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**Saturday, 27th February 2021  
9:30am to 12:00pm**

**Brisbane's Butterflies Great and Small**  
**Learning about their differences and how to identify them**

**A workshop with Cliff Meyer**

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

Around 160 butterflies call Brisbane home. They couldn't be more different from each other. The wingspan of the male Dainty Grass-blue (*Zizula hylax*) and the female Orchard Swallowtail (*Papilio aegeus*) range from 15mm to 108mm. Colours vary from inconspicuous to spectacularly bright, with completely different looks on upper and underside of the wings, with differently shaped wings, some with tails and eye spots and other distinguishing features. The large families of Skippers and Blues are particularly difficult to identify because of size and colour patterns.

**Cliff Meyer** will share his vast knowledge and let us benefit from decades of experience identifying species. He will give us an introduction to our butterfly families and help us to tell them apart including providing some insight into the difficulties associated with correct identification between different genera and species. Cliff's talk will also provide information on preferred habitats for particular species and highlight the importance of larval host plants. The presentation will reflect the results of (at that point) two rounds of detailed site surveys across our city under Brisbane's Big Butterfly Count.



Cliff Meyer has been fascinated with butterflies since his childhood growing up in Cairns in Far North Queensland. While his professional career took him into a different direction, he has remained passionate about butterflies. He has authored and co-authored numerous scientific papers on Australian butterflies and has travelled extensively around Australia collecting and documenting our butterfly fauna. Much of this information has been included in Australian butterfly publications currently available in bookstores such as those by Dr Michael F. Braby (2000, 2014, 2016) and Gary Sankowsky (2020).

Cliff has been instrumental in the success of Brisbane's Big Butterfly Count and continues to participate in surveys across Brisbane. His enthusiasm and love for butterflies are contagious. We are delighted to have him as our presenter.

This free workshop will take place under our COVID Safe Plan. A small morning tea will be provided. **Kindly register as per form provided.**

Brisbane's Big Butterfly Count is an initiative of Brisbane Catchments Network. We are grateful for the generous support received by Brisbane City Council.



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## Registration Form

Name, First Name:

Address:

Email:

Phone Number:

Catchment Group:

Other Organisation:

Date:

Signature:

- Registration Forms must be received via email by 24th February
- Any registration must be confirmed as places are limited.
- Preference will be given to catchment group members.
- We encourage carpooling.
- If you have any questions, email [butterfly@brisbanecatchments.org.au](mailto:butterfly@brisbanecatchments.org.au) or ring Jutta Godwin on 0407 583 441.

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