an ongoing commitment to another \$2.6 million per year for koala protection. We have also entered the preliminary phase for preparation of a new planning regime for South East Queensland. Your local member of Parliament needs to be reminded of the value of our Natural Heritage in future planning decisions.

At a local level the demolition of the former Amcor site at Petrie is continuing and the opening of Moreton Bay Rail Link has been placed on hold indefinitely. There is a concerted push from some members of the community for the koala population on the Amcor site to be subject to a translocation program, with a specific emphasis on the koalas being moved to Lacey Creek.



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Federal Election

Our current sitting members; Luke Howarth (Petrie); Wyatt Roy (Longman); Peter Dutton (Dickson); and Teresa Gambaro (Brisbane) are all members of the LNP. It is certainly not the place of the Association to suggest who our members should vote for, but we can suggest that our members approach their local members and candidates personally to garner their responses on a number of environmental and planning issues. What you can probably expect from the two major parties is a great deal of rhetoric around their recent announcements regarding the Great Barrier Reef and additional funding to try and reverse the damage.

Please keep in mind that both major parties have contributed to the damage done.

Federal Candidates(In order of ballot paper listing)

Petrie

Catherine Buckley (Liberal Democrats) - info@ldp.org.au
Luke Howarth (Liberal National Party of Qld) - luke.howarth.mp@aph.gov.au
Jacqui Pedersen (Australian Labor Party) - jacqui.pedersen@australianlabor.com.au
Mark A White (Family First) - petrie@FamilyFirstQld.org.au
Sue Weber (The Greens) - sue.weber@qld.greens.org.au
Andrew Charles Tyrrell (The Arts Party) - andrewtyrrell@theartsparty.org

Longman

Frances McDonald (Drug Law Reform) - frances@druglawreform.com.au
Susan Lamb (Australian Labor Party) - susan.lamb@australianlabor.com.au
Michelle Pedersen (Pauline Hanson's One Nation) - longman@onenation.com.au
Ian Bell (The Greens) - ian.bell@qld.greens.org.au
Wyatt Roy (Liberal National Party of Qld) - wyatt.roy.mp@aph.gov.au
Caleb Wells (Australian Liberty Alliance aligned) - calebwells.ala@gmail.com
Brad Kennedy (Katter's Australia Party) - longman@ausparty.org.au
Stephen Beck (The Arts Party) - sbeck@theartsparty.org
Greg Riddell (Independent) - riddell334@gmail.com
Rob Law (Independent) - <http://roblaw4.wix.com/longman>
Will Smith (Family First) - longman@FamilyFirstQld.org.au

Dickson

Doug Nicholson (Liberal Democrats) - info@ldp.org.au
Thor Prohaska (Independent) - thor@dicksonreps.com
Linda Lavarch (Australian Labor Party) - thor@dicksonreps.com
Michael Berkman (The Greens) - michael.berkman@qld.greens.org.au
Ray Hutchinson (Family First) - dickson@FamilyFirstQld.org.au
Peter Dutton (Liberal National Party of Qld) - peter.dutton.mp@aph.gov.au

Brisbane

Trevor Evans (Liberal National Party of Qld) - brisbane@lnpq.org.au
Pat O'Neill (Australian Labor Party) - brisbane@australianlabor.com.au
John Humphreys (Liberal Democrats) - info@ldp.org.au
Bridget Clinch (Veterans Party) - bridget.clinch@advp.org.au
Kirsten Lovejoy (The Greens) - kirsten.lovejoy@qld.greens.org.au
Mark Vegar (Family First) - brisbane@FamilyFirstQld.org.au

There are approximately 130 Senate candidates for Queensland, please consider reviewing the websites of each of the major parties and any others that you may consider worthy of your vote for more information on their positions on environmental issues. The current Government has been forced to negotiate with The Greens, minor parties and micro parties to be able to get legislation passed.





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PRKCAI are still working on a more professional presentation of our “giveaway” material.

If you know of any community or corporate grants where we can access funds for printing please let us know.

We are also on the lookout for an illustrator willing to donate time and talent to assist with completion of the new material.

Rescue Division Statistics – April 2016

Koala: 57 calls. Disease – 4, Car – 5, sightings – 48

Wildlife: 59 calls. Macropods – 2, Birds – 16, Possums/glidens – 32, Reptiles – 8, Other – 24.

What you can do to help.

Events

Following is a list of events that we have confirmed attendance for. As each of these events require staff we would appreciate if you could contact Lynne via events@prkoalacare.com.au to advise of your availability to assist.

- 2 July Pet Barn Rothwell BBQ (9.30 – 2.30)
- 9 July Bunnings Brendale Community Fun Day (10.00 – 2.00)(**Rescheduled from 18 June**)
- 9 July Geckoes Handling Course
- 29-31 July Pine Rivers Show
- 7 August What's Cooking in the Gardens
- 3 Sept Flag Day, Caboolture (8.00 – 12.00)
- 5-6 Sept Dickson Seniors Expo
- 2 Oct Daisy Hill Koala Centre

Lynne has recently coordinated staffing at Dayboro Day and the Samford Wellness and Sustainability Forever Expo. Both of these events have gone very well and it's been particularly exciting to see a number of new faces assisting. Thanks for all the hard work to this point Lynne, we have plenty more in store for you.

Treasurer's position

Anne has recently advised the executive that she will be resigning from the position of Treasurer effective 30/06/2016. On behalf of all members, past and present, as well as executive members, past and present, and the koalas of Pine Rivers, I would like to express our deepest gratitude for her diligent and dedicated work as Treasurer and member of the rescue team over the last 9 years. Any volunteer organisation is only ever as good as its members.

Your presence will be greatly missed at our meetings and events but we wish you all the best with whatever the future may throw at you.

Humans may be the biggest threat to the survival of the koala, but we can be their greatest hope.