

Bridgetown-Greenbushes Community Landcare

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COMMUNITY LANDCARE OFFICER REPORT –16th June to 15th July 2020

Work completed or in progress:

CLO Admin-

- Updated the Community Landcare and Bridgetown Community Facebook pages with current and planned activities. The Bridgetown-Greenbushes Community Landcare page can be found at: www.facebook.com/BridgetownGreenbushesCommunityLandcare.
- Assisted Bridgetown-Greenbushes Shire landholders and residents with-
 - general landcare queries,
 - water monitoring,
 - weed identification and control information,
 - native plant identification,
 - advertised free pre-loved tree guards and stakes, distributed approx 1000 guards and stakes to many residents.
 - revegetation assistance including native seedling suppliers,
 - motion sensor camera loan,
 - managing possums inside roof spaces.

Water monitoring-

- Monitored Somme Creek, Geegeelup Brook, the Shire Dam and the Blackwood River on 13/07/2020. The water samples are taken from the same place at each site and approximately 30cm below the water surface where possible. Sent Shire Dam results to Derek Duffett.
 - Results are-
 - Geegeelup Brook - pH 8.3; EC 2000µs/cm; water temp 13.2°C
 - Somme Creek - pH 7.9; EC 2800µs/cm; water temp 14.2°C
 - Blackwood River- pH 8.1; EC 6700µs/cm; water temp 14.4°C
 - Shire Dam- pH 8.0; EC 3200µs/cm; water temp 14.3°C

Helping Hands Bushcare volunteers-

- **Layman St Reserve- two HH sessions**
 - Collect and bundle all tree guards form around the creekline and beside the River Walk Trail. Hand weeded through previous revegetation areas, including removing a small patch of Cleavers.
 - Collected and bundle all tree guards and stakes from Hakea Seed Orchard, weeded around native plants, sprayed perennial grasses through the area.

'What Lives in My Backyard?' motion sensor camera loan project-

- Eight cameras are currently out on loan, continuing results show that the most common animal species seen at night on people's properties around Bridgetown this month continue to be straying domestic cats and rabbits with the occasional fox sighted.

Pollinator Project-

- Continued to work with all project participants to prepare for this winter's revegetation plantings.
- Picked up all project seedlings from three nurseries, separated into each site on each property.
- Delivered 4000 seedlings to project participants, liaised with landholders regarding their planting programs.
- Developed info sheets with siting of the plants at each of their prepared areas, plant heights, flowering times, flower colours.
- Picked up delivery of 4000 biodegradable tree guards and 8000 stakes.

Others-

- Greenbushes Herbarium- assisted Felicity Littleton with documenting plant specimens.
- Regional Herbarium- continued to collate and label plant specimens collected recently.
- Prepare asset and volunteer registers for annual audit.
- Liaise with Enable re client involvement in Helping Hands Bushcarers.
- Liaise with Leschenault Biosecurity regarding assistance to provide weed photos and information for their brochure.
- Prepare for and promote community revegetation planting day on the Yornup Brook near Bridgetown to be held on Thurs 16th July 9am-12midday.
- Investigate a resident's concern about *Gastrolobium bilobum* growing close to Greenbushes Pool picnic area, follow up with Talison Enviro's and Grow Greenbushes.

With best wishes,

Cheryl Hamence

Community Landcare Officer

15/07/2020