
Fwd: Fwd: Redwood Park

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Hello Redwood Group

This email contains several comments by people about and including the anonymous document sent to us which contains some very important and useable information relating to the situation in Redwood Park.

Regards Hugh

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From: **Sheena Gillman** <sheenagillman@gmail.com>

Date: Mon, 26 Apr 2021 at 22:20

Subject: Re: Fwd: Redwood Park

To: Scot McPhie <asmcphie@gmail.com>

Cc: Judith Hoyle <puffin_54@hotmail.com>, Hubert Krenske <hkrenske@gmail.com>, DownsEnviro <info@ddec.org.au>

Hi Scot

And hi Hubert

Scot - the afternoon I met your group in Toowoomba, I also met Hubert for the first time to discuss Redwood and introduce you both to Paul King and Lee Mason.

Little did you know what was ahead for the newly formed group in BirdLife DD.

Yourself and Roger with the group, have done a splendid job surveying Redwood and the information in your report is powerful in this argument.

For me this fact says it all;

- under TRC's Planning Scheme, Redwood Park is designated as an **'ecological significant area'**. Under the Strategic Planning Strategy, these ecologically significant areas **must not have their ecological functioning negatively affected-** in fact the Strategy states 'ecological function must be maintained or enhanced'. This is not the same for Jubilee. (I will discuss how the trails will affect ecological functioning below).

I only learned yesterday from someone involved in the Mt Cootha Zip Line debacle (we were actually discussing Redwood) that the applicants given 1Million dollars worth of BCC ratepayer funds, again for the feasibility and marketing - were apparently related to Campbell Newman, in some way. There are synergies here - Mt Cootha set aside for the quiet enjoyment of the people of Brisbane by Deed of Agreement. Minister Anthony Lyneham never had revoked that DOGIT. I suspect this was the undoing of Graeme Quirk as Mayor of BCC. He resigned to avoid the rot being exposed 'imho'. And it was right then that Hubert got in touch with us about Redwood Park.

This conduct has to stop - I think there is no doubt whatsoever Mick de Breni will be up to his neck in cycle contacts. It fits of course with the ALP outlook of recreation for everyone in 'opening up parks'. Nowhere is protected in truth. However, personally, I hate muck raking and wonder that it often creates a web of malcontent which can work against the intent of exposing wrongdoing. Interesting the ALP should hand out this sum of money to an otherwise fairly blue regional council.

So, what to do with this powerful information? Let's see what Judith and Hubert think.

I think it would be effective to literally form a document with these facts and ask TRC why they have proceeded this far, when the area is not zoned for such a development and in fact to do so contravenes the TRC planning scheme. If that needs to be done at arm's length from BLDD because it is 'new information'; they may wonder why you have not raised this before - then I would be happy to do that with the PTBA. It does help that we have Wildlife Qld, LUCI and 20 other organisations as members which makes the group appear influential (may!!)

Alternatively, Judith may wish to do this as chair of BSQ; BLDD being a regional group. I think Scot, it would add weight to your work for this line of attack to come from another source rather than BLDD but you carry on with the advocacy as well. I agree UTube and Twitter, great, to draw more attention to the cause. However, could we close the progress of this unlawful debate by a powerful assault on the TRC process? It would save us all a great deal of grief and a further two years of 'fight'. Mt Cootha became all consuming for a great many people, before the war was won.

My thoughts to you all.

Sheena

On Mon, 26 Apr 2021 at 19:32, Scot McPhie <asmcphie@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Judith and Sheena - someone just leaked this to us, and wants to remain anonymous. Scroll down to read it all and have a look at the very last point - does the minister have a conflict of interest in handing out this kind of grant money to develop something that he clearly has a personal bias to??

We're still discussing what to do with all this information. You may have some good advice for us. Please reply all so Paul King and Hugh Krenske get any thoughts you may wish to share too. Hugh - Judith and Sheena are the Chair, and Chair of Conservation, respectively for Birdlife Southern Queensland.

Thanks,

Scot

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Subject:Fwd: Redwood Park

Date:Mon, 26 Apr 2021 18:25:17 +1000

From:Hubert Krenske <hkrenske@gmail.com>

To:Paul King <info@ddec.org.au>, LUCI <info@lockyeruplandscatchmentsinc.org.au>, Scot McPhie <asmcphie@gmail.com>, Roger Jaensch (JOC) <roger.jaensch.bne@gmail.com>, Penny McGowan <vectorspace101@live.com>, Patrick Webster <p.webster.94@outlook.com>

Please note that the comments in the article below can be used but the author remains anonymous.

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From: **abyates abyates** <abyates@bigpond.com>

Date: Sat, 24 Apr 2021 at 13:04

Subject: Fwd: Redwood Park

To: <hkrenske@gmail.com>

Hugh, I have also forwarded this on to Rob. I have also replied to the e.mail and told him/her that the email has been forwarded to the both of you. Regards, Bev

----- Original Message -----

From: "Friend Redwood" <redwoodfriendtryingtohelp@outlook.com>

To: "maxhenderson@mmnet.com.au" <maxhenderson@mmnet.com.au>; "abyates@bigpond.com" <abyates@bigpond.com>; "geoffsharpy@gmail.com" <geoffsharpy@gmail.com>; "heckies@bigpond.net.au" <heckies@bigpond.net.au>

Sent: Saturday, 24 Apr, 2021 At 11:40 AM

Subject: Redwood Park

Hello.

