

MOGGILL CREEK CATCHMENT GROUP

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ABOVE LEFT: The 2024 MCCG 'Photo Comp' is around the corner. Turn to page 3 for entry details, and inspiration (2023 image credit Andrew Taylor).



RIGHT: Brigidine College students donate funds raised at their National Science Bake Day to MCCG & Lone Pine (turn to page 3 for more, image [Brigidine College](#)).



ABOVE: For all things Platypus, turn to pages 4-5 (image credit Cheryl Turner).

LEFT: Turn to page 7 for reports on two important tree planting events—one by MCCG (image credit: Sandy Pollock) and one at KSHS.

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Chairperson's Report

It's been a very sharp change in seasons in our catchment, swinging from concerns about frosts in July to a sudden switch to the summer heat in late August! Such is the charming variety of weather in western Brisbane. The cool winter days, and significant rainfall have done wonders for our Moggill Creek, and associated tributaries, with flows larger and stronger than most years.

These mild and generally wet conditions appear to have helped with our annual September platypus survey—with lots of good platypus data and news in this issue, including some great photos from our fellow volunteers. There has been a lot of study of platypus in our catchment this year, with several eDNA surveys, and important detailed work radio-tracking this species by zoologists with the University of NSW UNSW). I hope many of you have viewed the recorded [presentation](#), by Dr Gilad Bino, UNSW, on the ecology and life history of this species.

Look out for our next Quarterly Talk ([details](#) in our website events calendar). This features Dr Matthew Holden from The University of Queensland (UQ), who discusses the results of three biological scientist housemates (himself included), documenting all the biodiversity in their suburban backyard and house; what a productive way to spend COVID lockdowns together! You'll be amazed how many species occur in Brisbane suburbia!

In other news, the MCCG is thrilled to be the recipient of a significant donation by the junior students of [Brigidine College](#), who wanted us to use some of their hard-earned National Science Day bake sale earnings to continue our environmental works. My sincere thanks to all of these inspiring students, for their thoughtfulness and commitment to the environment (and thanks to their customers for investing in their baked goods!).

Spring is a time of new growth and intense flowering for many plant species in the catchment, from grasses to wattles to rainforest plants. These new leaf colours and floral displays make great subjects for photography. Why not show off your favourite image by entering it into our fabulous October MCCG photographic competition? With great photography competition prizes available, it's another good reason to get out into our catchment, and another way to admire and enjoy the changing of the seasons.

Regards, *Sandy Pollock*

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Editorial

Thanks to *all* of our contributors for information about some of the many activities taking place across our catchment. I am looking forward to the 2024 MCCG Photo Comp, to see how many images document this busy year. Thanks again to Rebecca Bain and to the Photo Comp Committee, and thanks to the generous sponsors (listed below) for their donations.

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Don't forget that 'new Newsletter voices' are ALWAYS welcome. The absolute deadline for YOUR story or photos for the next issue of the MCCG Newsletter is 28 November 2024. Start now! Don't wait until the deadline to [email me](#).. *Cathi*

Moggill Creek Catchment Group (MCCG) is a volunteer action group, aiming to conserve & improve the natural environment of our catchment on both private & public land.

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Fire Ants

Have you had a look at the Australian website and information about Fire Ants? If not, why not visit <https://www.fireants.org.au/>? It is always worth keeping an eye out for these pests, and being aware as to how to stay safe, and what to do next if you find any Fire Ants.

MCCG Photography Competition

The 2024 MCCG Photo Competition is rapidly approaching! Thanks to all those already planning your entries. But, even if you really aren't the photographing type, you can still play a part by helping to promote the competition in your household, workplace, community, etc. The generous cash prizes, provided by our wonderful local sponsors (*logos on p2*), are one of several reasons to get involved. Full details are at our [website](#), including terms and conditions, [Open Category entry forms](#), and details as to how to submit entries for the [Young People's digital category](#).

As a reminder, submission dates are:

Sat 19th Oct, 10 am-2 pm, at Brookfield Showgrounds: In person, for all Open Categories
4th to 18th October: Digital Young Persons entries can be submitted by email.

Our Kenmore Village Exhibition opens on Monday 21st October, and concludes with the Saturday 26th October prize ceremony (2pm). I look forward to seeing you there!

