



Killcare Wagstaffe Trust

Newsletter

July 2017

Quarterly General Meeting

Sunday August 6th at 9.30 am
at the Maitland Bay Information Centre.

All visitors and residents are welcome

Guest speaker. TBA

Membership

Although we have a healthy membership, this is slowly declining as older members let their subscriptions lapse. We are beginning a new membership drive to encourage people who are sympathetic to the aims of the Trust to support us. If you know anyone who might like to join at the very low membership of \$10 for singles and \$15 for families, download a membership form from the Trust website (killcarewagstaffetrust.org.au) and encourage them to join.

Website

We have been a bit slack about keeping the website updated over the last year and aim to change this from now. Despite this lack of attention, the site receives a fair bit of traffic. Last week we had over 200 unique visitors and over 1000 page views. This is largely due to people seeking information about the local environment.

While by no means complete, the site is already a useful repository of information about the geology, flora, fauna and history of the area as well as information about Trust activities and interests. If you haven't had a look around it we encourage you to do so. Any suggestions for improvements will be welcome. The address is www.killcarewagstaffetrust.org.au

Say No to Plastic Bags

The recent announcements by Coles, Woolworths and Harris Farm that they will cease handing out single use plastic bags is welcome news. Aldi and Bunnings already have this policy in place. The Northern Territory, South Australia, Tasmania and the ACT have already introduced state-wide bans on their use and it is to be hoped that the larger states will follow their lead soon.

On the peninsula re-usable bags supplied by the Trust are available at all the outlets on the Peninsula, including the Maitland Bay Centre. The campaign is going well and we are close to being able to declare the Peninsula completely free of this unwanted form of waste.

Fox Baiting

At the last meeting quarterly meeting there was discussion about the fox-baiting program conducted in Bouddi NP by NPWS. Many members who have lived in the area for decades and have a good understanding of the wildlife and history of the park, contributed observations that suggest a significant positive impact on small and medium sized mammals such as bandicoots and swamp wallabies.

We have congratulated the NPWS for their efforts and requested that if they have any data that might confirm these anecdotal reports that this be made available to the Trust.

No Mow Zone

The Council has a policy of leaving a no mow zone around the grassed edges of Brisbane water. Contractors are instructed to leave a strip of unmown grass between the mown grass and the water's edge. This allows for deeper roots, which help hold the banks together, preventing erosion. Simple measures like these are increasingly important as sea level rises.

In several places locals have taken it upon themselves to trim these untidy edges. This should be discouraged.



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Wagstaffe War on Weeds

Wagstaffe Bushcare & NPWS are hosting a weed morning in Bouddi National Park along and above Albert St. on Saturday September 16 - 9:00- 11:30. Meet at the gate across Albert St. Wear hat, long sleeved shirt, long trousers, closed in shoes and gloves. Tools and sausage sizzle will be provided .

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