



Pine Rivers Koala Care Association Inc.

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Upcoming Events

August 25th 2016

1900 – 2100
PRKCAI Monthly Meeting,
Pendicup Community Centre
Samsonvale Rd, Warner

August 27th 2016

1000 – 1500
CREEC Sustainable Living
Expo

September 3rd 2016

0800 – 1200
Flag Day
Caboolture Historic Village

Sept 5th & 6th 2016

Dickson Seniors Expo

September 10th 2016

Back to Bald Hills
Bald Hills State School

New Financial Year, Same Persistent Challenges

Another election has been run and won with the Federal Coalition maintaining their place in Government. Within our local area, Peter Dutton and Luke Howarth managed to hold their seats with reduced margins while Wyatt Roy lost his seat to Susan Lamb. The seat of Brisbane, vacated by retiring member Teresa Gambaro was taken by Trevor Evans.

The subsequent reshuffle of Federal Cabinet has also seen the swearing in of a new Environment Minister, this vital portfolio has been passed to Josh Frydenberg. In an unusual move the Minister has two areas to look after as Minister for the Environment and Energy. Given the Ministers previously stated position on the importance of coal there is good reason for environmental groups to be concerned.

Rescue Team Update

With a number of changes likely in the next few weeks it is becoming evident that we need to re-examine our rescue activities and rostering opportunities. There will shortly be an email distributed to all members that have indicated an interest in rescuing wildlife. This will be looking at better ways to utilise the skills of our volunteers and boosting our rescue team numbers.

21st Birthday Celebration

At the last monthly meeting, two of our members, Madonna and Lynne, volunteered to research options for the Association to celebrate the 21st anniversary of our incorporation. A couple of ideas were floated but there have been no decisions made yet on how best to celebrate, ideas still being discussed include a subsidised evening meal at a catered venue or a more relaxed get together at a community venue.

This is an opportunity for members to celebrate achievements since incorporation and an excellent chance for the Association to relaunch for the next 21 years.

Recent Events

August 7th 2016

Food in the Garden

August 14th 2016

REFS Community Planting

August 21st 2016

Officeworks Rothwell BBQ



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Moreton Bay Regional University Project (MBRUP)

Though Moreton Bay Regional Council Mayor has been out of the public eye of late due to illness, the development of the former Amcor site continues with a vengeance. From the outside looking in it would appear that the demolition of the old buildings is virtually complete. It can safely be assumed now that rehabilitation and decontamination of the site will be commencing shortly and then the development will be entering the first stages of development.

Moreton Bay Rail Link

Testing is once again underway along the Moreton Bay Rail Link, the next MBRL Environmental Stakeholders meeting is scheduled for August 3 so we may have further updates available after this.

We have received contact from residents of the Myra Court residential complex in Kallangur. This complex is at the end of Bunbury Street and is adjacent to the new rail line. Residents of this complex have recently received notice from MBRC of the construction of a footpath to connect Bunbury Street and Esperance Court via the new rail underpass.

We are attempting to press on MBRC the need to look again at the viability of the project, at the time the original application was approved, in 2014, the wildlife had the entire rail corridor area to move within. Now that the rail corridor has gone the wildlife has been forced into small pockets like this.

MBRL have confirmed track closures between Caboolture and Zillmere from 16th September to 22nd September. This closure is to assist with integration of the new signalling system with the existing system and should be the final phase of testing. Once the testing has been finalised and the track has been fully commissioned the management of wildlife along the rail corridor will revert to pre-rail link arrangements.

Animal Rehabilitation Register

As part of our ongoing rehabilitation permits it is important that we maintain accurate records of all animals that pass through our care. To this end, Janelle has volunteered to collect the data required and maintain an up to date database of the animals. We have built the basic database and over the coming weeks we will be gathering data from all carers on the animals currently undergoing rehabilitation.

Update and apologies

I am issuing an apology to all members for a lack of action and/or reaction on my part over the last 5 weeks or so. A series of personal incidents including illness, a job change and a desperate need to move houses has taken up the bulk of my time and I have not been as proactive as I would usually be.

We have a number of important issues that do require attention and I will be working to bring these forward as soon as possible, my apologies in advance for any influx in emails or other communications.

We have a couple of options for new shirts, we need to make sure every that requires a name badge has one, we need to investigate options for our merchandising and, most importantly we need to bolster the strength of our rescue team.





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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

With the upcoming changes to our rescue team it is extremely important that we are in a position to recruit new members to the rescue team. Please keep this in mind when you are talking to anybody about what you do with Pine Rivers Koala Care and let us know if you are talking to someone who would like to join our rescue team.

What you can do to help.

Events

We are always keeping our ears to the ground for new opportunities for events and activities. If you are aware of any upcoming events that you believe we should be a part of please communicate these to our events coordinator Lynne at events@prkoalacare.com.au

Treasurer's position

Valerie Orr has taken up the Treasurers position for the interim period through until the AGM in September. Please keep in mind that all positions are resigned at the AGM and we will be calling for nominations for President Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. All nominations must be raised and seconded by a financial member, if there is more than one nomination for any position a vote will be called on the night to fill the positions.

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