

# FROGSHEET

*Mixophyes iteratus*; Photo by Jono Hooper



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*Litoria dayi*; Photo by Brett Malcolm





# President's Report

Hello once again to all of our QFS members. I hope that all of you have had a lovely festive season including the Christmas and New Year. I have been lucky enough to be able to spend some quality time with some of my family and friends during the last few weeks and I hope that you have been able to do the same.

Unfortunately, numerous areas around the state have once again transitioned from one type of disaster to another. Many parts of Queensland have gone from the driest several months on record with some severe bushfires which has now turned into destructive storms, cyclones, tornadoes and flooding. My heart goes out to all the people that have been impacted by these natural disasters over the last few months and I wish you all a speedy recovery. Please reach out for help from friends, family or designated organisations if you are struggling or not coping.

In terms of displays and the memberships that come in, the festive season is generally the quietest time of the year for the QFS. We are looking forward to getting out and about again in the near future to help educate and interact with the community, spreading information about frogs and frog friendly gardens.

One of the first events that I will be involved with in 2024 will be the Find a Frog in February survey. I'm looking forward to taking out a small group of keen froggers from the Tewantin State School with their parents once again and it will be held on Friday the 1st of March this year (due to clashes of dates). This will be the third year that the school has been involved in the Find a Frog in February initiative which is run by the Mary River Catchment Coordinating Committee. I look forward to working with Eva Ford from the MRCCC and the Noosa Council once again to make this another successful event.

Coming up soon is the closing date for the Ric Natrass Research Grant. If you would like to apply for one of the \$1,500 scholarships to assist in the research of Queensland frogs, you need to have your paperwork in by the 19th of February 2024. Don't forget that if you are interested in helping contribute to the research into frogs, you can now donate online through the Donate Here tab at this link: <http://www.qldfrogs.asn.au/ric-natrass-research-grant/> and all donations over \$2 are tax deductible, or you can take in your containers for change to one of the depots and put your refund towards the Queensland Frog Society and all the funds raised through this program will also be put towards the Ric Natrass Research Grant.

Take care of yourselves, look out for each other and our environment.

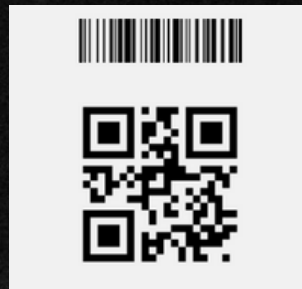
Regards  
Ashley Keune





# Containers For Change

## Team Member No.: C11218433



# Find a Frog February

The annual Mary River Catchment Coordinating Committee (MRCCC) Find a Frog February event is almost upon us! This is the eighth year of the citizen science program.

### How to get involved

This February, head out and find some frogs!

There are four (4) ways to send in your observations to MRCCC:

- (1) Complete and send photos in to the [FFF Record Sheet](#) for verification & entry to the QLD WildNet database;
- (2) Email [findafrog@mrccc.org.au](mailto:findafrog@mrccc.org.au) with photos and/or audio recordings for identification & lodgment;
- (3) Join the 'Find a Frog in February' project in iNaturalist & submit photos and recordings of frogs;
- (4) Join the 'Find a Frog in Feb - MRCCC' group in the FrogID app to submit call recordings.

Be part of future decision making that affects our environment; look out for frogs this summer, and particularly in February. Help increase our knowledge of frog activity to determine 'normal' trends and to monitor for and understand population changes.

### For more information:

[findafrog@mrccc.org.au](mailto:findafrog@mrccc.org.au)

(07) 5482 4766

<https://mrccc.org.au/frog-in-february/>



*Mixophyes iteratus*; Photo by Eva Ford

Froggers surveying; Photo by Eva Ford



# Community Updates

## Bowman Park Frog Habitat Group

A year has gone by and I would like to summarise what 2023 was for the group and what to expect in 2024.

We continued our working bees on the first Wednesday of the month. In addition we had three successful community plantings where over 500 plants were planted. We had two with the Bardon Kindy. Now in the fifth year. Usually in April/May and September/ October periods. While the Habitat Program has a frog habitat focus both of these plantings had an avian oversight. The planting near the main entrance to the park on the bank alongside Simpson Road was overseen by a pair of Tawny Frogmouths for some weeks. The planting in October at Curlew Corner was for the ground birds and three birds were present and nesting took place. We hope at some stage to increase the planting at the site and include nesting boxes for birds and other animals. This planting was funded by a Lord Mayor's environment grant. The other planting was with the Baha'i community in November and continued planting alongside Bowman Parade. In addition a number of nesting boxes were placed in trees to increase nesting for a number of animal species.

In 2024 we will continue our first Wednesday in the month working bees starting on 7th February starting at 7am and work until 9am ...short and sharp. We will plan plantings in the same months as 2023 with both the Bardon Kindy and Baha'i community. Details will be determined nearer the times.

As always, these working bees and planting would not take place without the support from the Brisbane City Council's Habitat Brisbane Program and the team lead by Ineke Howell (HBO) and support staff. For that we are all very appreciative.

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Bowman Park Frog Habitat Group is on Facebook  
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Please get in touch if you would like to join our team.

Cheers,  
Phil.



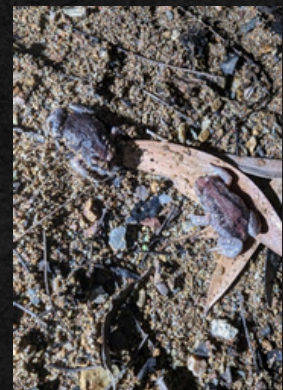
## Wickham Timber Reserve

Hello, my name is Satoko Kuroda. I am a member of the Queensland Frog Society.

