

Bridgetown-Greenbushes Community Landcare

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COMMUNITY LANDCARE OFFICER REPORT –16th July to 17th August 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,
 - revegetation assistance including native seedling suppliers,
 - motion sensor camera loan,
 - gave free tree guards and stakes out to residents for their projects.

Water monitoring-

- Monitored Somme Creek, Geegeelup Brook, the Shire Dam and the Blackwood River on 17/08/2020. 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 1600µs/cm; water temp 11.7°C
 - Somme Creek - pH 7.8; EC 2100µs/cm; water temp 13°C
 - Blackwood River- pH 8.0; EC 6300µs/cm; water temp 13.3°C
 - Shire Dam- pH 8.1; EC 3100µs/cm; water temp 14°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.

Bridgetown Northern Information Bay-

- Met with Ingrid Barker on site to discuss Transition Towns view for the area, sent her an outline of how we can assist with the project. TT have discussed it in meetings with Tim Clynch and Councillor Jenny Mountford.

- Met Ingrid, Tim Clynych and Susie Alcott on site to discuss the implementation of their plans. Tim agreed that I can spend up to \$250 on plant at Southern Flora nursery for the top area of the info bay, liaise with the Shire Parks and Gardens staff for mulch and improved soil and TT will arrange volunteers to come and help plant the top area this month and arrange a watering roster for the plants over the warmer weather for the coming year.
- I will develop a plan for the parkland behind the Info Bay in partnership with the Shire Parks and Gardens staff. It will be quite simple, a meandering path, a picnic table and seats, riparian plants along the Geegeelup Brook after the Kikuyu is controlled and low growing flowering native plants on the bank behind the information bay signs. The draft plan will go to Tim and TT for review and comment before it is implemented next year. The Shire will have some funding (amount to be confirmed) to pay for the plants and materials needed for 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 provide tools and technical advice to all project participants.

Others-

- Provided native plants to the Bridgetown Agricultural Society for beautification planting at the showgrounds.
- Delivered revegetation seedlings to continue the Quagamirup Brook revegetation project, provided technical advice, tree guards and stakes to the landholder.
- Lent motion sensor cameras to a nearby landholder to monitor and identify illegal Jarrah falling and firewood collection in one of the Hester Conservation Reserves.
- Greenbushes Herbarium- assisted Felicity Littleton with documenting plant specimens.
- Regional Herbarium- continued to develop the Photographic Herbarium.
- Held a community revegetation planting day on the Yornup Brook beside the Brockman Hwy on Thurs 16th July. Approx 500 seedlings planted, donated by the Blackwood Environment Society (BES).
- Held a second community revegetation planting day at the Layman St Reserve on Thurs 30th July. Approx 380 local native seedlings planted, donated by the BES.
- Completed my 2019-20 Annual Report for the Shire.
- Had several discussions with residents concerned about the Blackwood River Foreshore Plan.
- Had time off for personal leave, and one week annual holidays.

With best wishes,

Cheryl Hamence

Community Landcare Officer

17/08/2020