Rebecca Bain

From Behind the Lens

It is great to see the entries submitted for each MCCG 'Photo Comp,' and lovely to hear more from the winning photographers about each of their images. Here's more from Andrew Taylor, with reference the glorious front cover picture – one of Andrew's suite of images for the 2023 competition.

My cover image of a male Variegated Fairywren, *Malurus lamberti*, was photographed early one morning in Upper Brookfield in mid-August 2023. A pair of Variegated Fairywrens were busy building a nest for the coming breeding season. The female bird was actually doing all of the work collecting nesting material. The male's job was to catch a bug and fly up to her, giving her a quick feed before she would fly off to collect more nesting material. He would try and do this each time she attended to the nest with new material, and this picture shows the male with a wee insect in its beak. Despite a healthy goanna population on this property, they successfully raised their clutch of eggs.

Andrew Taylor

Backyard Diversity: MCCG Talk

Brisbane Backyard Biodiversity – or how the COVID lockdown led to surprising suburban biodiversity insights...

Three UQ Postdocs shared a typical Brisbane suburban house during the COVID lockdown in 2020. These flatmates, each with unique biological science

skills (one a mathematician, another an ecologist, the other a taxonomist), wondered how many species they could find in their house in a year, during their enforced stay. The trio (Andrew Rogers, Russell Yong and Matthew Holden) decided to sample every day for a year, counting everything except microorganisms – which meant that they swept their front and back yards with bug nets, sampled dirt and leaf litter, checked indoor and outdoor lights once per night, and watched for birds and other animals.



Picture: Matt Holden, Russell Yong and Andrew Rogers at their study site: their house during lockdown (UQ image)

They expected to find perhaps 200-300 species. By the end of the year, they had identified an amazing 1,150 species, including 1,034 animals (948 arthropods – insects and related creatures), 103 plants and 13 fungi. More than 95% of the animals they found were native to Queensland. They published their surprising findings in the prestigious journal [Ecology](#), and their work has led to a major re-evaluation of biodiversity in suburban environments.

Dr Matthew Holden will be presenting these findings to us on 24th September, at the Kenmore Library, as part of the MCCG Quarterly Talks series. Don't miss this chance to hear about the biodiversity all around you. See the MCCG [website for details](#).

Have YOUR Say Now!

Brisbane Airport flight path changes continue to be hotly debated, particular in the light of recent proposals to 'share' even more flights over our local area as part of a plan to 'reduce aircraft noise' (sic). Moving the flight paths across our catchment has caused much anxiety, and concern about the impacts on wildlife and community health.

Have YOUR SAY on this issue. Online responses to the latest 'proposals' can be made until 15 September. For more information, and to sign up for future updates visit: <https://savebrookfield.com.au/> and submit at www.airservicesaustralia.com/airservices-australia-calls-for-community-feedback-on-new-brisbane-flightpath-options-to-reduce-aircraft-noise/.

2024 MCCG Platypus Survey

This year, 48 dedicated volunteers surveyed 34 sites across Moggill and Gold Creeks as part of the annual MCCG platypus survey. A total of 13 platypuses were sighted, with three sites recording two individuals each. Sightings were well distributed, spanning from Upper Brookfield to the Moggill Road Bridge (*see front cover image, and pictures at the MCCG Facebook page*). Although platypuses had been recently spotted in hotspot areas like Branton Street and Mumford Bridge, they managed to evade us on the morning of the survey.

Overall, the creek habitat appears healthy, though some areas are showing signs of low water levels, and sections that were once deep are becoming shallow due to sediment and gravel buildup. Shallow waters pose a concern for platypus movement, especially during breeding season to find friends, and it also makes them vulnerable to predators (like the fox spotted at Creekside Park which will be reported to the council). We're collaborating with Brisbane City Council (BCC) to address these issues, focusing on creating deeper pools—either naturally, using log jams and large tree roots, or through dredging with input from experts such as hydrologists.

On a serious note, three funnel nets were [recorded](#) at Branton Street. Such nets are legal, and are commonly used for shrimping, but aquatic wildlife can easily become trapped and drown in such traps (as [Wildlife Queensland](#) has documented).

