

Presidents Report for QFS AGM (3rd Oct 2009)

Firstly I have to thank all of you who have attended today, your demonstration of support for the Frog society is important to us. (Welcome any new faces). Today we have the pleasure of the company of our scholarship recipients: Daniel Stratfield and Renae Catullo who will be presenting a summary of the research work our society has helped support.

Our treasurer and secretary have given us/ will give us a good rundown of the activities that occurred over the year. Of course by now you will be aware of the passing on of one of the QFS's founding members Ric Natrass, and that the scholarship in future will be named after him.

One of the president's roles in the QFS is to be familiar with and explain the aims and activities of the society to the public as required. The fundamental aim of the QFS has been in promoting awareness of Queensland's native frogs, this can cover many aspects but I like to believe that our primary philosophy has always been one of conservation of frogs in their natural environs. Frogs are phyla of species that we can share the environment with harmoniously.

The QFS has been successful in promoting a passive form of conservation- the incorporation of frog friendly gardens is a widespread (almost trendy) concept as is now the incorporation of frog friendly habitat in council parks, schools and public lands. Jenny in particular has educated generations of school children on the value and wonder of these important little critters in the environment. However times do change and it is not so easy to engage the public in a way that they want to be preached to. (Continued page 3)

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DIARY DATES

FROG HABITAT SITE WORKING BEES

Bowman Park, Bardon from 8-40.30am

Feb 7, Apr 4, 2010

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Grinstead Park, Alderley (off Shand St),
First Sunday every other month from 9-11.30am

Feb 7, Apr 4, 2010

Contact Janet 3355 1884
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Carseldine Bush Crew

First Saturday every month 8am-9.30am

Meet where creek crosses Dorville Rd.

ALL WELCOME. Contact James Hansen for more info

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QFS MANAGEMENT MEETINGS

Third Wednesday of month 7.30pm

Contact Jenny for venue. **ALL WELCOME**

Wetlands Festival: **Feb 7** – Nudgee Beach, Nudgee.
Nudgee. 12 noon until sunset. QFS display.

BCC Greenheart Festival: **Mar 7** - 7th Brigade Park,
Chermside. QFS Display

Please note:

The Diary Dates and Venues are also on the QFS web site which is constantly updated so please check between newsletters. Please let Jenny know of other suitable dates

FROGS CAMPS

Please ring Rod - 32646391 so that we know you're coming and for further details (eg bring water, camp cancelled) QNPWS camp fees apply (\$4.85/person/night)

Jan 30-31 – Binna Burra (must ring for camp sites to be booked); **Feb 21** – Girraween (book online with QNPWS);

Free workshop for QFS Members (Non-members \$5 donation). **Topic: An Introduction to the Frog World** - (Please refer to the enclosed flyer or QFS website for details)

QFS Moreton Is Survey Camp – dates/s to be advised

FROG HABITAT BUSHCARE

Contact us if you are doing bushcare in Frog habitat and would like your working bees listed in diary dates

Most of the Co-ordinators now hold the "Frogs of Brisbane" Poster and you can pick up your FREE (to members) poster from them.

CO-ORDINATORS AWARENESS RAISING

Are there fairs or community events coming up in your areas? Why not put up the QFS display and do some froggy awareness raising? You don't have to be an expert on frog identification or anatomy to get people interested in frogs. Get in touch with Jenny to arrange picking up the display, brochures etc

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Junior Editor required. Unfortunately Clara is unable to Continue in this role so if any member would like to prepare a page for our younger members 4 times a year, please contact Jenny. The editor doesn't have to be of a young age just young at heart and love making up competitions and puzzles etc.

QFS PUBLIC TRUST FUND – RIC NATTRASS RESEARCH GRANT

The QFS Trust Fund was created to help save frogs through education and research. It is now open to interested applicants. The purpose of the grant is to assist research into Queensland's frogs. The form and grant conditions can be obtained on our website www.qldfrogs.asn.au. The 2010 application is now available.

The QFS Public Trust Fund balance now stands at \$6172.55.

NEW MEMBERS

Jesse Rowland, Jessica Lovatt, Brett Malcolm, Janet Mangan, Rebecca Willis, Colin Jeffery, Lyn Gangemi, Sophie Pimblett, Christina D'Andrea & Joseph Murphy.

