

You may or may not have

noticed the pressures on our environment.

Either because of old practices of which we had little understanding or from the ever-increasing numbers of people moving into the Shire, it is undeniable that cumulative impacts are placing greater stress on our soils, water, air and bush not to mention the peace and quiet of the diminishing rural landscape.

So being proactive in looking after the natural treasures of our Shire just makes good common sense. It is important not only for our happiness but also for our survival.

It is a little like good housekeeping. Luck doesn't really come into it, but rather skilled management. It requires understanding of how things work. Anticipation, discussion and planning make sure everything functions smoothly. Household members pull their weight in whatever way they can. Care and concern for each other ensure happiness and fulfilment. Prudence keeps a check on overstepping the budget and resources. And every now and then an emergency requires an immediate response from one and all.

All of this and much more goes into sustaining a household.... just ask anyone who keeps the show on the road!

And so it is with our Shire. It is not only our backyard but also more importantly our home.



We have, that is, the Logan

& Albert Conservation Association (LACA), been very active in doing our share of the housekeeping when it comes to environmental matters. Sometimes it has been contentious and other times not.

Dealing with inappropriate and polluting industries and trying to revegetate the landscape require different strategies. They affect people in differing ways. However, since our inception in 1989, whenever issues arise, LACA attempts to seek better environmental solutions peacefully and cooperatively.

LACA members come from a broad spectrum of backgrounds, professions and ages, and are from right across the Shire. We liaise with the community, schools, landowners, business, council and government. **On the back of this leaflet is a history of some of the things we've been involved in.**

If you think you would like to be involved (we and the environment could use your help), then fill out a membership form. Otherwise if you're interested but not sure whether to commit yourself then give us a ring or come along to one of our meetings. See you there! Or you can subscribe to just keep in touch by receiving our newsletter.

LACA meets on the 4th Thursday of every month (except December) at 7.30pm at the Beaudesert Arts & Information Centre, 2/14 Enterprise Drive, Beaudesert (north entrance to town).

Application for LACA membership

Membership runs from 1 June to 31 May each year. Pro rata membership is calculated in quarterly intervals. The subscription amount is self-assessable. If you find yourself short of funds we would still like you to have the opportunity to be a member, to pay, as you are able.

I would like to join this group of people who are working for the protection and enhancement of the local environment and enclose (please tick appropriate box)

- \$25.00 per family per year
- \$20.00 per person per year
- \$_____Membership (self-assessable amount)

Name/s:

Address:.....

.....Postcode:

Phone:

Email Address:

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Interests/Occupation/Skills (optional):

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I agree to support and foster these aims and promote our association in the community.

Signature Date

Please send this slip and your payment (made payable to L.A.C.A.) to:

**LACA Membership
PO Box 557, Beaudesert QLD 4285**

DO YOU..

CARE

ABOUT THE QUALITY OF YOUR WATER?

LIKE

TO BREATHE CLEAN UNPOLLUTED AIR?

FEAR

FOR THE SURVIVAL

OF OUR NATIVE PLANTS AND ANIMALS?

ENJOY

OUR SHIRE'S MOUNTAINS AND FORESTS?

WANT

**STABLE AND THRIVING RURAL
INDUSTRIES?**

WISH

FOR A SAFE AND SUSTAINABLE FUTURE



FOR OUR CHILDREN?

When you're not part of the solution, you're part of the problem.....

If you are concerned about the state of the environment, become active and informed by joining your local conservation group - **The Logan and Albert Conservation Association Inc.**

Our Association aims...

- *To play an active role in the protection and enhancement of the environment with particular emphasis on the Beaudesert Shire and areas immediately adjacent.*
- *To promote the concept of environmental sustainability as an essential criterion of planning for development.*
- *To educate and inform the community on all aspects of conservation.*
- *To research and report on current and proposed activities likely to affect the local environment.*
- *To encourage the widest possible public consultation and informed debate on matters of conservation and environmental importance to the local community.*

In becoming a member of **LACA**, you agree to support and foster these aims and promote the association in the community.

We are busy! LACA..

Runs an annual *World Environment Day Poster & Poetry Competition* for schools in the Shire and *Community Environmental Arts projects*

Works with other community organisations such as Wild Mountains Trust to run community training and employment support programs such as two *Greencorps Team*

Works to save the *Glossy Black Cockatoo*, improve *Yellow Pinch Reserve* and runs the *Rescue Action for the Veresdale Scrub*

Holds *public information nights* and publishes the *EcoInformationSource* - Newsletter and the online *Environmental Information Centre* – www.laca.org.au

Liaises with and makes submissions to all levels of government for better outcomes on *environmental issues of concern*

Represents the environment on other organizations including: Logan & Albert Rivers Catchment Association; the SEQ NRM Regional Body and the Logan & Albert Water Resource Planning Group; Queensland Conservation Council and

Organises fun Social Events...and...

We need your help



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