



The Mandalay Habitat Group was formed to fill a need for locals to look after the remaining green space in Mandalay, a resource which is dwindling rapidly in our area. We are affiliated with the Mandalay Progress Association, who have provided a great deal of help in the initial stages of forming this group, and also with the Habitat Brisbane program of the Brisbane City Council. We are also intending on working closely with the Cubberla-Witton Catchment Group, which acts as an umbrella organisation for habitat restoration in the Cubberla and Witton Creek catchment areas.

For Future News and Events: Check the Website!

Mandalay Resident Joel Dawson has kindly donated his time to create a simple website for the Mandalay Habitat Group. It currently will be used to announce events and provide news. It also has some desktop wallpapers for your computers of local birds, and a fact sheet on the local butterflies. The website can be found at:

Website: www.mandalay.malurus.com
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Event 1: Habitat Brisbane Induction Day

The Habitat Brisbane Induction Day provides an opportunity to become familiar with the philosophies and workings of Habitat Brisbane. Technical information on bush regeneration techniques, habitat requirements of native fauna, safety issues, dynamics of volunteer groups and other topics will be presented and discussed. Also, each group will be given a range of relevant literature to retain as reference material. Morning tea and lunch will be provided. There are 20 places for us, and they will be filled on a first-come, first served basis, so sign up early if you are interested. We need a name, and phone number or email address to sign you up.

Date: Sunday 22nd October 2006
 Time: 8:30am – 3:00pm (sign on 8:00 – 8:30am)
 Location: Griffith University EcoCentre
 South Ring Road, Nathan Campus
 UBD Reference: Map 200 J9 (free parking)

TIMES ACTIVITY 8.00-8.30 AM Sign On – tea/coffee available
 Complete registration forms and receive hats

8.30-9.00 AM	Welcome
9.00-9.10 AM	New groups receive information packs
9.10-9.30 AM	Introduction and outline of day
9.30-10.00 AM	Workplace Health and Safety
10.00-10.25 AM	Insurance
10.25 – 11.00 AM	Morning tea
11.00-12.45	Revolving workshops (further details provided on the day)
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12.45-1.45 PM	Lunch
1.45-2.00 PM	Keeping your group motivated
2.00-2.15 PM	Group presentation
2.15-3.00 PM	Working with wildlife
3.00 PM	Close of Day

Event 2: Mandalay Habitat Group Introductory Meet

Our first meeting will be an introduction to the flora, fauna and habitat of the area, with a particular focus on Biامي Yumba Park, which will be the main focus of our initial habitat restoration efforts. The day will start with birdwatching, then an introduction to the planned works Biامي Yumba, and finishing with a botanist provided by Habitat Brisbane coming to identify the local plants and to talk about the local habitats.

Date: Sunday 26th November 2006
 Time: 7am - Birdwatching at Biامي Yumba Park
 8am: Morning Tea and Introduction to Proposed On-ground works
 9am: Botanist arrives