

Bridgetown-Greenbushes Community Landcare

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COMMUNITY LANDCARE OFFICER REPORT – 20th October to 10th November 2020

Work completed or in progress:

CLO Admin-

- Took one week's annual leave.
- Supported a recent university graduate with two weeks work experience to see what Community Landcare work involves.
- 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.
- Completed final CLO budget and work plan.
- BES successfully applied for a small grant that includes funding for a 'cocky-cam' that will allow us to monitor the 23 x artificial cockatoo nesting hollows (Cockatubes) installed around the shire. Components ordered from Germany and Hong Kong.
- Assisted Bridgetown-Greenbushes Shire landholders and residents with
 - general landcare queries,
 - 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 10/11/2020. 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 8.1; EC 2100µs/cm; water temp 16.4°C
 - Somme Creek - pH 7.8; EC 2000µs/cm; water temp 18.5°C
 - Blackwood River- pH 8.0; EC 6200µs/cm; water temp 20.8°C
 - Shire Dam- pH 9.1; EC 2900µs/cm; water temp 21°C

Helping Hands Bushcare volunteers-

- **Dorothy Scott Bushland-**
 - Hand pulled a Tangier Pea infestation along Blechynden St end.
 - Hand pulled a Vetch infestation along McAlinden St side.
 - Monitored and removed isolated Tagasaste plants and Pampas Grass on Barlee St side.
- **Layman St Reserve-**
 - Hand weeded introduced annual grasses growing in native grass areas.

- **Fire Station Reserve-**
 - Monitored Watsonia control spraying and removed more historic rubbish in eastern section of reserve.

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

- All 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-

- Site visit to one property to review last winters plantings and to confirm works program and seedling order for next winters planting with the landholders.
- Revised and finalised 2021 plant orders for contracted nurseries after further discussions with project participants.

Herbarium-

- Collected and pressed more plant specimens with Felicity Littleton from around Greenbushes.
- Processed more pressed specimens including Photographic Herbarium sheets.

Workshops-

- Developed a 'Thinking About Revegetation' Field Trip to be held on 25th November. Began promoting it, booked community bus, confirmed properties and speakers.

Others-

- Picked up several loads of weeds from Helping Hands activities at Mockerdillup Rd Reserve to drop at Shire depot green waste pile.
- Collected possum boxes from the Bridgetown Mens Shed for community members.
- Liaised with neighbouring landholders to coordinate control of a Spiny Rush infestation along Savages Creek.
- Collected printed copies of final version 'Blackwood River Foreshore Plan' to review. Email correspondence with Megan Richards regarding revegetation. Meeting with Tim Clynch, Megan and members of BES committee next week to clarify project areas, timeline, budget, on-ground works etc prior to any commitments being made.
- Found and removed a Paterson's Curse infestation at Highlands following a report from a community member, notified Blackwood Biosecurity.
- Purchased new hand tools for Helping Hands Bushcarers.
- Attended a talk by Dr David Ward on 'Best Practice Burning for your Property'.

With warm regards,

Cheryl Hamence

Community Landcare Officer

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