Thank you to the volunteers who joined bright and early to help gain valuable data, to the Team Leaders, and to Bridget and Helen for coming to support the breakfast. See you all next year for the 20th Anniversary MCCG Survey! *Dr Tamielle Brunt*

Free PlatyMonth Walks

BCC is supporting a number of free 'Platypus Watch Walk & Talk' events, where [PlatypusWatch](#) Project Officer Dr Tamielle Brunt will talk about this amazing animal as well as the research happening in Brisbane. As you walk through known platypus habitat, Tamielle will talk about what keeps them happy in the waterways, local conservation efforts and how you can get involved with the ACF Platy-Project monitoring program. Members may be particularly interested on the PlatyMonth walk on Friday, 27th September (4-6pm) which takes place at Gold Creek Reservoir, 660 Gold Creek Road Brookfield. To register for this free event, book via [Eventbrite](#). The organisers highlight that there is no guarantee that platypuses will be present during the guided walk.

Tamielle also reminds us all, 'Citizen science is a vital tool in monitoring wildlife populations, and as many of you know, it's PlatyMonth! [You can contribute by recording your sightings with the ACF Platy-Project.](#)'

UNSW MCCG Platypus Talk

We were thrilled to have Dr Gilad Bino, Senior Lecturer, University of NSW (UNSW), talk to us at the Kenmore Library on Sunday, 4th August, about Platypus in general. Dr Bino was joined by his UNSW Honours student, Amy Young, and the talk included some preliminary results of the UNSW Moggill Creek Platypus survey (*Image, right, courtesy Sandy Pollock. See also Amy's article, below, which provides more information on her research, which is supervised by Dr Bino.*



The talk was very well attended, and many questions arose from this presentation. Thanks to

Amy for the work, and to Dr Bino for taking the time to speak to us, and for lots of long cold winter nights in Platypus surveying! Thanks also to the BCC for facilitating this research, which comes off the back of recent eDNA sampling by both BCC and the MCCG (and also our long-standing Platypus survey).

If you missed the talk, do visit our [website](#) to watch the recording *Sandy Pollock*

UNSW Platypus Research

Since July, researchers from [UNSW's Platypus Conservation Initiative](#), in collaboration with BCC, have been evaluating the platypuses of Moggill Creek. The research, undertaken by me as part of my Honours project, is examining the health of the freshwater ecosystem using environmental DNA as well as gaining a better understanding of how platypuses are utilising their environment. In late July, researchers spent six nights trapping platypuses along Moggill creek. A total of six healthy adult platypuses, two females and four males, were caught. Each platypus was inspected under general anaesthesia, microchipped, sampled, and fitted with a small radio transmitter.

Platypuses were then released back to their homes and, over the following weeks, were radio-tracked with the help of local volunteers. This information is helping track their movements and identify burrow locations. The project aims to bring further insights

into the ecology of local platypus populations living in urban environments. Our big thanks to all the volunteers, the BCC and the local community for helping make this important research possible.

Amy Young

Tracking Tuckett, Sunny & Chunky!

At the conclusion of the August MCCG Talk (see p4) Dr Gilad Bino invited anyone interested in helping Amy Young, to radio track the tagged platypuses, to sign up to volunteer as part of the study. The following Saturday I accompanied Amy to learn how



to use the radio tracking equipment, and to be shown the route to walk (several kilometres) to try to track 'Tuckett', 'Sunny' and 'Chunky' along a stretch of Moggill Creek. The following weekend I was rostered onto the Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning shift. Saturday afternoon = success; all 3 platypuses were tracked, and the beep of the equipment was music to my ears (see Rebecca, above, at work with the monitoring equipment!). On Sunday morning the two boys proved elusive, and only 'Sunny' was detected. It was a great experience.

Rebecca Bain

Brigidine College Student Support

Brigidine College Junior School Math Extension students have made a generous donation to the Moggill Creek Catchment Group.

Brigidine Junior College Year 5 and 6 students held a bake sale at their college on National Science Day in August 2024. Their Year 6 Extension maths students

decided to donate a significant part of these funds, over \$150, to help our MCCG land conservation and restoration efforts.

This is a truly moving and powerful gesture from these young mathematicians. We gratefully accept this kind donation, with the sincerest thanks from all of us at the MCCG. The size and manner of this donation truly underlines the spirit of Brigidine being involved and supporting the environment around them.