(President's report continued from page 1)

As you may have heard in Jenny's report, we have been successful in our grant application for a frog mascot/ costume. "Pobbles" the Scarlet sided pobblebonk will be an interesting social experiment on how we can get across to the busy distracted everyday folks, the importance of caring for our frogs. It may turn out to be very successful or it may grow into a monster of its own!

Though we have been very successful in educating the public on frog issues (we now have a superb range of educational posters and display materials). We still face a number of difficult issues we need to deal with. The need of people to touch and see live frogs in order to have some kind of connection is constantly being addressed in the form of frog and tadpole collecting, and now of course the loosening up of the pet market for frogs especially in other states. Being able to see frogs free living around the home, on camping trips and surveys is a far better experience for many people and QFS needs to promote this as a better alternative.

The other issue we need to deal with and is common to all volunteer based groups is member burn out and fatigue. The QFS (like many groups) operates on the backs of a handful of committed and dedicated people. (Thank the following members- Jenny, Karen, Julie and Stefan, Rod, Anne, Susan, Janet, Naomi and any other I know who pitch in). Without these guys the QFS would not be the respected advocate for frog conservation it is. However these guys need a break from time to time- time to spend with family, time to spend on other passions and as like a lot of you here they have many groups they are involved in. So we want to encourage more volunteers to take part.

For the cane toad forum I attended in (late) April I prepared a power point outlining the issues involving volunteers in cane toad management programs. One is of course recruitment and continuation of commitment. In Australia we have relatively high volunteer rates and the peak group for volunteering is women in the 35-45 age range. Most of the papers I found were based on volunteers in general and community based activities- children, disabled, hospital, schools CFA etc made up the majority of volunteers. As for environmentally based volunteering that came way down in the list- so we are drawing from a tiny percentage of those that volunteer and as for a group of species such as frogs we are drawing from even further down the scale of perceived priorities So I thank all of those that bothered to come today once again!

On a positive note a great opportunity for QFS members has come up, Moreton Island is the only sand island free of cane toads. Alan Geninges (Moreton experience) runs an eco tourism venture on Moreton Island he has secured funding for a series of cane toad and frog surveys on the island for which we will provide the expertise and bodies. For those of you who can wag a Friday off and spend a long weekend camping, I urge you to come along - I can fill you in on the details later.

For my part that is all I wish to say- now onto next item.

Pearl Symonds, President

5th November, 2009

Ric Natrass Memorial Service

I didn't know Ric Natrass...

I joined the QLD Frog Society in November of last year as the Minutes secretary. As a child I'd always fostered a love of frogs and all creatures great and small, so joining the QFS made a lot of sense, especially as I didn't know a Pobblebonk from a Striped marsh frog. I still don't. If you ever run into me on a field trip, I'll be the one with the puzzled look on my face as I study my frog guide intently and try and recognise the frog calls from Dave Stewart's CD.

The first meeting I attended was great but it was very interesting to hear Pearl and Jenny rattling off the scientific names of frogs, when I would have just explained a green one as "the one that looks most like Kermit". So you see, I'm no expert.

Someone who was an expert though, was Ric Natrass, the founder of the QLD Frog Society and wildlife warrior extraordinaire. Unfortunately, I didn't get the opportunity to meet Ric and was saddened to hear of his recent passing, but my family and I felt we must attend this man's memorial service as he had not only founded the QFS, but also the ADS (Aust Dragonfly Society) and IKPS(Ipswich Koala Protection Society) with his contribution to the environment being of benefit to everyone.

The Whale Mall at the QLD Museum was standing room only when I arrived. It was clear that among his other talents, Ric could certainly draw a crowd. The master of ceremonies, Andrew Lofthouse (one of Ric's former colleagues), wasted no time in leading the memorial and we heard from many of Ric's friends and colleagues (including our own secretary, Jenny Holdway- a great friend of Ric's).

