



**Glossy Black Conservancy
Annual Report 2007**

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1.0 The Glossy Black Conservancy

1.1 History

The Glossy Black Glossy Conservancy (GBC) was officially formed in 2005 (initiated by Biodiversity Assessment and Management Pty Ltd - BAAM), with support from Brisbane City Council, Redland Shire Council and Consolidated Rutile Ltd.

Since 2005 the number of partners has continually grown, with the GBC currently made up of 17 partners:

- Biodiversity Assessment and Management Pty Ltd.
- Birds Queensland;
- Brisbane City Council;
- Bird Observers Club of Australia, Brisbane Regional Office (BRISBOCA);
- Burnett Inland North Local Government Cluster;
- Caboolture Shire Council;
- Caloundra City Council;
- Consolidated Rutile Ltd. (CRL);
- Gold Coast City Council;
- Griffith University;
- Ipswich City Council;
- Logan City Council;
- Maroochy Shire Council;
- Mary Local Government Authority Cluster
- Noosa Shire Council;
- Redland Shire Council; and
- SEQ Catchments Ltd.

1.2 Conservancy Vision

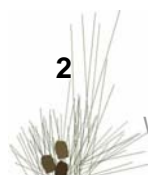
The vision of the GBC is:

'A coordinated approach between government, community and business to increase the awareness, protection and conservation of Glossy Black-Cockatoos within South- East Queensland'.

1.3 Conservancy Aims

The main objectives of the GBC is to:

- Coordinate the assessment of Glossy Black-Cockatoo resources across local government areas in South-East Queensland (SEQ);
- Continue community awareness and engagement activities within the community, schools and environment groups;
- Engage with the community to assist in record collection;
- Manage a central database of Glossy Black-Cockatoo records



- Continue research aimed at increasing current knowledge of the species' use of pioneer vegetation, fidelity to individual feed trees, requirement for nesting hollows, diurnal and seasonal range and movement patterns with a priority to map vital resources for the Glossy Black-Cockatoos in SEQ;
- Monitoring of key threats and refinement of management practices in Glossy Black-Cockatoo habitat (*Allocasuarina* forests eg fire, thinning, clearing); and
- Development of a Regional Management Plan for Glossy Black-Cockatoos in SEQ.

2.0 Conservancy Achievements of 2007

The following provides a summary of the Conservancy's main achievements in 2007. Table 4 Action Plan Status 2007 provides further detail.

2.1 Scientific Research

Griffith University Research

In 2007 Griffith University has further researched the ecology of the Glossy Black-Cockatoo, distribution, abundance and genetic structure in the Gold Coast region. Preliminary trials were undertaken on captive birds to test harnesses and feasibility options for radio tracking.

Regional Management Plan

A regional management plan for the species was considered a priority action by the Conservancy. The draft framework was developed for the Regional Glossy Black-Cockatoo Management Plan in 2007.

2.2 On-going Community Awareness and Education in SEQ

The Conservancy continued community education and awareness across SEQ:

Glossy Black Conservancy Website

The GBC website was developed (www.glossyblack.org.au) which includes:

- Overview of the Conservancy
- Facts on the Glossy Black-Cockatoo such as how to identify the species;
- News and events relating to the conservation of the Glossy Black-Cockatoo in SEQ; and
- Submission tool to send in sighting records online.

Promotional and Educational Material

The GBC reprinted the Glossy Black Brochure "Have you seen one or two?" in 2007.

In addition, the dissemination of a range of promotional and education material (i.e. posters, fact sheets and brochures) was undertaken.

New Fact sheets

The Conservancy developed a fact sheet on "Living with Glossy Blacks – Development Control". The fact sheet outlines the effects of development on Glossy Black-Cockatoo habitat and mitigating the effects of development.



An additional two fact sheets are now in draft stage:

1. "Glossy Black Feed Trees" which illustrates how to identify Allocasuarina feed trees and the importance of managing feeding areas; and
2. "She-oaks in the Rural Landscape" includes the additional uses of she-oaks in rural areas.

GBC Newsletter

The GBC newsletter continued in 2007. Three editions were developed and disseminated (March June and October edition). The newsletters included:

- 2007 actions, updates and achievements;
- 2007 sightings and ort reports;
- Partner activities (incl threatened species day activities);
- Curious behaviours of Glossy Black-Cockatoos; and
- Casuarina conservation.

