

Presentation about History of Wolston Creek Bushland Reserve, Sunday 21 August 2016

Brisbane City Council commissioned Centenary Suburbs Historical Society (CSHSoc) to make a local history presentation at its annual Restoration Celebration Event. This event recognizes the efforts of all Land for Wildlife Partners, Habitat Brisbane Volunteers, Catchment Groups Members and Council Environment Centre Volunteers. This year, the event was held in the Centenary suburbs area, at Wolston Creek Bushland Reserve. A marquee was erected by Council at a picturesque spot near the mouth of Wolston Creek.

The Historical Society's brief from Council was to present the history of the land now occupied by the reserve, with a particular focus on land usage over time and the reasons for past land clearing. Meg Gordon prepared and delivered the presentation on behalf of CSHSoc. Feedback from Council was to the effect that it was "... very well received, well researched, engaging and entertaining".

The Historical Society's display at the event, hosted by CSHSoc secretary Dianne Ruffles, attracted lively interest. Many people were observed reading the stories and articles featured on the posters. Guests also stopped to chat about local history, asking questions and sharing their own knowledge. Several of the Society's books were purchased.



The local history presentation was preceded by a breakfast for the guests and an introductory presentation by a Council officer, with statistics on Council programs and volunteer efforts during the last year. Richard Zimmers of Wild Mountain Trust then gave the keynote speech on engaging community through active participation and environmental action.

During the subsequent local history presentations (the same talk being delivered twice to afford all guests the opportunity to hear it), two members of the Wolston Creek Bushcare Group, Julie Vejle and Carole Bristow, each conducted guided walks. These walks focused on ecological restoration work implemented since 2003.

Some historical information about the reserve can be found in our article [here](#). This article's content does not reflect the full range of themes in the 21 August presentation, however: a summary will be provided in due course.