Under the massive humpback whales that adorn the whale mall, the 300+ crowd listened intently. Through the anecdotes, stories and videos shown, those who didn't know Ric soon began to get a sense of what this guy was about. The video display showed a happy- go-lucky larrikin, a family man on a mission, who seemed to be enjoying the ride and smelling the roses along the way. The story I heard about the irate lady wanting to get rid of the brush turkeys that had destroyed her garden, and her eventual thawing on the issue after Ric had explained how helpless the little chicks are when they emerge from their nest, was funny but also made a great point. A lot of people feel the way they do about "pesky" wildlife because they are ignorant about the issues facing our wildlife and the environment around us, be it habitat destruction, human interference or just indifference. It's people like Ric who help bridge that gap between ignorance and understanding, being in the dark or being enlightened, about the very real difficulties wildlife face. The eco system's balance is intricate, and interference with it even at the lowest level will eventually affect us all. It's unfortunate that we still live in a time when our frogs are endangered, some are extinct and even our iconic Aussie mate-the Koala, is on the brink of extinction.

It can never be easy to lose someone you love, but Ric's wife, family and friends can take comfort in the knowledge that the QFS will go on and continue to foster an awareness of frogs in the community, to better educate all those who need to know more about frogs (including myself) and that Ric Natrass' work will continue through all those who care for the wildlife. He leaves a legacy of caring, of stepping up and of saying what needs to be said in the pursuit of a fair go for our wildlife friends, even if it perhaps ruffles a few feathers.

So write letters, make some noise on behalf of those who can't, and be labelled a hippie, greenie or, my personal favourite, a tree-hugger. Because it's the tree-huggers like Ric Natrass that are saving the world; one koala, one brush turkey, one frog at a time.

S Hicks

Excerpt from *Australian Wildlife Verses* by Ric Natrass.

"These verses began life in 1990 when *"I'm a Frog"* wrote itself. I know how ridiculous that sounds – but it did. We had just decided on a date and venue to establish the first ever Australian society specifically concerning with the conservation of native frogs.

At that time an alarming number of frog species appeared to have vanished but the cause was unknown. I kept thinking that habitat destruction would be the cause and humans the culprits. As it turned out humans were the centre of it but the actual cause was a microscopic fungus that had accidentally been exported from South Africa in a frog that was used for both human pregnancy testing and as an "unusual" pet.

The second meeting of the newly formed Brisbane Frog Society, *"I'm a Frog"* was launched on the members.

"Cockatoo" was next and remains the favourite of most children, and the rest trickled in over several years. They are all musical in nature and, as a former musician and songwriter. I can't help but hear clicking boomerangs, didgeridoo, lagerphone and wobbleboard in all of them, except *Snakes*" which, of course, is a limerick.

Ric Natrass

"I'm a Frog"

Don't stain it	It's a creek
Don't drain it	It's a soak
Don't spill it	It's a swamp
Don't kill it	It's a bog
Don't fell it	But it's vital to me
And sell it	It's my home....
And fill it with folk.	I'm a frog!

ASHGROVE REPORT

It is still fairly quiet around here and the ponds at Bowman Park haven't had enough water to fill up for the species there to spawn. There are plans to deepen them in the New Year and place a type of liner in so that the tadpoles have time to emerge. This month's working bee will see us planting some undergrowth and mulching.

With my other hat on – thank you to all the members (past & present) who were able to attend Ric's Memorial service in the Whale Mall. I think you will agree that it was a great send off for him and I was amazed to hear the multiple of skills that he had. You can listen to the Audio recording of the morning at <http://blogs.abc.net.au/queensland/612breakfast/index.html> or on www.drivingyouwild.net.au.

Jenny Holdway

TOADS – NIL, FROGS – 2.

The first Moreton Island camp and survey took place in mid October, as part of the series organised with funding from the Oil Spill Recovery Grant.

On Friday morning 16th October seven of us gathered at the MiCat terminal at the Port of Brisbane, met Alan who runs the Moreton Experience camps, and took over the controls of our hired transport for the weekend – a 4WD troop carrier.

After a calm trip we disembarked and headed across the island via Middle Road to our campsite at Blue Lagoon, where we settled in and met some of our fellow residents – a group of local artists, and a team of weed and revegetation volunteers.

During the afternoon we spent several hours scouting areas that we could check for toads and frogs later that night – our first stop was the lookout at Honeyeater Lake, then we followed the road to Bulwer, down the beach to Cowan Cowan, back to the Tangalooma wrecks and over the island again to the eastern side. All along the way we stopped or detoured to check creeks, swamps and wetland areas, but other than Eagers Creek everywhere was dry with the grass and sedges crackling underfoot.

