

FRIENDS OF THE ESCARPMENT PARKS (TOOWOOMBA) INC.

“CARING FOR TOOWOOMBA’S BUSHLAND PARKS”

Friends of the Escarpment Parks (FEP) is a proactive environmental group carrying out bushland rehabilitation activities in and around Toowoomba and Highfields.

FEP was founded by Doctor John Swarbrick in 1990s to rehabilitate bushland parks within the Toowoomba region and on the escarpment.

Previous projects include clearing weeds from the Eagles Nest depression camp site in Redwood Park in 1994 and converting an old quarry at Duggan Park into the Millennium Forrest in 1999.

Current FEP projects include carrying out a range of bush regeneration activities at Redwood Park on the range crossing, Duggan Park, Nielsen Park, Hartmann Reserve, Jubilee Park, Panorama Crescent Park, Echo Valley South Park, Hancock St Park in Toowoomba and Charmaine Ct, Kleinton (near Highfields).

Friends of the Escarpment Parks (Toowoomba) Inc. is a non-profit community volunteer group interested in the management, maintenance, and development and public use of Toowoomba's bushland and escarpment parks. The group works closely with the Parks and Recreation Branch of the Toowoomba Regional Council, assisting with many aspects of the management of these areas as well as promoting public awareness and use of the unique asset to the community which these parks represent.

Participating in these projects during the week and/or on weekends is not only very informative but also offers interesting physical and social activities which are both beneficial and rewarding for those who enjoy the outdoors. We are looking for volunteers to help us with a variety of bush regeneration projects. Our main role is removing introduced weeds from our public bushland reserves to help enable the native bushland vegetation to re-establish.

If you, your family or a group would like to join us in any of these parks or projects, please contact the park coordinators listed below. Volunteers are required to wear solid shoes or boots, long sleeves and trousers and a broad brimmed hat. FEP provides training and equipment.

FEP offers great volunteering opportunities to help protect the environment as well as assisting our local community. Learn new skills and meet like minded people while working in bushland areas carrying out bush regeneration projects. Training in the identification of weeds as well as many of the native plants and animals will also be provided.

Our Objectives:

- **To foster public awareness and recreational use of Toowoomba's bushland parks;**
- **To assist Toowoomba Regional Council with the development, management and maintenance of the parks;**
- **To identify and develop projects which enhance Toowoomba's bushland areas;**
- **To promote public use of these unique areas;**
- **To encourage and oversee volunteer workers in the management and maintenance of the parks.**



Bushland Parks & Active Bushcare Groups

These relaxing bushland parks are open to the public to explore and enjoy. You are also welcome to check out and/or join a bushcare group to help assist with rehabilitation activities in your local or preferred bushland park.

Charmaine Ct, Kleinton (near Highfields) (1st Saturday each month from 9am – 12) (Contact Ian Henderson 4696 9256)

Nielsen Park (Colman Drive, off Mackenzie St) (1st & 4th Saturday each month 9am – 12) (Contact Rob Brodribb 0407 124 863) (rwbrodribb@ozemail.com.au)

Jubilee Park (Coventry Court) (Northern end of Mackenzie Street, Mt Lofty) (1st Sunday each month) (Contact Geoff Sharp 0427 038 055)

Redwood Park (Each Mon 8am & Thu 7am) (Plus 2nd & 4th Sunday each month 8am) (Warrego Highway below the saddle) (Contact Hugh Krenske info@fep.org.au) (or call Hugh 0418 748 282 or 07 4635 1758)

Hancock St Park (off McClymont Dr) (Thursday from 8:30am each week) (Plus 2nd Saturday from 8:30am) (Contact Max Henderson 0427 866 091)

Duggan Park (3rd Saturday each month from 8:30am) (Leslie & Collier Streets, Rangeville) (Contact Max Henderson 0427 866 091)

Hartmann Bushland Reserve (Wednesday from 8:30am each week) (Cnr Alderley St & Rowbotham St) (Contact Greg Lukes 0428 288 077) (glukes@bigpond.com)

Panorama Crescent Park (1st Saturday each month from 1pm) (3rd Saturday each month from 9am) (Contact David Heckscher 0419 642 940) (heckies@bigpond.net.au)

Echo Valley South Park (Ramsay St) (2nd & 5th Saturday each month from 9am) (Contact Greg Lukes 0428 288 077)

Rogers Reserve, Highfields (1st Friday each month from 9am – 11am) (Contact Judi Gray 0458 155 177)

Other Bushcare groups in the region (Not FEP)

Dwyers Scrub Conservation Park (East Egypt Road, Mount Whitestone) (1st Thursday each month 7:30am – 10:30am) (Contact Paul 0429 880 144 or Jim 5462 6724)