

Osprey House is owned by City of Moreton Bay and operated by dedicated staff and enthusiastic volunteers.

We provide educational workshops on sustainability, management of natural areas, waste minimisation, and understanding our mangrove ecosystems.

## The Name

The environmental centre sits along the Pine River in Griffin, where eastern ospreys are known to inhabit.

The local ospreys make use of a raptor pole and nesting platform, originally installed in 2006 and upgraded in 2022, as a haven to nest. Our onsite live streaming cameras are your window to observe the birds as they breed, nest, and fledge.

## History

The traditional custodians of Griffin, the Kabi Kabi Peoples, have been in this location since the Dreamtime. The bend of the Pine River, close to Osprey House, was the perfect location for camping, fishing, and the gathering of seafood, while keeping a lookout across the river.

The area was later used by Europeans as a source of timber, particularly red cedar, white beech, and hoop pine. Early European settlers to this land included graziers Captain Griffin of Whiteside and Tom Petrie of Murrumba.

In the early 1890s, the Dohle family began to use this area for timber. By 1892 they had purchased land, commenced farming, and established a sawmill and boat building enterprise. Dohles Rocks is named after this family.

## What to bring!

- ✓ Binoculars for wildlife spotting
- ✓ Paper and crayons for nature art
- ✓ Hat, water bottle, sunscreen and insect repellent
- ✓ Picnic or BBQ supplies

## Opening hours

**Environmental Centre:** 9 am to 3 pm Tuesday to Saturday; 10 am - 3 pm Sunday

**Outdoor areas:** open dawn until dusk 7 days per week

**No dogs are allowed onsite (service dogs excepted).**

Bookings are required for large groups (10+) visiting the centre.

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## Become a volunteer!

For enquiries on how to become a volunteer please visit: [moretonbay.qld.gov.au/Council/Volunteers](http://moretonbay.qld.gov.au/Council/Volunteers)

## Bring your school

For an exciting excursion opportunity please visit: [moretonbay.qld.gov.au/Services/Environment/School-Program](http://moretonbay.qld.gov.au/Services/Environment/School-Program)



## Visit our other environmental centres:

### Caboolture Region Environmental Education Centre (CREEC)

150 Rowley Road, Burpengary  
Centre hours: 9 am to 3 pm\*  
Tuesday to Friday\*  
Phone: (07) 5433 2052

### Kumbartcho Sanctuary

15 Bunya Pine Court, Eatons Hill  
Centre hours: 9 am to 2 pm\*  
Tuesday to Friday\*  
Phone: (07) 3325 5256

\*Outdoor areas are accessible seven days.

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## Environmental Centre

### 1 Environmental Centre

Get hands-on and learn about ospreys, mangroves, dugongs and more with our interactive displays.

### 2 Saltmarsh flats walking track

Take a walk around the saltmarsh flats and see the natural wonders of Moreton Bay! Spot the plants that have adapted to the changing tides and salt water.

### 3 BBQ and picnic area

Build up your appetite and find your way to our BBQ and picnic facilities. Surround yourself with nature and enjoy a picnic with the family.

### 4 Osprey nest

Peek through the telescope or catch the live streamed footage of the osprey nest in our environmental centre.

### 5 Bird hide

Stroll to the end of the boardwalk and find our sheltered bird hide. Tune out the world and quietly observe the many bird species that call it home — especially during a rising tide.

### 6 Open eucalypt forest

The surrounding forested areas are restaurants for our local koalas! They love to eat the leaves of the Queensland blue gum and grey ironbark trees. Look up! You might spot a snacking koala.

### 7 Kingfisher platform

Take in the mangroves from this viewing platform and spot some birds on the move. Many wader species and birds of prey visit this area. How many can you see?

### 8 Mangroves

Adventure along the boardwalks and get close to the mangroves. From here you can see the mudflats from up high. Five species of mangroves live here. Can you spot them all?

### 9 Yali Moyum

Dive into the captivating world of First Nations art by Ron Hurley. Every piece tells a story of the local environment from a local First Nations point of view. Curious how to create a rubbing of these masterpieces? Just ask, and we'll guide you on this creative adventure.

### 10 Fred Dohle Amphitheater

We host a range of school and group talks and presentations here. It's the perfect spot to view the riverscape. Try out your binoculars or watch the fish swim under the boardwalk.

### 11 Lagoon

Take a short walk from Osprey House and find the lagoon. It has a large bird hide, with an excellent view of a wide range of bird species. Common birds you might see include pelicans, black swans and on occasion even brolgas.

### Wildlife spotting

It's not just birds that call Osprey House home! Spot different types of nest boxes scattered around the site. These provide additional habitat for native fauna such as possums, gliders, and bats. There are also Australian native stingless beehives on site. What animals will you spot?