A very big thank you to Brigidine College, Anna Pianta (Junior School Program Leader), and above all, to the Year 6 Extension maths students.

Sandy Pollock

Editor's Note: As reported on the Brigidine College Facebook Page, four of the Year 6 students also 'proudly demonstrated service in action' when visiting the [Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary](#) with an additional donation for the Animal Rehabilitation Hospital (see front cover image of the presentation to Lyndon Discombe, General Manager, Lone Pine. Source: Facebook).

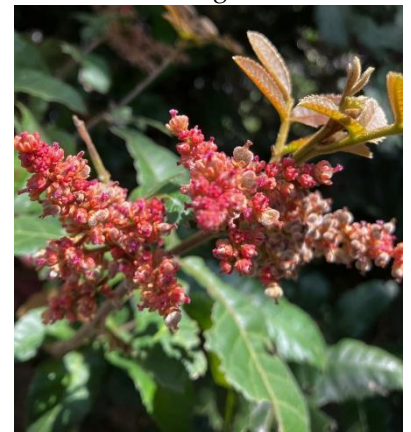
Seeds: Hairy Birds Eye

Hairy Birds Eye (*Alectryon tomentosus*) is a scruffy but lovely native rainforest tree, which can be quite common in some of our local catchment rainforests and wetter Eucalypt forests. Hairy Birds Eye has a distinctively hairy set of usually four to six paired or pinnate leaflets that, when young, can be orange, bronze or pink coloured, forming a pleasant display of foliage during their active growing season in Spring or early Summer. As the foliage gets older, it is eaten by many insects, which means it may become very scruffy looking, with abundant chewing marks.

Hairy Birds Eye does occasionally produce small but attractive flowers of pink or red, which develop to form small hairy-green capsules that open to produce a black seed partially enclosed in a reddish fleshy aril

(see picture, above, credit Sandy). These fruits are favourites of fruit-eating birds, such as Olive-backed Orioles and Figbirds, and rainforest-dependent birds such as Satin Bowerbirds or Green Catbirds.

[Hairy Birds Eye](#) is a tough and adaptable tree that can cope with a lot of exposure, and still grows well. It is well worth planting in your next revegetation plot, as it grows quickly and seems to need relatively little care or maintenance—and it can be very useful along



creek banks and exposed sites, where fast-growing and shady trees are always desirable.

Sandy Pollock

Weeds: Yellow Bells

Yellow bells (*Tecoma stans*) forms a large weedy shrub or small, many-branched tree to 6m tall. The large, bright golden-yellow flowers are indeed, bell-shaped (as shown in Sandy's photo, below), and strongly resemble its other vine weed relative, Cat's claw vine. Both plants have distinctive, large bell-shaped flowers, a floral feature often characteristic within their plant family *Bignoniaceae*.

Yellow bells were flowering strongly in early September across many parts of Brisbane. The bright flowers certainly highlight colonies of this woody weed, which otherwise tends to go unnoticed. After flowering, narrow papery pods are produced that split to release many small, winged seeds, which are readily spread by wind or water.

Yellow bells invades areas of natural or man-made disturbance, such as along roadsides



or beside riparian areas, but also occurs on the edge of clearings, rubbish tips and even sand dunes. Removal or control involves physical removal of plants, or appropriate and safe chemical control. Treatment is best before the plant gets too large, or before it spreads locally via seed.

Sandy Pollock

Froggin' Around: Spring 2024

With the warmer weather, frogs are starting to call in the dam. Striped marsh and tusked frogs started to call and breed in mid-August and, during recent rain events, emerald-spotted tree frogs and eastern sedge frogs joined the chorus. I was interested to discover [tusked frogs](#) in the house; I've not seen that before, and I'm also hearing tusked frogs calling throughout the valley. The Queensland Government lists tusked frogs (*Adelotus brevis*) as [vulnerable](#). As tusked frogs are toad-like, it is good to learn more about them, to avoid any confusion with toads.

Tusked frogs are small, up to 5cm in length, with pointed tusks on their lower jaw. Males have larger tusks than females that are used to fight off other males from breeding sites. Often described as a very secretive frog, tusked frogs have a quiet call that is a 'soft cluck,' called from under vegetation or rocks.

