

# *Bridgetown-Greenbushes Community Landcare*

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## **COMMUNITY LANDCARE OFFICER REPORT –16<sup>th</sup> September to 19<sup>th</sup> October 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](http://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.

### **Water monitoring-**

- Monitored Somme Creek, Geegeelup Brook, the Shire Dam and the Blackwood River on 19/10/2020. 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 8.2; EC 2100µs/cm; water temp 15.9°C
    - Somme Creek - pH 8.4; EC 2300µs/cm; water temp 17.7°C
      - Feral Goldfish are visible in the pond closest to Barlee St. There is a serious risk that these will spread further down Somme Creek into Geegeelup Brook and then into the Blackwood River.
    - Blackwood River- pH 8.1; EC 5900µs/cm; water temp 19.9°C
    - Shire Dam- pH 8.8; EC 2800µs/cm; water temp 21°C

### **Helping Hands Bushcare volunteers-**

- **Tweed Rd Flora Reserve-**
  - Dug up, bagged and removed Babiana, Daffodil and Iris infestations.
  - Identified and reported Cape Tulip infestation and active fox den to Blackwood Biosecurity.
- **Layman St Reserve-**
  - Whipper snipped the Hakea Seed Orchard and pond sections of the reserve, hand weeded around revegetation plants.
  - Hand weeded native grass areas to remove feral annual grasses.
- **Mockerdillup Rd Reserve-**
  - Hand pulled Italian Lavender infestation along road verge and around parking bay.
  - Cut and paint woody weeds (Tagasaste, Sydney Golden Wattle).

- Collected rubbish from road verge and bush beside the parking area.
- **Fire Station Reserve-**
  - Sprayed *Watsonia* infestations in eastern section of reserve.

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

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

#### **Pollinator Project-**

- Completed Q1 2020-21 quarterly reporting.
- Revised and finalised 2021 plant orders for contracted nurseries after further discussions with project participants.

#### **Workshops-**

- Held a 'Living with Possums' talk with Jason Dearle at the Library 25<sup>th</sup> Sept.
- Held 3 x 'Wildflower Wanders' with Erica Shedley, 24<sup>th</sup> Sept at the Btn Jarrah Park, 8<sup>th</sup> Oct at the Wandoo Valley Walk and 13<sup>th</sup> Oct at the Old Abattoir Walk.
- Held a 'Bird Spotting' Walk and Talk close to the Blackwood River Park with Erica Shedley on Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct.

#### **Others-**

- Attended a 'Forest Health and Restoration' seminar focussing on restoration of areas dominated by dense regrowth, held at the State Library in Perth.
- Review all CLO/BES project budgets for 2020-21.
- Reported illegal firewood collection in the Hester Conservation Reserve to DBCA, including photos of the person and their vehicle captured by motion sensor camera.
- Ordered more possum boxes from the Bridgetown Mens Shed for possum workshop participants.
- Attended a 'Black Cockatoo Nesting Site Monitoring' workshop at Perup presented by Birdlife Australia, SWCC and BBG.
- Participated in 'Mitigating Weed Impacts On Biodiversity' zoom meeting with WA Biodiversity Science Institute.
- Met with Lyndon Pearce, received copies of the 2020-21 Bridgetown-Greenbushes Shire Fire Mitigation Mechanical Works and Burn plans for Shire managed lands.

With warm regards,

**Cheryl Hamence**

Community Landcare Officer

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