

## Appendix 1

### Oxley Creek Catchment- Excursion Sites and Contacts

#### *Lower Catchment*

Simpsons Playground, Graceville. Mouth of Oxley Creek. Note the mangroves growing along the banks. Canoe Trail begins here. Many local people fish from the pontoon. The Oxley Creek Water Festival is held in the park. Pamphlett Sea Scouts utilise the creek for water activities. The bronze canoe is a reminder of the indigenous inhabitants of the area and the explorers who came here over 180 years ago. Toilets in the park.

Strickland Terrace Parklands, Graceville, Bushcare site. Contact Jocelyn Clarkson on 3379 6021. Revegetation in the area has seen an increase in the number of small bird species. Problems with vandals destroying plantings. Local schools participate in the site.

Lockwood, Wayne Brown 3373 5200

Lockwood is located on the banks of Oxley Creek at Sherwood. This manufacturing business has an environmental management system in place. It also participates in the Brisbane City Council's Bushcare Program, being one of the few industrial bushcare groups in Brisbane. The creek bank rehabilitation work is impressive and worth a tour. Access the creek bank at the Sherwood Rd bridge.

Sureway Smash Repairs Greg Law 3379 1212

Greg's business has invested a large amount of money in environmental compliance. The standard achieved is high and has earned Greg a Green Licence from the Brisbane City Council. Sureway Smash Repairs is located on Sherwood Rd, Sherwood.

Nosworthy Park, Hall Ave, Corinda. The steep bank down to the creek was revegetated by volunteers and the BCC in 1995. A specimen of the endangered plant *Austromyrtus gonoclada* is located here. Canoe Trail ramp. Vista across the floodplain of Oxley Creek. In the distance are the forested hills of Toohey Forest, the eastern boundary of the catchment.

Toohey Forest, contact Griffith EcoCentre on

Toohey Forest is often referred to as the Island in Suburbia. It is an isolated patch of bushland and while supporting a range of plants, very few mammals remain in the forest. The Green Link project is revegetating Rocky Water Holes Creek which drains from Toohey Forest into Oxley Creek. Contact OCCA on 3278 2899 re Greenlink.

Why not stop at Nyanda State High School which is doing a lot of bushcare work down the back of the school near the creek (Rocky Water Holes Ck, a tributary of Oxley Ck). Arrange to meet with some students and take a tour of the disabled accessible boardwalk.

Cliveden Ave Wetland Rehabilitation Site, contact OCCA on 3278 2899. The area is utilised by local residents, canoeists and Corinda Pony Club. The area contains two endangered plants and numerous weed species, including the Broad Leaf Pepper Tree. An indigenous food tree planting was conducted in 1998.

Waste Water Treatment Plants — Inala (Bowhill Rd) and Oxley Creek (Dunn Rd, Rocklea) contact the Brisbane City Council, 3403 8888.

### ***Middle Catchment***

Willawong toxic waste dump remediation site. This site has a bad history of illegal dumping but a huge effort to remediate the site is under way. The cost to rate payers is enormous. Groundwater from site has potential to effect nearby Blunder Creek. A CD Rom and brochure is available. Contact BCC on 3403 8888.

Brookbent Rd, Pallara. A bridge crossed the creek prior to the 1996 flood when it was destroyed by flood waters. Bank erosion caused the bridge to collapse, and a gas pipeline was under threat. Upstream and downstream are sand extraction sites.

CSR Oxley Creek Mick Horan 3272 0299

CSR Oxley Creek is a sand extraction site located at Larapinta on Paradise Rd. A dredge is utilised to dig sand from off stream ponds. Currently a lot of sand is being utilised in the upgrade of the Pacific Highway and the new busway project. Tour groups are welcome, however, due to workplace safety, groups of no more than 12 at a time are permitted on site.

Forest Lake Delfin has a package done up for students. They may do a presentation if asked. It is interesting to hear of the gross pollutant traps and SQIDs (Stormwater quality improvement devices) around the lake and the amount of effort required to keep it clean. Why was the lake built? — a good question for the students. What are the costs and what are the benefits? Who reaps the benefits? The lake will be handed over to BCC control once Delfin improves the water quality. The noxious fish Tilapia are now in the lake after illegal introduction — these could escape into the creek downstream. Blunder Creek s riparian vegetation has been retained by the developers as part of the Council s requirements. Contact 3278 7900.

Parkinson Bushland is located between the Logan Motorway and Johnson Road. Part of the bushland you currently see will be developed as industry, the area being a strategic site for transport based distribution centres. BCC owns part of the bushland which will remain intact.

Olympic Landcare site. Johnson Rd, Forestdale. Contact OCCA on 3278 2899. Part of the Olympic Landcare project which was conducted in 1998 as a lead up to the Olympics. Gold Tree acts as a symbol of urgent action for the environment. Access the site from Dickman Rd where you see a low metal boom gate (Logan City Council easement). The site forms a critical part of

the Greenbank to Karawatha corridor. Due to severe bank erosion, Logan City Council is considering building a weir across the creek in this area.

Greenbank Military Training Area is a core habitat area. Because of the nature of the facility (live firing) a large site is required with buffer zones. Total area is in the vicinity of 4000 hectares. Issues include fire management, weed management, feral animal control. Severe erosion is occurring along Oxley Creek due to sand extraction downstream. Corner of Johnson Rd and Stapyleton Rd.

### ***Upper Catchment***

To access the upper catchment travel south along Mt Lindsey Highway, take Middle Road to Greenbank. Allow 40mins to travel from Graceville to Greenbank (excluding stops).

The Greenbank area contains largely rural residential properties of 5 to 10 hectares. People live here for the lifestyle and usually own a horse and have a dam on their property. They are likely to commute to work or have a home based business. Issues include soil degradation due to over grazing, weed management and fragmentation of bushland areas.

Contact Greenbank school to access Oxley Creek behind their Environmental Area.

Contact Land for Wildlife officer Darryl Larsen at Logan City Council.

Spring Mountain Estate is an example of a new development in the area. Properties are of the 1 acre size, so leave little for wildlife. Services to the area are limited. Waste water has to be disposed on site. Underground rainwater tanks are required to be built with each new house. The lagoon in the parkland is an Olympic Landcare planting site.

Contact the developers.

Tully Road is a dirt road beyond Spring Mountain Estate. It takes you into the rural areas of the catchment where the hills are prevalent. Properties here are primarily grazing and of about 200 acres in size. Numerous lagoons are located around the creek.