

Bridgetown-Greenbushes Community Landcare

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COMMUNITY LANDCARE OFFICER REPORT –18th August to 15th September 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,
 - property visits,
 - 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 14/09/2020. 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 1700µs/cm; water temp 13.1°C
 - Somme Creek - pH 7.8; EC 2500µs/cm; water temp 14.8°C
 - Blackwood River- pH 8.0; EC 6000µs/cm; water temp 15.9°C
 - Shire Dam- pH 8.1; EC 3000µs/cm; water temp 14°C

Helping Hands Bushcare volunteers-

- **Allnutt St Bushland-**
 - Dug up several *Watsonia* infestations along the northern part of the reserve, piled up the plants and asked for Shire Parks and Gardens help to remove the piles from the site.
 - Cut down some large weed *Wattles*, hand pulled *Polygala* infestations.
- **Fire Station Reserve-**
 - Hand pull areas of *Tangier Pea*, *Podalyria*, *Broom*.
 - Dug up and removed *Lachenalia* bulbs. Dug up and removed areas of *Watsonia*-total of 26 chaff bags full of corms.
 - Picked up and removed roadside rubbish from Boyup Brook Rd and Les Woodhead Drive.

Bridgetown Northern Information Bay-

- Met Aaron from Parks and Gardens on site to discuss the proposed plans and how they might fit with their maintenance activities. The plan for between the Information Bay and Geegeelup Brook will be simplified as the area is very wet during winter and has been known to flood during heavy rain events.
- Bought a selection of flowering SW native plants from Southern Flora Nursery.
- Weed and prune the garden beds at the information bay, planted the new plants with volunteer assistance, and Shire Parks and Gardens support through the supply of good soil and mulch.
- Transition Towns have set up a watering roster to ensure that the new plants grow well. They have asked about reticulating the new plantings over summer.

'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.

Pollinator Project-

- Completed the site visits for the photo-point monitoring, currently completing the quarterly reporting for the project.
- Meeting with the participants to review this winter's revegetation planting and to discuss any changes/modifications to their Site Implementation Plans in preparation for the coming years on-ground works programs.
- Contract nurseries for the supply of seedlings for winter 2021 project plantings.

Workshops-

- Held a Wildflower Walk around the Greenbushes Golf Club, led by Felicity Littleton, attended by 20 people.
- Developed a 'Living with Possums' talk with Jason Dearle to help inform people on how to manage possums in their roof spaces as relocating them into bushland can often lead to the death of the possum. To be held on Fri 25th September, 10-12.30 at the Library.
- Developed 3 x 'Wildflower Wanders' with Erica Shedley 9.30-12.30 on 24th Sept at the Btn Jarrah Park, 8th Oct at the Wandoo Valley Walk and 13th Oct at the Old Abattoir Walk.
- Developed a 'Bird Spotting' Walk and Talk along parts of the River Walk Trail with Erica Shedley on Sat 3rd Oct 9-11am.

Others-

- Continued to have discussions with residents concerned about the Blackwood River Foreshore Plan, emailed Megan Richards twice for an update, no response from her.
- Attended Greenbushes Primary School Science Week with Felicity Littleton, presented a session on native and introduced plants.
- Attended a Blackwood Biosecurity Committee meeting.
- Sent out the Sept-Oct Community Landcare Updates to 200 + email addresses.

With warm regards,

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Community Landcare Officer

14/09/2020