I love Redwood and want to see it protected from these bike trails. I can't talk to Council but I have some insights into legislation and environmental concerns that you might want to bring to the attention of the Counsellors. I'll detail it below.

I am sending this to the Toowoomba Field Naturalists, Toowoomba Bird Observers, and Friends of the Escarpment Parks.

This is public information and I am just passing it on. It is now your information... I don't like attention so please try avoid mentioning this if you bring any of the following issues to the Counsellors attention (and any following emails).

Also, if possible please let me know that you have received this email. And also let me know if you have any questions. I can provide further information on environmental and legislative issues.

Regards,

Redwood Friend

Information

- under TRC's Planning Scheme, Redwood Park is designated as an 'ecological significant area'. Under the Strategic Planning Strategy, these ecologically significant areas must not have their ecological functioning negatively affected- in fact the Strategy states 'ecological function must be maintained or enhanced'. This is not the same for Jubilee. (I will discuss how the trails will affect ecological functioning below).
- under the Biking Master Plan, there will be 112km of trails to be established. The report from DirtArt identified that the cost of maintaining the tracks would be \$1,500/km/annum. This gives a yearly maintenance cost of approx. \$170,000 per year. But this maintenance cost does not include any weed management, downstream erosion control, indirect sediment discharge and control (which is concerning as Redwood has watercourses), etc. So the maintenance cost of \$170,000 from DirtArt is not actually reflective of what the actual cost will be when environmental considerations are included. And these environmental considerations will need to be addressed if Council wishes to comply with any "accepted development" vegetation clearing codes.

- Council said they conducted a community survey of usage of Redwood. The survey identified that 85% of respondents support potential bike trails in Redwood- however, this survey is heavily biased and does not reflect the general public for several reasons. (1) 74% of respondents were male. (2) 75% of respondents were active mountain bike riders, of which 55% rated their riding ability as "capable of riding black diamond trails" (riders capable of double black are included in that percentage). This means that 40% of survey respondents were very advanced mountain bike riders. (3) Further, 75% of respondents most regularly visit Jubilee which is known for mountain biking.
 - Therefore, the survey does not reflect the general public at all. There was heavy bias in the survey- this bias being towards mountain bike riders.
- Mountain biking has a larger and more intensive negative impact to the environment than bushwalking- the literature is complex on this, and I will provide a detailed Review of the Literature, but that will take some time. However, we can all look at Jubilee as an example of the environmental degradation that occurs from mountain biking compared to bush walking. Simply compare Jubilee and Redwood.
- The "Environmental Considerations Mapping" done by DirtArt does not address all relevant environmental legislation in Qld. They only identified and avoided the 'endangered' Regional Ecosystem. But the 'least concern' RE can be protected in other ways- for example, Riparian Protection Zones. The trails will be clearing these riparian areas which is an ecological issue as its regulated under the Vegetation Management Act and clearing within such areas is highly problematic when applying the Accepted Development Clearing Code. There are erosion issues, water protection issues, and potentially indirect downstream impacts such as bioaccumulation of toxic substances/chemicals (e.g. rubber from tires, grease from chain, etc.).
- Council also hasn't considered that over 95% of Redwood is protected wildlife habitat. DirtArt did not consider any requirements under the Nature Conservation Act in their report- the Department of Environment and Science will view the action different to DNRME. Under the NC Act, the park is protected habitat for the following wildlife:
 - the button quail
 - koala (in fact, it's core koala habitat)
 - glossy black cockatoo
 - powerful owl
 - (also *Sarcochilus weinthalii*)
- the quail, koala, and orchid are also EPBC protected- DirtArt stated that no EPBC Referral would be required but do not provide any ecological assessment information as to how this determination was made.
- the trails will result in increased traffic, which could impact the orchid due to unlawful collection, and will also result in weed establishment and proliferation- which are known to alter fire regimes. This is highly problematic as weeds and altered fire regimes are identified as primary threats to the quail (under the EPBC conservation advice). Therefore, these tracks could highly degrade the quail's habitat which is an indirect impact that DirtArt has failed to acknowledge.
- So, the ecological functioning will be affected through impacts to riparian areas, impacts to wildlife habitat, altered fire regimes, etc.

I got to go. But can send through more information. Please ask. I want to give you all the information you need to throw into the public and throw into the face of the Counsellors.

Oh! Before I go **VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

- TRC got a grant from the Minister for Sport to develop this Master Plan.
- The Minister is Mick de Brenni and good old Mick is an avid mountain biker.
- Look at the cover image of his website:
 - <https://www.mickdebrenni.com.au/>
- Scroll through his instagram:
 - <https://www.instagram.com/mickdebrenni/?hl=en>
- He also has some interesting pictures on Facebook:
 - <https://www.facebook.com/mickdebrenni/photos/a.655651551158716/3329731473750697>
 - <https://www.facebook.com/mickdebrenni/photos/a.655651551158716/3230989233624922>
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 - <https://www.facebook.com/mickdebrenni/photos/a.655651551158716/2097450946978762>
- I wonder if Council has considered that there is a conflict of interest with this bike trail idea developed with money given to them by an avid mountain biker.
- Has Council considered that perhaps the Minister is using his position to invest public funds for a project which he has a personal interest in?
- Does the Minister give out this kind of money to other sports? Yes, he has, but only for expansions of existing sporting premises- I can't find any information on any other sports receiving such a development in Qld.

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