Adults are dark brown, with a butterfly-shaped marking between the eyes, marbled black and white belly, and bright red patches on thighs and lower legs. Eggs are laid in permanent ponds or stream pools, in a foam mass with grey eggs under vegetation away from direct sunlight. Dark brown tadpoles are 3.5cm in length and take two months to develop into adult frogs. If in doubt, do also have a look at the [MCCG website, which has more information about frogs in our catchment.](#)

Phil Bird

MCCG Secretary

At the August 2024 Committee meeting, Sandy Pollock noted that Diana Medina has resigned from the MCCG Secretary position. Diana is studying and has now taken on full-time work, and is therefore unable to continue as Secretary. At the meeting Sandy commented, 'As Chair, I'd like to thank Diana for her work in the role. We wish her well in her new position, and her ongoing studies. Rosemary Pollock has offered to take on this role again, until the November AGM.'

The Committee thanked Rosemary for stepping back in to the role at this time, to ensure the continuation of the group, and Sandy's nomination of Rosemary was warmly supported. Thank you again Rosemary – and all good wishes to Diana for the new role and studies.

Lewis at work

My photo, below, of Lewis Peach was taken just prior to the start of Kid's Day at the Cottage, when he went down to the creek to get some water invertebrates for the kids to look at.

The kids had a great time using magnifying glasses and lenses to see these tiny creatures. Science in action!! Lewis also runs the eDNA Creek Health Monitoring Program (CHMP), which is an integral part of the current



MCCG water quality assessment. It was fascinating for attendees at a recent webinar to hear of the many things identified in the catchment from the water samples through eDNA, such as, frogs, fish, and birds. Thanks Lewis!

Rosemary Pollock

Date Claimer: 5th October Fun Day

Hello from the Friends of Anstead Bushland, part of the Pullen Pullen Catchments Group. We are looking forward to our 2024 Fabulous Fauna Community Field Day and would be delighted to welcome all MCCG families and friends to our event at the Anstead Bushland Reserve: Saturday, 5th October (9am until noon, enter via the Anstead Reserve Park carpark). This exciting event, suited to adults and children alike, offers a dive into the world of threatened species, with a special focus on the elusive [Collared Delma](#). The program includes research updates, a morning tea, and an opportunity to meet Danny, the scent detection dog who plays a crucial role in locating Collared Delma. Geckoes Wildlife will be showcasing a variety of Australian reptiles and threatened species. Hands-on activities include a plant identification session, and the opportunity to meet the characters from the Bushtekniq 'Delma Adventure' interactive play. This event is part of a Saving Native Species project funded by the federal government, and offers a unique opportunity to connect with nature, learn about conservation efforts, and get involved in protecting our local threatened species. The event is **free**, but registrations are appreciated; more detail at <https://events.humanitix.com/fabulous-fauna-community-field-day>. We hope to see you there.

Gillian Whitehouse

The Great Southern BioBlitz (GSB)

The GSB is an international period of intense biological surveying, aiming to increase biodiversity awareness through Citizen Science by attempting to record all the living species within several designated areas across the Southern Hemisphere in Spring (in 2024, observations recorded for 20-23 September).

For more, visit the [iNaturalist](https://www.inaturalist.org/) website (<https://www.inaturalist.org/.../98637-gsb2024-helpful-points>), [GSB website](#) or [GSB Facebook page](#)

MCCG July Tree Planting

Jim Pope had a very good turn out to a 21st July tree planting along Kensington Circuit, near Branton Street, with more than 20 volunteers helping with this MCCG planting activity. More than 200 trees were planted, replacing Chinese elms that had been removed from the area (see *Sandy's front cover photo*). Planting trees is a great and practical way to enjoy the cool, clear winter weather, and rediscover our very own Moggill Creek! Thanks again to the volunteers and to BCC for their support for these activities.

Sandy Pollock

KSHS 'Planting Passion'

A total of 87 Kenmore State High School (KSHS) students worked hard over three hours on Friday 26th July to plant 815 native plants of 37 different species on the bank below S Block, the Year 7 classroom block, as part of the National Tree Day Planting Program.



Picture: KSHS National Tree Day Planting (Image credit: Bruce Dymock)

This was the 22nd annual activity since our first undertaken in 2002, with one being held every year except for 2020 when COVID-19 caused a cancellation of our plans. It was also the first time for several years that German exchange students from our sister school, Engelsburg Gymnasium in Kassel, have been present and were able to assist – all 42 finding it a great experience (an exchange which began in 1994).