The oil transfer stations that were used during the clean-up were of particular concern regarding toad importation, as were areas where large amounts of mulch had been brought in to stabilise the tracks for the trucks.

That evening we enjoyed an excellent barbeque dinner and then retraced our earlier route, including extra walks around the perimeter of Honeyeater Lake and through the Bulwer camp ground. Not a toad or frog to be seen or heard anywhere, and the windy weather certainly didn't help to bring out any of the local amphibians. We hoped for better luck on the following night.

On Saturday Alan suggested that we could help with a survey-in-progress by driving the length of the Eastern Beach and recording sightings of Pied Oyster Catchers along the way. We began at Cape Moreton, first making a visit to the Lighthouse to admire the views and read some of the history of the island and its residents. Then, counting Oyster Catchers and recording other birdlife (and a large beached dead whale) as we went, we drove all the way south to Short Point and Mirapool Lagoon.

A quick stop was made on the way back to play on the dunes and admire the plants at Little Sandhills, then we hurried back to camp before the rising tide made the beach hard to traverse.

That evening we decided to search around Blue Lagoon itself, a large permanent fresh water source around which any frogs in the area may well have been calling. Nothing to hear again! But plenty of native fish and crayfish were seen amongst the reeds. We also drove up the beach and checked Spitfire Creek without success, though again the water quality seemed good – this was a relief, as we had earlier been horrified by the huge amounts of plastic waste covering large areas of the shores of both eastern beach creeks.

Sunday was departure morning, though we still had time to enjoy a swim, and to watch the local Stone Curlew family resting in the shade at the campsite. It was revealed that two frogs actually had been heard (but not seen....) – a green tree frog (*Litoria caerulea*) at the toilet block, and a green sedge frog (*Litoria fallax*) near the lagoon. Final figures for toads - none either seen or heard.

The next camp is currently scheduled for Nov. 20th, and more dates will be available through the early part of next year : hopefully some rain will fall so that our findings can be more conclusive in the end.



View from the lighthouse



Eagers Creek



Stone curlews



Campers at Honeyeater Lake lookout –Janece Briana, Sissura, Pearl, Rod and Victor.

Frog Camp Report Peach Trees, Jimna

Our first frog camp of the season was held on 7-8 November 2009.

Five of us shared the Peach Trees Creek campground with many other families. Of the locals – a pair of ducks with 5 ducklings, a Brushtail possum and young, Grey kangaroos and joeys, Whiptail (Pretty-faced) Wallabies, a Lace Monitor and many birds. Exotics – cows, calves and a bull.

Even though the forecast rain didn't eventuate, at dusk we heard several species of frogs calling – Great Barred Frog (*Mixophyes fasciolatus*), Tusked Frog (*Adelotus brevis*), Eastern Sedgefrog (*Litoria fallax*), and the Emerald-spotted Treefrog (*Litoria peronii*). On the road near the creek, we found the first of many Stoney-creek Frogs (*Litoria willcoxii*). Next we spotted several Giant Barred-frogs (*Mixophyes iterates*) which is on the Endangered list, including two juveniles. Later we spotted a Broad Palmed Rocket Frog (*Litoria latopalmata*) in the bush, quite a distance from the creek. Back at the creek we saw a Rough-scaled Snake? swimming and heard a Striped Marshfrog (*Limnodynastes peronii*)

We finished a most successful frogging night checking out several Green Treefrogs (*Litoria caerulea*) outside the camp shower block. It was great to have Debbie and Jess frogging with Stefan, Rod and myself. We all enjoyed the camp and look forward to the next adventure.

Janece Eckhardt

Northern Sunshine Coast

A big hi to all fellow froggers. I have had an interesting start to the warmer weather, to say the least. I received a phone call in September from a lady in Tasmania. She had just bought home a hand of banana's that had come from Queensland and guess what she found. A small frog. She was not sure what to do with it, and I had no idea what to tell her. I gave her Jenny's phone number in the hope Jenny may have had some previous experience in this area. I didn't receive any emails from Jenny so can only assume that all went well.