Educational Kits for Schools and Community

The Conservancy applied for financial assistance through the Envirofund grants program to develop a schools and community education kit as well as support to plant feed trees in school grounds across SEQ. The Conservacny was successful in receiving \$28, 291. The project is intended to be implemented in 2008.

Glossy Black Representatives across SEQ for Community Assistance

On-going representation from partner organisations was continued in 2007 to provide further assistance to the community and the Conservancy on the conservation of the Glossy Black-Cockatoos.

Public Bird Walks and Displays

During 2007, bird walks were undertaken by a number of partner organisations to increase community awareness of the species. Bird walks primarily focussed on the identification of feed and nesting trees for the Glossy Black-Cockatoo.

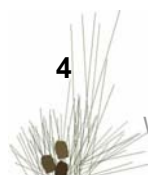
In addition, the GBC was promoted at Bird week and Threatened Species day festivities.

2.3 Sighting Reports and Record Management

During 2007, the sighting records of Glossy Black-Cockatoos were submitted via email, mail and through the new website submission page from partners as well as the community. The development of a sightings database was finalised in early 2007 and input of records into the database was coordinated by Birds Qld. The on-going maintenance of the database was undertaken by Birds Qld and verification assistance was provided by all partners, as required.

Brids Qld developed a data entry spreadsheet for all partners to maintain consistency when recording sightings.

SEQ Catchments Ltd. commenced mapping Conservancy and Wildnet sightings data. Maps were developed for SEQ as well as for specific regions (i.e. Sunshine Coast, Pine-Pumicestone etc.).



Discussions commenced with the Environmental Protection Agency regarding a data sharing agreement in order to access Wildnet data.

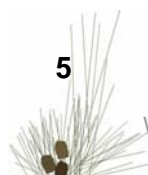
To date, 130 observers have reported over 1300 sightings in SEQ. Below is a summary of records within each local government area.

Table 1 Glossy Black-Cockatoo Records - November 2007

Local Government Area	Sightings	Locations	Water points	Nests
Beaudesert	43	25	0	0
Brisbane	31	17	0	0
Caboolture	371	9	2	2
Caloundra	71	54	2	4
Esk	14	8	0	0
Gatton	13	10	2	0
Gold Coast	106	31	1	0
Ipswich	7	7	0	0
Logan	36	13	0	0
Maroochy	33	24	1	0
Noosa	321	95	8	0
Pine Rivers	22	8	0	0
Redland	101	45	8	6

2.4 Identification of new Glossy Black sites across SEQ

A number of sighting records sent to the GBC in 2007 identified new Glossy Black-Cockatoo feeding and nesting sites within SEQ. This has enhanced current data associated with the species and will provide an improved analysis of distribution across SEQ.



3.0 Glossy Black Conservancy Financials 2007

The following tables provide an overview of the Conservancy's income and expenditure for 2007. It is noted that Birds Qld manage the finances of the Conservancy.

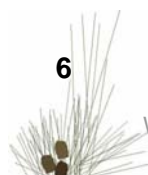
Table 2 Glossy Black Conservancy Income and Expenditure in 2007

No	Description	Credit	Debit	Balance
Opening Balance – \$4150.80 cr.				
1	Payment to BAAM 13/11/2006 for two workshops		\$1000.00	\$3150.80
2	Contribution - Brisbane and Noosa Council	\$2000.00		\$5150.80
3	Interest Received	\$2.38		\$5153.18
4	Brisbane City Council contribution	\$1097.00		\$4056.18
5	Brochure print		\$1097.00	\$5153.18
6	Contribution – Maroochy Council	\$1500		\$6653.18
	Totals	\$4599.38	\$2097.00	\$6653.18
Closing Balance - \$6653.18 cr.				

