



## KBCN News March 2014

Hello 2014 – nice to meet you! Welcome to all our members old and new. Here is the first instalment for the year. The committee hopes everyone had a great Christmas and new year and are raring to go to help the environment and Kedron Brook over the next 10 months or so!

- ✿ We kicked off our first supporters meeting last month with Janelle Rees providing a very interesting and informative presentation on climate change. What resonated most for me was, whether you believe in climate change or not, isn't it up to all of us to look after our planet, not just for us to enjoy but for future generations?. We may be only small group but we will do what we can and we hope you will join us throughout 2014.
- ✿ Did you know that March is 'plastic bag free' month? We all know the damage plastic bags do to the environment and as long as you remember to bring your own bag with you, saying "no" to a plastic bag is really easy!
- ✿ If you like little dark critters that fly in the night a workshop on rescuing and taking care of micro bats is on Saturday 15th March at Downfall Creek Bushland Centre. It's a whole day workshop for \$10 so if you'd like to register just email [microbat@bats.org.au](mailto:microbat@bats.org.au) or text 0430 758 543. South East Queensland has around 35 different species and they all have different diets, behaviours and rehabilitation needs. It's a guaranteed 'interesting' day.
- ✿ If you're wondering what's going on in Teralba Park at Everton Park, Queensland Urban Utilities are about to commence work on the North Kedron sewer with most of the work happening on weekends. Public access and park amenities are expected to remain open. We have been informed that all work sites will be fully restored at the conclusion of the works.
- ✿ There are a number of organisations and government bodies advertising various grants. We have some ideas on which projects we will need to apply for funding but would appreciate help with the writing of the applications. If you're a whiz on grant application writing please contact us at [enquiries@kedronbrook.org.au](mailto:enquiries@kedronbrook.org.au).
- ✿ Do you know someone who owns a farm that might be interested in generating another source of income? Well they might be interested in YOUCAMP, low-key tourism venture. Here's the web link if it appeals to you [www.youcamp.com](http://www.youcamp.com) The extra income can be used for conservation and weed control and other land care activities. (Please note, KBCG is not endorsing this website or the business).
- ✿ Very soon the committee will have finalised the Position Descriptions for each member's role and others such as Event Planner. Eventually we hope to 'advertise' on the Volunteering Queensland website and glean more people to help us out.
- ✿ If you provided feedback to the Brisbane City Council last year on the draft city plan, they have now released the revised draft. Here is the link to see what's been changed: <http://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/planning-building/planning-guidelines-and-tools/brisbanes-new-city-plan/index.htm>
- ✿ April 15th is our next scheduled member meeting at Downfall Creek Bushland Centre with yummy nibbles and drinks at 7pm. A local resident who is a keen photographer of the brook will open the event with a mini display of her work. We will then meet with Mark Creyton, Director Education, Research and Policy with Volunteering Qld to help us develop our strategic plan and what we can do to attract more volunteers. All members are encouraged to attend and help us with this important planning workshop. We would love to see you there.