



Norman Creek – It's not a drain!!

N4C protecting and enhancing the ecosystem within Brisbane's Norman Creek Catchment

Norman Creek and its tributaries are an important part of your local environment. These streams and their surrounding lands make up the Norman Creek Catchment which is home to a wide range of fish, birds, reptiles and hundreds of tiny animals and plants that you cannot see. Importantly, Norman Creek Catchment is also a part of the Brisbane River Catchment which feeds Moreton Bay.

In 1996 Brisbane City Council commissioned a public consultation process to assess which type of management plan best suited the people, plants and animals living within the Norman Creek Catchment. One of the recommendations of this plan was that an independent, locally based community committee be established to work in partnership with the council. The first action arising from the plan was a public meeting held in October 1996. At this meeting the Norman Creek Catchment Coordinating Committee Inc (N4C) was formed. The broad aim of this committee is to improve and maintain local waterways by protecting and rejuvenating the local ecosystem.

The guiding principles of the N4C are to:

- **coordinate** the activities and involvement of governments, residents and groups in our catchment;
- **involve, educate** and **empower** the local community in our catchment; and
- **protect** and **enhance** the ecological values in our catchment.

CATCHMENT CHALLENGES

Some challenges faced by Norman Creek Catchment:

- Encouraging the return of native vegetation and wildlife habitat;
- Slowing and preventing weed invasion;
- Replacing pipes and concrete channels with natural waterways;
- Minimising pollution of waterways and monitoring water quality;
- Improving the current water quality rating (as reported by Healthy Waterways Program);
- Ensuring designers and planners implement best practice where waterways are impacted; and
- Minimising flooding through improved stormwater management while maintaining and enhancing natural ecosystems.

PAST SUCCESSES

- Instigated Norman Creek 2031 integrated catchment master plan by local government.
- Widespread participation by community in catchment consultation process.
- Increasing numbers of local fauna and flora.
- Six major project sites which combined cover some 3-4 km of waterway.
- Installation of a wetland system in an urban setting.
- Assisting private land owners with restoration work in high value creek areas.
- Involvement of local schools with "on-ground" works that directly fit with school curriculum.
- Finalist in Landcare Award for Demonstration Catchment Project.
- Attracting more than \$1.5m in on-ground works funding from non-Brisbane City Council sources.

CURRENT FOCUS & INVOLVEMENT

After 20 years of volunteer work the group is now focussing on ensuring the last remaining green corridors are not lost to poor planning.

N4C has embarked on a process of producing strategic plans for each of our six major project sites with an aim to enhancing waterway corridors across the catchment. On ground works will remain a primary focus of the group to deliver these plans. A new web-site will detail these visions and actions in the coming year.

To help achieve this we invite you to:

- **become a financial member to assist our activities**
- **be involved in planting and maintenance**
- **contribute on the committee or provide administrative assistance**
- **assist with your technical knowledge**
- **get your hands dirty in our community nursery.**



MEMBERSHIP FORM

Norman Creek Catchment Co-ordinating Committee Inc ABN 24 859 322 324

Your involvement can be as much or as little as you like.

Knowing you care may be all that is required.

	ACTION	MY TIME OR COST	DELIVERS
A	Join an action group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$10/year membership (including GST) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> demonstrates community interest for grants and policy
B	Planting and maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> from 2-3 hours a month 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> direct improvement to waterways and habitat
C	Administrative or committee work.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Admin from 2 hours weekly monthly meeting 2 hours 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> maintains incorporation professionalism
D	Technical assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> any time welcomed! ad hoc, project driven 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> critical to knowledge base promotes informed comment when reviewing policy strategic planning
E	Community nursery work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> from 3-4 hours per month 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> lowers costs for rehabilitation work education and builds knowledge base

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TAX Invoice & Receipt

Date:

New / Renewal (circle)

Name:

Membership Fee 1 / 2 / 3 / 4 / 5 years \$

(\$10 per year and includes GST)

Donation (GST Free) \$

Total Received \$

Received by: _____

| Methods of payment | Cash | Cheque | EFT (BSB 484-799 Acct No. 047490061) |

Received by: _____

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Skill or Occupation:	
Home Address:	
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My Involvement (circle):	A B C D E
Membership Length (circle):	1 / 2 / 3 / 4 / 5 years (\$10 per year)
Additional Voluntary donation (circle):	\$10 \$20 \$30 \$50 \$100
Payment method (circle):	Cash Cheque EFT (BSB 484-799 Acct No. 047490061)
Total payable: \$ _____	(includes membership fee and voluntary donation)