Table 3 In-Kind Support from Conservancy Partners

No	Partner	Total Hours (2007)	Other in-kind support
1	BAAM	100 hours	
2	Birds Qld	150 hours	
3	Brisbane City Council	35-40 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distribution of brochures/posters
4	BrisBOCA	155 hours	Associated costs for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey walks, sighting verification • Education/Awareness programs - talks, displays, bird ID classes • Meetings and Council liaison
5	Burnett Inland North Local Government Cluster	27 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Printing of promotional material
5	Caloundra City Council	75 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Printing of promotional material • Photography
6	Ipswich City Council	23 hours	
7	Logan City Council	317 hours	
8	Noosa Shire Council	35-40 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mapping • printing and correspondence inclusive
9	Redland Shire Council	35 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entry of hard copy sighting records • Host of 2007 "Year in Review"
10	SEQ Catchments Ltd.	144 hours	

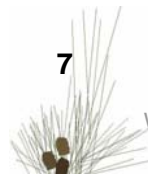
It should be noted that this list is not comprehensive. A number of other partners have also provided in-kind support to the Conservancy.



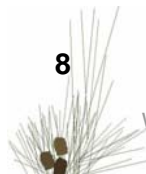
4.0 Glossy Black Conservancy Action Status 2007

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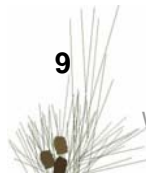
No.	Action	Responsibility	Timeframe	Status
Training and Scientific Research				
1	Glossy Black Conservancy training workshops	Deborah Metters SEQ Catchments Adrian Caneris BAAM PTY LTD (Assistance for training delivery) Peter May Logan CC	On-going	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not undertaken in 2007.
2	Glossy Black-Cockatoo scientific research	Griffith University	On-going	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Griffith University continued their research on the ecology of the Glossy Black-Cockatoo, distribution, abundance and genetic structure. Preliminary trials undertaken on captive birds to test harnesses and feasibility options for radio tracking.
Community Awareness				
3	Glossy Black Conservancy website	Guy Castley Griffith University	End 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Website established (www.glossyblack.org.au).
4	Glossy Black-Cockatoo education kits for schools	Liz Gould SEQ Catchments	Mid 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Envirofund application successful. The Conservancy received \$28,291 from the Envirofund programme to further educate the



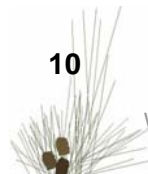
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		<p>Amelia Selles Brisbane CC</p> <p>Simone O'Keefe Caloundra CC</p> <p>Josh Birse Maroochy SC.</p> <p>Peter May Logan CC</p>		<p>community about Glossy Black-Cockatoos.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brisbane CC, Caloundra CC, Maroochy SC, Logan CCI and Ipswich CC have committed support for the Envirofund project.
5	Glossy Black-Cockatoo community kits	As above		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As above.
6	Community walks and displays (inc. information sessions)	<p>David Niland and Lyn Cole Birds Qld</p> <p>Rod Bloss Brisboca</p> <p>Peter May Logan CC</p> <p>Josh Birse Maroochy SC</p>	On-going	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Distribution of posters and brochures to Logan, Gold Coast and Beaudesert Councils. Verification of sighting records along western edge of Brisbane. Development of information sessions to target western edge of Brisbane. Survey and identification of Glossy Black-Cockatoo feed trees in various parks and reserves (particularly within Logan City). LCC conducted GBC community day. MSC conducting monitoring with the community of potential feeding and nesting areas within Council bushland.



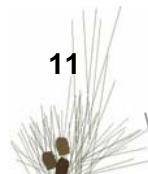
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7	<p>Fact Sheets</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. "Minimising development impacts on Glossy Black-Cockatoos and their habitat". 2. "Glossy Black-Cockatoo feed trees". 3. "Managing Glossy Black-Cockatoos in rural areas" 	<p>Michael Anderson Logan CC</p> <p>Amy Gosley Mary LG Cluster</p> <p>Lee Dorahy Burnett Inland North LGA Cluster</p>	Mid 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalised in October 2007. • In draft format. • In draft format .
8	<p>Existing educational material:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Posters (A2) • The "Glossy Black Facts" Brochure • "Have you seen one or two?" Flyer 	ALL	On-going	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of a GBC material Inventory and request (LCC). • Reprint of "Have you seen one or two" brochures (design, quotes – LCC, financials – BCC). • Distribution of materials (various partners). • Liaison with Landcare officer to incorporate Glossy Black information to residents along western edge of Brisbane. • Media releases to promote the Griffith University research and revive the interest in the birds on the Gold Coast.
Reporting				
9	Glossy Black-Cockatoo sighting records	All	On-going	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data entry spreadsheet developed by Birds QLD to maintain consistency. • Penny de Vine commenced discussions for a data sharing agreement with the EPA to obtain Wildnet data.



