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What is the Wildlife Preservation Society of Queensland?

The Wildlife Preservation Society of Queensland (Wildlife Queensland or WPSQ) is a community environmental group with a wonderfully diverse membership drawn together by a common interest in wildlife. It was started in 1962 by naturalist David Fleay, poet Judith Wright, artist Kathleen MacArthur and publisher Brian Clouston who decided to act on their concerns about Australia's precious and vanishing natural environment. The society aims to protect all Australian wildlife, through education, consultation and legislation.

Our society is made up of a head office located in Brisbane while branches are spread throughout Queensland. Our head office largely focuses on matters on a regional or state level while branches are mainly focused on activities in their local area. They combine their efforts on issues of importance to all. Projects aim to involve other likeminded groups and individuals throughout the state.

What can a community group do?

Plenty. As individuals, we have unique talents and experiences. As a community group we can learn from each other, pool our talents and be more effective and influential. Working together we can ensure wildlife interests are represented in planning. Just being a member lends your weight to our efforts. Members of our society are drawn from all around Australia as well as from overseas.

Bayside Branch

Bayside Branch hosts monthly meetings with expert guest presenters, conducts workshops, arranges family outings such as spotlighting, bushwalks and bird watching. Each year we participate in fauna surveys and run projects many involving the community. Publishing our monthly newsletter and diary plus the bi-monthly koala news keep members informed on issues and coming events as well as providing information on specific wildlife.

VOLUNTEERS: *As we are a community-based non-profit organisation your help would be welcome in a number of areas. Please contact us to find out more.*

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Sharing Your Acreage Block

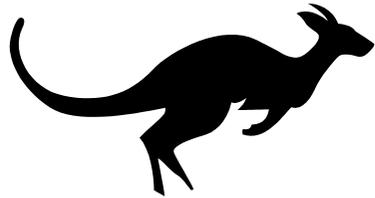


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Your Acreage Block

In our leaflet 'Wildlife in your Suburban Garden', we looked at ways of sharing your home garden with wildlife. In order to have a balanced ecosystem, it is necessary to look at the whole range of wildlife, from insects to birds, frogs, reptiles and many other animals.

Some of these creatures do well in the suburbs; however, there are a number of animals that do not survive in suburban areas. It is therefore necessary to look to



the remaining bushland to cater for these animals as well as seeking help from owners of acreage blocks. These land owners can help native animals by ensuring that they are adequately protected and that they are not forced from their natural habitat to be killed by cars or predators.

All animals need water, food and shelter. A small pond or dam will provide water and shelter can be provided by stands of native vegetation. Old hollow trees will provide homes for a variety of birds and animals and low growing dense vegetation will provide homes and safety for small birds.



Logs left on the ground will be appreciated by many animals such as the bandicoot. The log could initially provide shelter for these small and delightful creatures; and later, as the log rots, will also provide food.

Animals can find food for themselves provided there is a range of native grasses, shrubs and trees available; however, they need to have access to a large enough area to be able to find sufficient food for their needs.

Animals such as bandicoots, koalas, possums, swamp and red necked wallabies need room to move. Fences can restrict their movements and ability to find food.

A '**Fauna Friendly Fence**' will make a big difference by allowing wildlife to easily move between neighbouring properties. In order to be fauna friendly, a fence must be able to let a small mammal (such as a bandicoot) go under it, a koala to climb over it, and / or a wallaby to jump through it. Barbed wire and electric fences are definitely not fauna friendly.



The next big problem for our native animals is **predators including cats and dogs**. Our wildlife can not deal with such successful hunters. At night, cats should be kept in the house or in a suitable enclosure. This will ensure both the safety of smaller wildlife and the safety of your cat.

Dogs can be restricted to a house yard by the building of a specially constructed fence, which will exclude the wildlife. This fence will ensure that your dog remains safe at home while still having enough room to run, without harming native wildlife.



The application of fauna friendly techniques to acreage properties, secures the safety of wildlife and domestic pets. Additionally, you and your family can experience the pleasures of observing the daily lives of our fascinating native wildlife.

