



## Update March 2018

Dear Wolli Creek Preservation Society member,

Recently our Updates with their careful formatting, photos and news, have been organised by Laura Zusters. The good news, bad news story is that she is busy with paid work and unavailable to construct a formatted Update until October this year.

If you are a member getting emails from us you will have plenty of information about events as they approach, with details of when, where and whether registration is necessary. And if you haven't paid up for your 2018 membership yet you will be getting another reminder very soon.

This letter is particularly for the handful of members who don't get updates by email. We want to keep in touch with you. If you are interested in any of the events coming up (see list below) feel free to ring us as the dates approach to confirm that they are on and get up-to-date details about when and where to meet. At present your best phone contact continues to be Deb Little and Peter Stevens on 9554 3176.

If anyone would like to try their hand at creating a newsletter in the next few months, with a report of recent events and promoting events coming up, do let us know. It doesn't have to be highly polished. There are lots of ways to make it interesting and informative.

We are looking for other volunteers for specific roles. See the table below and the list at the end of this letter for thing you may be able to assist with.

### Recent and Planned Events for 2018

Event	Date (please look for emails or ring to confirm details)	
Members BBQ	11 February	Approx 25 people attended
Bat Picnic	2 March	Approx 400 people attended
Clean up Australia Day	4 March	68 bags of rubbish removed
Kayak Trip	31 March (7am start)	\$50 per person (limited places)
Fungi Survey	7 April	
Autumn Valley Walk	8 April	
Illoura Reserve Planting	15 April (date to be confirmed)	
Winter Valley Walk	3 June	
Fungi Survey	7 July	
Wildflower Walk	September (date to be confirmed)	
Spring Valley Walk	16 September	
Annual Dinner	19 October	This will only run if we can find a volunteer to coordinate it.
Bird Walk	To be confirmed	A volunteer guide would be welcome.
Kayak Trips	A further two dates in Spring to be confirmed	

## News

Our most recent Annual General Meeting was held on Monday 27 November. Gina Svolos is our new President. Deb Little is supporting her as Vice-President. Already sent to members with email, but included here for others is Deb's President's Report that she presented at the AGM, providing an overview of the activities of WCPS over the previous 12 months.

The current committee is:

Gina Svolos (President)	Deb Little (Vice President)	Tim Pullen (Secretary)
Abi Curtis (Treasurer)	Deryn Griffiths	James Sen Gupta
Laura Zusters	Karen Paroissien	

We would like to thank our outgoing committee members - Peter Stevens, Joanna Robinski and Annette O'Brien. In particular Peter Stevens who has been a central person to WCPS and known to most members. He has worked tirelessly to protect the Wollie Creek Valley. His knowledge of the Wollie Creek Valley is extensive and his ability to work strategically with government and politicians has been a great asset to the WCPS. As well as being the treasurer, Peter has taken on many other positions over his many years of involvement, including bush care coordinator and membership officer to name a few. We thank Peter for his dedication, commitment and determination to protect and enhance the Wollie Creek Valley. We look forward to his continuing membership of the WCPS and to have him help to guide us newer members.

## Action Meeting

We are trying a few new things this year. One of which is to replace our routine committee meetings by action meetings every second month. The first such meeting is on **Monday 26 March at 7.30pm** at the CDF offices, 11-13 Hartill-Law Ave Bardwell Park. Action meetings will focus on topics that are important to ensure we continue to protect the Wollie Creek Valley. We want to develop strategies and actions and we need your help.

Topics for the first meeting are:

1. Lobbying local state MPs to ensure funding and resources are available to support the regional park
2. Review our memorandum of understanding with NPWS
3. Conservation activities for local residents such as Green Web, birds in backyards, planting native plants.

Please let us know if you are able to attend a meeting and share your ideas for action.

## Thanks to Event Organisers

In addition to all volunteers and participants, thanks to the following key organisers of recent events:

Abi Curtis (Members BBQ)

Deb Little (Bat Picnic)

Ute Foster (Clean Up Australia Day)

## Volunteers Sought

If you can help as a lead role in any of the following, please contact us

- Monitoring development applications
- Lobbying Local State Govt Members about resources for the Regional Park i.e. for National Parks
- Expanding our reach to include the Bardwell Valley (e.g. create a walk)
- Working with NPWS to discourage people from going off-track
- Encouraging local residents in broader conservation issues that will assist Wollie Valley
- Lobbying to expand the Wollie Creek Regional Park to include railway land
- Applying for grants that will help us with bushcare and/or education activities
- Writing a blog about the Wollie Valley and WCPS activities
- Giving public talks
- Organising a Dinner

If you can help as a volunteer with any of the following regular activities, please contact us

- Monthly bird survey
- Monthly bushcare
- Monthly bat counts

If you have other ideas of things we could be doing, and are prepared to volunteer to organise them, please contact us.



Voren O'Brien helping kids assemble their egg carton bats at the Bat Picnic

