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At our last supporters get-together on the 15th of October, Simon Fox delved into all you need to know about raingardens (or bio-filtration gardens). It was very interesting and we had a great turnout. Our **next General Meeting** is planned for Tuesday 18 February at Downfall Ck Bushland Centre, 815 Rode Rd, McDowall.

We also held our last **bird walk** for the year at Bob Cassimaty, Thomsett and Arbor Parks in Ferny Grove. A program for the coming year of bird watching is now available on the website and a summary of the bird species spotted in 2013 will be on the site soon.

This month saw our last **committee meeting** where the two hours flew past busily discussing continuing projects and what might be on the agenda for 2014. The projects that will carry on into next year include watering of Cassimaty Park and Camoola Street plantings. Projects we hope to commence include weeding and replanting at the Keperra Golf Club as well as other areas along the Brook needing attention.

The committee will be meeting late February to develop a **strategic plan**. We are also preparing position descriptions for each of the key roles undertaken by the committee to compliment this plan. The position descriptions will assist us with finding volunteers to help with various projects and tasks of the Branch. With only 5 people on the committee, most of who work full-time, extra hands will mean achieving more.

Hopefully some of you were able to attend the Queensland Urban Utilities (**QUU**) free community BBQ and **tree planting day** last weekend at Teralba Park South. We are very grateful to QUU for inviting the committee to have a stall on the day. Lennert, our Treasurer, looked after the stall and enquiries on the day. With any luck, we may add to our membership!

The environment and the nature lovers of Brisbane recently had an unexpected win. After much leg work, correspondence and media coverage, the **State Government over-ruled the Port of Brisbane's plan to turn 'Swan Lake' into a car park**. This lake is home to hundreds of birds of at least 25 species and it would have been a devastating loss for both resident and vagrant animals of all kinds. If you were involved in the fight, congratulations, and it would probably be advantageous to write to the Premier to thank him for the intervention. Being positive and thankful to governments when they do something right can be effective too.

If you happen to use the **bike path** along Kedron Brook, the BCC has commenced **upgrades** between Uxbridge Street and Shaw Road. More information is available via this link <http://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/traffic-transport/roads-infrastructure-bikeways/bikeway-and-pathway-projects/kedron-brook-bikeway-upgrade/index.htm>

While on the Brisbane City Council, new safety requirements are coming in for planned community events. The committee members will need to be on top of this but we are being ably helped by the Creek Catchment Officers allocated to our group by the Council, Anna and Emma.

Well, here we are, in summer, with the obligatory severe **storm warnings** coming across the TV screens and SMS messages on mobiles. Its always good to be prepared and Energex are very helpful with regards to trimming tree branches encroaching on wires from houses to electricity poles. It is a free service so if you're interested their number is 13 12 53.

If you're looking for a day out on 14th December, **Berrinba Sanctuary** down at Browns Plains is holding their annual **Christmas Open Day**. Santa will be in attendance as well as Gecko's Wildlife crew and Elsa the koala from Daisy Hill Koala Centre. There'll be free gifts for the 'young-uns', prizes, raffles and lots more. As the sanctuary is under threat from both the State Government and Logan City Council who want to develop a 4-6 lane motorway you would also be helping support their fight. Here's the link to their web site: <http://berrinbasanctuary.weebly.com/>

And another year is nearly over. **Thank you** to everyone who has supported the committee, the brook and the environment in general during 2013. The next year promises to be just as challenging but our planet is worth every bit of hard work. We really do have the most beautiful planet in the solar system, so let's take care of it.

The committee sincerely wishes all of you a very **happy and safe Christmas and a great 2014!**

[Robert, Philip, Lennert, Melissa and Charles - Kedron Brook Catchment Group Committee.](#)

