



North Brisbane Catchments Newsletter – July 2025

Nesting Boxes

Yet more nesting boxes are going in!

Artificial habitat is nowhere near the same as natural nesting hollows, but it helps.

Box inspections continue but as they can be invasive to the wildlife residents, it's kept to a minimum. Animal Ethics is an important factor in the inspection and monitoring of boxes.



Wildlife

Increasingly we continue to lose wallabies, including joeys. It's so heart-breaking when a lot of it is preventable.

NBC appealed the BCC approval of the 440 Beckett Rd DA in the Qld Planning and Environment Court, with the DA being mostly approved by the Court if the developer pays a nominal offset fee to be allowed to clear Core Koala Habitat which is also wildlife corridor. Consequently, 440 Beckett Rd is now unfenced and the result has been totally predictable with wallabies scooting onto Beckett Rd and being killed, joeys and all. NBC continues to urge BCC to secure this priceless corridor for future generations.

It's only a matter of time before a human is injured or killed swerving to avoid a wallaby.

Prevention is so much better than cure.



Grants

We have gained considerable experience in writing grant applications, and are continuing to win grants.

\$11.4k from Bupa for plantings.

\$600+ from Australia Post.

We have recently secured over \$6k of funding from the BCC. More nesting box funding has also been agreed to by Marchant Ward Councillor Danita Parry. Thank you Cr Danita!

Events

One involved planting many hundreds of plants, and another even included a coffee van.

New Bushcare Sites

A wallaby was sighted and photographed in 7th Brigade Park last year.

Huxtable Park is set to be an NBC-supported bushcare site. As is the section of bush between Huxtable Park and Raven Street Reserve (Melaleuca Green) where an understory is needed. Fencing, a glider rope etc are needed for safe wildlife passage over and under Maundrell Tce to Huxtable Park.

At the same time we are looking at the sparse section of the Downfall Creek corridor between Huxtable Park and the Webster Rd roundabout which is currently trees and grass. Unless in flood, the creek is underground in pipes. The plan is to plant habitat in the form of ground cover and shrubs.

Also, a church at the headwaters of Downfall Creek is to become a bushcare site. Apart from the obvious wildlife benefits, this will reduce the spread of weeds downstream and also reduce sediment which would ultimately end up in Moreton Bay.