Also in September I had a phone call from Francis in Buderim. She called me as she could hear a frog calling but couldn't identify it with her CD. We were all set for her to phone me that night when the frog started calling, to see if I could ID the mystery frog, and guess what happened, I was called into work.

Isn't funny how work seems to get in the way of all the good stuff. Anyway, I received a phone call from a very excited Francis the following night to say she had indeed heard the frog and identified it.

There is a small stream running through a neighbour's yard that is home to Cascade or Pearson's Tree frog – *Litoria pearsoniana*. She has since sent me several photo's and I hope to be able to be invited for a spot of frog spotting at her place in the coming months.

About 10 days ago I received a phone call from Joe. A very distressed lady at Castaway's Beach. She had walked down her favorite walking track that leads onto the beach, and much to her disgust, the fresh water lagoon on the beach was filled with what she thought were toadpoles. I asked her to use a glass jar and check the underside of the poles. She called back and said they were as black as night. Hmmmm... What to do next. I called Jenny, again, and she suggested netting them out, and of course, humanely getting rid of them. Joe had also mentioned that the lagoon was meters wide and about 1 meter deep. It sounded like quite a task. I decided to give Maroochy Water Watch a call. They are a great organization that monitor the creeks, streams, and rivers in the area, as well as revegetating river banks, etc. I spoke to Cerran, the co-ordinator of the group and she said she and several others would lend a hand.

Meanwhile, just before the Castaway's Beach event happened, I had been interviewed by Andy. He is a uni student doing a paper on environmental issues. He came to me to get my thoughts on toads, as this was what his paper was to be based on. Well, after I had told about the plight of frogs and chytrid fungus, he had a change of heart and his assignment is now on frogs and the fungus. As the beach event was unfolding, I kept in touch with Andy on the progress of the suspected toadpole situation on the beach. I hope you are keeping up with the [story here](#). A couple of days ago, Andy and I met with Cerran, Vaughn and a volunteer at the said site. The water course in question is the bottom end of Castaway's Creek, where it comes out onto the beach and forms a lagoon. The water held many, many tadpoles/toadpoles at varying stages, with clusters of little froglets/toadlets hopping around. I traversed the water course up into the undergrowth, scooping up poles as I went in my trusty glass jar. I could only find tadpoles that were black underneath. To cut a long story short, it was decided that the area contained a mix of frog and toad poles, due to the different colouration on the underside of some of the little hoppers. I must say, I was still wondering yesterday morning if the ID had been correct. I dragged out my frog books and was still unsure. Andy has emailed me 2 close up pictures this morning of the juveniles in question. Still not 100% sure. Will update you in the next frogsheet.

I really believe we have a great organization. If I'm ever in doubt of something, I contact Jenny. If she is in doubt or can't answer the question, she always knows someone that can. A big thanks to Jenny for putting up with all our queries and concerns. I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a fantastic 2010, and may you have plenty of rain fall on your roof.

Cheers, Trish

QUEENSLAND FROG SOCIETY INC.
SECRETARY REPORT
October 3rd 2009

This is my 12th report as Hon. Secretary for the Society.

It has been a relatively busy 12 months as last year we set quite an agenda for ourselves.

MEMBERSHIP:

Welcome to new members and Thank You to the members who already renewed for 2009. There has been an increase of new membership which is welcome but, for some reason or other, a few do not renew after a year so the membership numbers stay static. The introduction of direct deposit for membership and sales has been popular.

DISPLAYS & TALKS:

We continue to go to as many events as possible and, with the new posters we have developed with a BCC grant we received last year, the public receives a broader understanding on habitats, perils and what they can do to help. The posters are also visually useful when giving talks at clubs and schools. With our encouragement, schools are now planning frog habitats so students can observe the whole life cycle. As manning the display usually falls on just a handful of volunteers more help would be welcomed especially to me as I find that I need help with the heavier items.

PUBLIC CONTACT:

The web site's new look and format has been a great success and keeping it up to date will also be a tool for new information. Though this and our phone book entry, I have been kept busy throughout the year with general and identification queries from the public near and far.

CO-ORDINATORS:

These members continue to be contacts for their area and this helps when habitats and frogs are threatened outside the committee scope. A couple are in environmental positions and regularly contribute to our newsletter and other magazines.