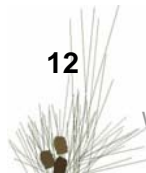
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10	Sighting record data input and management of database	David Niland Birds Old Jedd Appleton BAAM PTY LTD Lisa Bailey Redland Shire	On-going	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Records database up and running. Over 130 observers have reported over 1,300 sightings from over 2,500 locations. Received and categorised around 60 sighting emails in 2007, as well as providing BAAM records and responding to numerous general enquiries. Prepared formal data management procedure (including data submission, categorisation, database entry and subsequent record verification). Continued receipt of hard copy records.
11	Glossy Black-Cockatoo newsletter	Liz Gould SEQ Catchments	Quarterly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> March, June and October 07 edition complete.
12	Glossy Black Conservancy information and de-brief session	All Partners Host Partner: Redland Shire Council	21 Nov 07	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete - Held at the Indigiscapes Centre, Capalaba.
13	Annual report	Penny Devine Logan CC Simone O'Keefe Caloundra CC	Feb 07	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2006 report completed and distributed to all partners.
14	Feedback and partnership involvement/contributions	All Partners	8 Jan 07	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete.



No.	Action	Responsibility	Timeframe	Status
15	Database / Mapping products – SEQ Records	Liz Gould SEQ Catchments (GIS Support) David Niland Birds Qld	End 07	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commenced mapping sightings data in SEQ and on regional basis (i.e. Sunshine Coast region, Pine-Pumicestone etc).
16	Glossy Black-Cockatoo management plan	Adrian Caneris/Jedd Appleton BAAM PTY LTD Amelia Selles Brisbane CC Guy Castley Griffith University Liz Gould SEQ Catchments	End 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft framework developed for comment on content and responsibilities. Draft structure of management plan provided by BAAM.
Administration				
17	Research into and development of applications for funding opportunities	All	On-going	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Envirofund application successful. The Conservancy received \$28, 291 from the Envirofund programme to further educate the community about Glossy Black-Cockatoos. Funding sought and received for Burnett Inland North LGA Cluster to undertake workshops and kids activity from BMRG.
18	Targeting new partners To ensure a regional approach in protecting the species is achieved, the Conservancy will seek further	Amelia Selles Brisbane CC	On-going	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft letter to target partners distributed to partners for comment



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	participation from other organisations within SEQ (including government, industry and community groups).			
19	Administrative support for the Conservancy	Penny de Vine Logan CC	On-going	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead role in 2007, including meeting organisation, arrangement and preparations, capture and distribution of meeting minutes and preparation of funding request approval procedure.
20	<p>Conservancy Inc. Research into the Conservancy becoming an Incorporated group including the cost, implications etc.</p> <p>Alternatively, investigating the possibilities of the Conservancy falling under another organisation (eg. Qld Conservation Council) to ensure attendees to Conservancy related events are covered.</p>	All	March 07	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed at Glossy Black Conservancy Meeting 11 July 2007. • It was resolved that if a community member undertakes an activity for the Conservancy, the partner who hosts/requests the community member to carry out the activity must undertake all processes as required by their organisation to ensure the community member is covered.



5.0. Direction for 2008

In 2008 the GBC's aims to:

- Continue with community awareness activities and training for partners and the community:
 - Implement the community and school kits and plantings project;
 - Enhance the GBC website;
 - Develop new fact sheets and newsletters;
 - Roll out training workshops in specific areas across SEQ; and
 - Disseminate existing GBC educational material.
- Support research that will assist in better understanding species movement patterns, habitat utilisation and key threats to Glossy Black-Cockatoo resources:
 - Griffith University research; and
 - Finalise species regional management plan.
- Utilise data received to enhance our understanding of the Glossy Black-Cockatoo:
 - Progress the analysis and mapping of current Conservancy data.
- Expand the GBC across SEQ.
 - Target new partners to ensure a regional approach.
- Seek further financial support from organisations (i.e. through grant funding).

For more information on GBC actions in 2008, view the GBC's Action Plan 2008.

