



## Richmond Birdwing Butterfly Workshop

with entomologist and Richmond birdwing expert  
**Richard Bull**

**Saturday, 26 September 2020**

**9:30am to 12:00pm**

**CWCN Centre, 47 Hepworth St, Chapel Hill**

CWCN's nursery team has been beavering away and raising the larval host plant *Pararistolochia praevenosa*. Much more to go, many more seeds to be placed, more seedlings to be repotted, and many more plants to be raised to maturity. But we do have some plants (not raised at full speed but donated to us and cared for ever since) which can be planted out as they have reached the height required.

*Pararistolochia praevenosa* is a difficult plant to raise and to establish in the wild. That is why we are particularly happy to have our member Richard Bull join us and again make the vulnerable Richmond birdwing butterfly come alive. Richard will also guide us through the process of raising and establishing the vine. Richard is not only an entomologist, but has also been involved with the Richmond Birdwing recovery from the word go. He has established the first functioning habitat in Indooroopilly (yes, with butterflies in residence) and is now guiding the recovery of the butterfly in the Gold Coast hinterland where he lives on a property which hosts many of them. He continues to propagate the vines and has all his knowledge and experience to share.

**Important:** Richard's advice will be **invaluable for our nursery work** in regards to the larval host plants (there are different handling techniques to other native plants under care). And his advice will be equally important for the planting of mature plant stock, as – again – these plants have a mind of their own and don't compare with other native plants in the way they need to be established.

Many of you have put their hands up for **establishing habitat on your bushcare sites** despite knowing that it will take a while before these plants are available. An important first step is to gain essential knowledge. On the day, we will plant a few vines at the rehabilitation site next door to the CWCN Centre to explain the technique. **The planting requires the strict following of plant specific rules.** This little planting exercise will help us all to make a long term success of our habitat establishment across Brisbane's inner west.

We kindly ask that bushcare groups (and additional groups which have put their name down for planting), nursery team members and anyone interested will join us on the day. **The nursery team also has the first plants to hand out for your nominated sites.**

We kindly ask you to wear protective clothing and closed shoes. BYO water. We have some little snacks ready.

**CWCN's COVID 19 Plan** will be followed throughout the morning, but that shouldn't interfere with us having a great day.

Kindly let us know that you are coming so that we can prepare accordingly. **Please email us your registration** with name, address, phone, and email address, so that we have all COVID 19 Safe Plan required details at hand without you having to add that to the sign on procedure, and we can plan for the numbers. If you have questions please ring Jutta on 0407 583 441 or email [education@cwcn.org.au](mailto:education@cwcn.org.au).

Should you show any symptoms of the flu or a cold on the day, may we please ask you to refrain from attending. Thank you.

We very much look forward to seeing you on the 26<sup>th</sup>. It will be a great morning, and we all can't wait to see the Richmond birdwing vines established and to see the butterfly on a regular basis in Brisbane's inner west.

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