The planting activity was organised by teacher Tom McNicol. Damien Egan prepared the site, removing weeds and pre-planting of more advanced plants, and assisted with supervising the students on the day – and Groundsman Darren Graham also assisted in the preparation and on the day. Thanks Tom, Damien and Darren! We again also thank our sponsors for the supply of the plants: 800 from Paten Park Native Nursery (funded by Toyota Australia and local Toyota dealer, Sci-fleet Toyota) and 17 from Brookfield Gardens (supplied through Councillor Greg Adermann). Toyota also kindly protected participants with the supply of hats, shirts and gloves. Finally, The Australian Koala Foundation supplied us with their 'No Tree, No Me' bumper stickers at a discounted price. The stickers were given to all participating students, and I know that some of these will be appearing in the Kassel area over the next few months!

We are now hoping for some rain, to limit the amount of watering that we must undertake to ensure the plants flourish. Members of the student environmental group, *The Kenmore Worms*, will assist with the maintenance.

Bruce Dymock

Moggill Magic: Jenny Hacker

(Jennifer Hacker 1940-2024)

The MCCG has had a long and close connection with the former Rural Environment Preservation Association (REPA), thanks in particular to the untiring work of MCCG foundation members Jenny and Bryan Hacker.

REPA was a not-for-profit Association formed in 1973 for the express purpose of promoting sustainable planning in the western Brisbane suburbs of Brookfield, Upper Brookfield, Pullenvale, Pinjarra Hills, Anstead, Bellbowrie, Moggill and parts of Kenmore Hills. On closure, in 2022, REPA transferred all remaining funds to the MCCG. In the Summer 2022 edition of the MCCG Newsletter, Sandy Pollock acknowledged the work of REPA members as 'keeping our local environment at the forefront of planning matters (rather than an afterthought in major local proposed developments). We greatly appreciate REPA's generosity in entrusting MCCG with the funds, which will be used to advance both MCCG and REPA's shared aspiration to preserve and enhance our most treasured and special local environment' ([Summer 2022 Newsletter](#)).

Sadly, Jenny passed away in July, following a long illness with a form of Parkinson's disease. The official [notice](#) includes the observation that 'Jenny was an inspiration to so many people. Always a kind smile and that lovely glow about her, quietly doing amazing work behind the scenes and never expecting praise or recognition. Her joyful approach to life and her stoic strength will be fondly remembered by all who knew her.'

Protecting, enjoying and maintaining what Sandy Pollock described as our 'special local environment' is perhaps the best way in which to celebrate the impact of one of our many special founders and volunteers. Our condolences to Bryan and family, and to Jenny's many friends and former colleagues—including Dale, who kindly supplied this photograph and recollection (*right*).

Remembering Jenny Hacker

It is sad to record the passing of Jenny Hacker, who was such a kind, helpful friend to people, community and the environment.

A longtime active member of many local community groups, including the MCCG, Jenny also took specific interest in the care, repair, and preservation of the local natural environment. Whether it was working with husband Bryan—physically on their home small acreage or McKay Brook MCCG Section and Bushcare site—or with REPA in advocacy on local environment and conservation issues, Jenny was a proactive participant.

Jenny knew in detail State Planning & Development Legislation, including local development and planning laws, plus she applied practical knowledge gained in work with the UQ Department of Civil Engineering, so that she could effectively advocate on local issues such as protection of koala habitat in Moggill and limiting development of flood prone land.

For many years Jenny was one of the volunteers who are the public face of MCCG in displays and presentations, but she was also the unseen provider of home-baked goodies for the regular Nursery working bee morning teas.

She will be missed.

Dale Borgelt



MCCG AGM & November Talk

The 26 November 2024 MCCG AGM will feature Aislinn Spencer speaking about Native Bees. Aislinn manages Tim Heard's company, [Sugarbag Bees](#), which is an innovative Brisbane-based organisation which provides stingless bee hives, products, services, advice, information and education resources. Aislinn is a UQ science graduate with ecology and zoology majors, providing all-round education, advice and beekeeping to Sugarbag customers. We look forward to what will certainly be a fascinating way in which to end the MCCG year.