



# ENVIRO FORUM 2014

BIODIVERSITY IN FOCUS –  
CELEBRATING SUCCESS

## PROGRAM

**FRIDAY, 9 MAY 2014**

**8.30 AM - 5.00 PM**

METRO HOTEL

IPSWICH INTERNATIONAL

43 SOUTH STREET, IPSWICH



# PROGRAM

8.30 am	<b>REGISTRATION OPENS</b>	
9.10 am – 9.30 am	<b>Formal Opening</b>	
9.35 am – 10.30 am	<i>Impacts of a changing climate to biodiversity in our region</i> <b>Tim Low</b>	
10.35 am – 11.05 am	<b>Morning Tea</b>	
11.05 am – 11.35 am	<i>Freshwater biodiversity</i> – <b>Fran Sheldon</b>	
11.40 am – 12.10 pm	<i>Even koalas can learn new tricks: lessons for coexisting with urban biodiversity</i> – <b>Darryl Jones</b>	
12.15 pm – 12.45 pm	<i>How can we reach a cleaner more affordable future?</i> – <b>Toby Hutcheon</b>	
12.50 pm – 1.30 pm	<b>Lunch</b>	
1.35 pm – 2.05 pm	<b>CONCURRENT SESSION 1 SILKSTONE ROOM</b>	<b>CONCURRENT SESSION 2 LIMESTONE ROOM</b>
	<b>Bob Hampson</b> , West Moreton Landcare <b>Gary Conchrane and Bill Steentsma</b> Bremer Catchment Association	Ipswich City Council (TBA)
2.10 pm – 2.40 pm	<b>CONCURRENT SESSION 1 SILKSTONE ROOM</b>	<b>CONCURRENT SESSION 2 LIMESTONE ROOM</b>
	<b>Ruth Lewis</b> Ipswich Koala Protection Society <b>Arnold Rieck</b> Society for Growing Australian Plants	<b>Rachel Nasplezes</b> Healthy Waterways <b>Liz Gould</b> SEQ Catchments
2.40 pm – 3.00 pm	<b>Coffee and Tea Break</b>	
3.05 pm – 3.35 pm	<i>Nature-based recreation and conservation of nature</i> <b>Murray Stewart</b> (QORF)	
3.40 pm – 4.15 pm	Panel Discussion <i>Conservation planning for the future in Ipswich</i>	
4.15 pm – 4.25 pm	<b>Forum Close</b>	
4.30 pm – 5.00 pm	Formal launch of Ipswich City Council's Koala Projects Network drinks and nibbles	



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# THE ORGANISATIONS

## IPSWICH CITY COUNCIL

Ipswich City Council is responsible for over 6,500 Ha of Natural Area Estate, and also works with private landholders through partnerships to encourage sustainable land stewardship. The award-winning Ipswich Enviroplan has been an outstanding success in securing and protecting strategic areas of Ipswich for future generations. Council has a raft of Environmental Programs aimed at protecting the natural values of our natural places from the threats posed by a rapidly increasing human population.



## BREMER CATCHMENT ASSOCIATION

The Bremer Catchment Association (BCA) was established in 1996 to work with the community to improve the Bremer Catchment. During the past 18 years BCA has supported many community-based projects. As a local not-for-profit volunteer based community group, the BCA is very proud of its achievements and continues to improve the strong emphasis on a healthy sustainable Bremer catchment.



# THE SPEAKERS

## Keynote Speaker – Tim Low

Tim Low is a well-known biologist and prize-winning author of books such as Feral Future and The New Nature. Tim also works as an environmental consultant and has in the past decade produced a number of reports regarding climate change and its impacts on local government natural assets.



## Associate Professor Darryl Jones

Darryl Jones is a pioneer of the field of urban ecology in Australia. His recent work has involved researching the impacts of roads and urbanisation on native species, the management of human-wildlife conflicts, and reasons some species are successful at coexisting with humans in cities.

## Toby Hutcheon

Toby Hutcheon is the Executive Director of the Queensland Conservation Council. He has extensive experience and expertise in environmental protection with organisations such as Green Peace and the NSW Government.

## Fran Sheldon

Fran Sheldon is Associate Professor of Environmental Sciences at Griffith University. She has conducted extensive research in aquatic ecosystem health, arid stream and river ecology, freshwater invertebrate ecology and urban streams.

## Murray Stewart

Murray Stewart is the Executive Officer at Qld Outdoor Recreation Federation. He has worked in recreational hubs in spectacular natural locations such as Whistler Canada, Carnarvon Gorge and Garapine Outdoor Education Centre.

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## SOCIETY FOR GROWING AUSTRALIAN PLANTS

The Society for Growing Australian Plants (SGAP) Ipswich Branch is made up of enthusiastic members who study, cultivate and conserve our native plants. Members of the Ipswich Branch have been involved in revegetation projects, threatened species recovery, propagation and distribution of native plants as well as community education for the past 40 years.



## SEQ CATCHMENTS

SEQ Catchments is a community-based, not-for-profit organisation. They help to build a sustainable community that cares for and values the natural resources and biodiversity of South East Queensland, and that recognises the impact of personal and collective actions on the environment. Their core focus is on the sustainable management of SEQ natural assets and the attainment of the targets outlined in the SEQ Natural Resource Management Plan - South East Queensland's resource management blueprint to 2031.



## HEALTHY WATERWAYS

Healthy Waterways is a not-for-profit, non-government organisation working collaboratively with members from government, industry and the community to protect and improve our waterways for future generations to enjoy. Healthy Waterways' members work together to achieve a shared purpose: Through partnerships, achieve healthy waterways in South East Queensland, where people live, work and play.



## WEST MORETON LANDCARE

Landcare is a volunteer movement where individuals and groups work to improve their local environment through a variety of means. The West Moreton Landcare Group is currently undergoing a period of growth and reinvigoration – moving away from hands on revegetation projects and into the capacity building community education space.



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