Thanks to Naomi Nebe, Editor, the Frogsheet continues to inform our members on what is happening in the environment world and new amphibian research results. Thanks also to Karen, Verdun and Wendy for the quarterly help in preparing the newsletter for posting.

The fund stays in a healthy balance with the aid of some generous members and Fred the donation bin. This year 2 scholarships were awarded and from next year it will be offered to one applicant. With the untimely death of our founder, Ric Natrass, it has been suggested that we add his name to the title of the scholarship. This has been agreed by the Trustees. Ric not only founded 3 societies but was a great advocate for wildlife and very free with his knowledge. Our sympathy goes out to his wife, Chris Boston.

I wish to thank all the committee for their valuable help throughout the year and welcome other members to nominate for positions so we can continue with our aims with new ideas and help.

Nature's riches grow State a treasure trove of weird and wonderful new species

WILD WELCOME:The 'fast-talking' tree frog (picture), flesh-eating pitcher plant and snubfin dolphin are newly discovered Queensland species. A FLESH-eating plant, a new dolphin and a frog that turns bright yellow during sex are among the weird and wonderful creatures found in Queensland in the past 10 years. A report to be launched by WWF Australia (formerly World Wildlife Fund) today says at least 1300 new plant and animal species have been found across the country since 1999.

- The flesh-eating pitcher plant found in northern Cape York in 2006. While most pitcher plants grow to a maximum height of 15cm, this monster can reach 100cm and is believed to feast on mice, small rats, lizards and birds.
- The charmingly named “fast-talking” tree frog is found in the Kuranda area of far north Queensland’s wet tropics. It gets its moniker from a distinctive excited, short rapid tapping call. A longer call is used during aggressive encounters between males, which often result in wrestling. With a known distribution area of just 3.5sq km, the frog is listed as critically endangered.
- The northern stony-creek frog is Australia’s answer to the chameleon. Both genders are brown for most of the year but males turn yellow during mating season – and bright yellow during mating. Found around rocky streams in Queensland rainforests, the frog builds perfectly circular nests which are remarkably uniform in size.
- The Australian snubfin is the first new dolphin species discovered in 30 years. Previously thought to be part of the Irrawaddy species of dolphin, it was identified as a new species in 2005. The snubfin has been sighted in shallow protected coastal waters, close to the mouths of rivers and creeks, in Queensland, Northern Territory and Western Australia.
- The short-eared possum, found from northern New South Wales to central Queensland, is heavier and more territorial than its relative, the common brushtail possum.
- The Torresian flying fox is also known as the Moa Island fruit bat because it is known to occupy only one place – Moa Island halfway between Cape York Peninsula and Papua New Guinea. Australia’s smallest flying fox species, it is listed as vulnerable under Queensland’s threatened species laws.

"The extent of Australia's rich biodiversity is astounding," WWFAustralia threatened species program manager Michael Roache said. "These finds could represent just a fraction of new species yet to be discovered." He said it also highlighted the risk to vital habitats and species as the human population grew along with demand for natural resources.





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Unfortunately only one member entered a suggestion so we are extending the closing date. Please have your say!

A Competition for Everyone.

In Tyrone Lavery's recent article printed in the Wildlife Australia magazine, he ponders collective names given to enthusiasts such as "Twitchers" for bird lovers/watchers.

The competition is to come up with a collective name for herpetofauna (reptiles and amphibians) enthusiasts. Tyrone suggests 'herping' but QFS wants to hear what you can come up with.

A 'Frogs of South-East Queensland' book will be the prize for the best catchy name.

Please send your entry by email, post or phone the office on 3366 1868. Closing date is January 29th 2010.

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From the Editor's Desk:

Nothing much to report at the moment – just very dry (**that's** an understatement). I would imagine I'm not the only one in this situation. Had to rescue some tadpoles out of my pond as it was drying out. I suppose all we can do is hope and pray for rain to help our froggie friends, other wildlife, their habitats and of course our farmers (not forgetting our "Fire fighters" as they battle bush fires around the country). My wish for you is that your ponds are always full, your creeks/dams never run dry and that your frogs have plenty of spawn. I hope that Christmas and the New Year bring you every good wish and plenty of cheer.

From our house to yours, have a Merry Christmas and Happy, Healthy (and Froggy) New Year. Naomi

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