I want to introduce one of my favourite frog habitats, Wickham Timber Reserve, to all members. It is located between Logan Village and Yarrabilba. In wet years, this reserve makes a suitable habitat for many species of frogs, 18 species in fact, according to Frog ID and Inaturalist Apps.

I had requested that the Queensland Government Department of Environment, Science and Innovation add these frog species to the Wildnet Database of the reserve species lists. The staff kindly supported me in adding the species to the Queensland database in the past. The frog species list is on the next page.

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These species of frogs can be seen throughout the Logan area; however, I have never encountered so many species in one place. I have surveyed a few locations in Logan, and this habitat, which is home to many species, is on par with Karawatha Forest. Not many places I know in Logan have a combination of Beeping Froglet, Clicking Froglet, Copperback Brood Frog and Great Brown Brood Frog together in one reserve.

I have been surveying since 2021 and have used Frog ID to record frog calls and Inaturalist for image identification of frogs. I have hosted frog surveys, met some friendly people who love frogs, became friends with many of them, and learned a lot from them. Brett J Malcolm, Mike Donovan, Steve Noble, and other Queensland Frog Facebook Group members have greatly supported surveying this site.

This habitat requires further monitoring and protection because newly built residential areas surround this frog habitat. Recently, Steel Road had extended to near this habitat area. I am worried that frogs crossing the road will be squashed by cars. I have seen a few frog species near the road, including the Green Thighed Frog *Litoria brevipalmata*. I am confident that many other animals, such as legless lizards, cross the road after dusk. This is why frog species and this habitat need continuous protection and monitoring. I am hoping more like-minded people will support my survey and be prepared to help raise community awareness of the importance of the site as a habitat.

I would like to encourage local members of the Queensland Frog Society to participate in surveys of this unique habitat. I would appreciate some help continuously surveying this site to determine any changes in the frog population and raise awareness of the frog habitat.

I plan only a few surveys yearly, in January, July, and December (before Christmas).

Thank you for your time.

Satoko Kuroda

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### Frog Species Found at Wickham Timber Reserve

Number	Common name of frog species	Scientific name
1	Green Thighed Frog	<i>Litoria brevipalmata</i>
2	Green Tree Frog	<i>Litoria caerulea</i>
3	Slender bleating frog	<i>Litoria balatus</i>
4	Eastern Sedge Frog	<i>Litoria fallax</i>
5	Graceful Tree Frog	<i>Litoria gracilentata</i>
6	Broad Palmed Frog	<i>Litoria latoplamata</i>
7	Striped Rocket Frog	<i>Litoria nasuta</i>
8	Red Tree Frog	<i>Litoria rubella</i>
9	Striped Marsh Frog	<i>Limnodynastes peronii</i>
10	Spotted Marsh Frog	<i>Limnodynastes tasmaniensis</i>
12	Scarlet-sided Pobblebonk	<i>Limonodynastes terraereginae</i>
13	Ornate Burrowing Frog	<i>Platyplectrum ornatum</i>
14	Beeping Froglet	<i>Crinia parinsignifera</i>
15	Clicking Froglet	<i>Crinia signifera</i>
16	Great Barred Frog	<i>Mixophyes fasciolatus</i>
17	Copper-backed Brood Frog	<i>Pseudophryne raveni</i>
18	Great Brown Brood Frog	<i>Pseudophryne major</i>







# Broome on High Alert: Third Cane Toad Sighting

A recent cane toad sighting in Broome is currently being investigated, raising concerns about a potential early invasion. The toads have been slowly advancing towards the tourist town, with the official frontline just south of Derby, approximately 200 kilometers to the north-east. The expected arrival in Broome was initially forecast for 2025.

The cane toad sighting was confirmed by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation, and Attractions as in Cable Beach.

There are concern about the invasive species reaching Broome's streets,

and the risk to local wildlife is serious, particularly with the influx of seasonal travelers. The Department plans to set traps to capture the toads, either by hand near freshwater areas or with specialized traps equipped with lights and toad calls.

Increased travel between Gibb River Road and Broome raises the likelihood of toads hitchhiking on vehicles. While one toad may not pose a significant threat, the potential for breeding and establishing a "satellite population" ahead of the frontline is a concern.

## Now Less Than 2,500 Left

Sunset Frogs | *Spicospina flammocaerulea*

Photo by Jari Conelis



Photo by Marion Anstis



## Volunteer Opportunity: Restoring Frog Pond

One of our long-term members, Gabrielle, has reached out to us looking for some volunteers to help get her frog pond back under control, and to provide some advice.

She is the keeper of the pond (repurposed from a swimming pool), however due to a health setback this year, needs a bit of help. She is located at Fig Tree Pocket.

On offer is lovely lunch, snacks and a decent home made carrot cake!

If anyone is interested in lending a hand, please contact us via email at [president@qldfrogs.asn.au](mailto:president@qldfrogs.asn.au)

Your help will be much appreciated!





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## A WARM WELCOME TO NEW QFS MEMBERS!

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

**15 April 2024**

Jimboomba Garden Society

**4-7 July 2024**

Queensland Garden Expo at Nambour Showgrounds

**3 & 4 August 2024**

Off Grid Expo at Gympie Showgrounds



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