

**CWCN General Meeting**  
**Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> May 2018, 6:30pm for 7:00pm**  
**CWCN Centre, 47 Hepworth St, Chapel Hill (UBD 178 A11)**

**Guest speaker Mr Alan Lee: *Environmental Overview, Proposed Mt Coot-tha Zipline Development***



**Alan Lee** is a private consultant in Environmental Science, and is employed by a large consulting company in Brisbane that specialises in earth sciences and earth engineering. He has over 40 years' experience at senior levels in investigations including Environmental Impact Studies for new mining developments, power station, quarries, tourist resorts and many other large, private sector developments.

Adventure tourist facilities comprising multiple ziplines and a tree-top suspension bridge proposed to be developed within the heritage-listed Mt Coot-tha Forest Reserve deserve careful consideration by residents of Brisbane. Other than about five percent of the Forest area used for the four TV stations, Lookout restaurant and minimal picnicking areas, the majority of the Reserve is natural forest that has been historically protected to conserve the region's biodiversity and as a refuge for threatened species. It is the cornerstone of conservation in the Brisbane area because of its environmental values.

Human use of the Reserve is restricted to relatively passive recreational pursuits such as bush walking, trail riding, picnicking, and viewing of the panorama from the Lookout and cafe. The road circuit is popular with cyclists because it provides an excellent training route on a mainly shaded road that carries little vehicular traffic.

Proposed development of ziplines would be a significant change of use of the Reserve, and the changes are likely to be irreversible for many of the Reserve's characteristics. To date, no environmental impact information has been provided by the proponent, Brisbane City Council, and BCC has indicated that if the development is "Code Assessable", then no environmental impact information may be produced.

In the absence of this information (at least currently), Alan has considered the existing situation of the Reserve and potential impacts of the proposed development on environmental elements such as noise, heritage values, flora and fauna, traffic and road safety, visual amenity, cultural heritage, economic environment, and alternative locations for similar activities. This information has been compiled into a document entitled "*Environmental Overview, Proposed Zipline Development in Mt Coot-tha Forest Reserve*", to assist the community understand and consider the proposal. Main issues and conclusions described in the overview document will be presented at the information meeting on 29 May.

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As always, this is also an opportunity to socialise and exchange information and ideas. Refreshments and finger food are waiting for you. Everyone is welcome.

We look forward to seeing you at our General Meeting on **Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> May 2018**.