

Bridgetown-Greenbushes Community Landcare

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COMMUNITY LANDCARE OFFICER REPORT – 10th December 2020 to 12th January 2021

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.
- Sent out a Dec-Jan Landcare Update.
- Assisted Bridgetown-Greenbushes Shire landholders and residents with-
 - general landcare queries,
 - native plant identification and weed control information,
 - property visits,
 - motion sensor camera loan
 - water monitoring.

Water monitoring-

- Monitored Somme Creek, Geegeelup Brook, the Shire Dam and the Blackwood River on 12/01/2021. 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 Aaron Hide at Parks and Gardens.
 - Results are-
 - Geegeelup Brook - pH 7.6; EC 1800µs/cm; water temp 21.1°C
 - Somme Creek - pH 7.5; EC 1800µs/cm; water temp 26.4°C
 - Blackwood River- pH 8; EC 5700µs/cm; water temp 27.3°C
 - Shire Dam- pH 9.2; EC 3000µs/cm; water temp 28.2°C

Helping Hands Bushcare volunteers-

- **End of year celebration-**
 - Held at the Blackwood River Park in appreciation of the collective 560 hours of volunteer work during 34 events contributed in 2020.
- **Somme Creek Parklands-**
 - Hand-weeded along and beside the creekline behind the Bridgetown Library. Piles of weeds left on site to mulch down. Seed heads of Thistles cut, bagged and removed from site.

Workshops-

- Delivered a 'Steps for Successful Revegetation' field walk for Property Planning Workshop participants at the Layman St Reserve.

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

- Six cameras currently out on loan.

State NRM Office Community Stewardship Grant- Application

'Managing Shire Bushland Reserves for Highest Environmental and Social Returns'

- Continued to liaise with State NRM Office to complete the steps in the contracting process. Step 2: Project Schedule, milestone details, a monitoring plan and project evaluation. The project will run until 30th June 2022.

Others-

- Met with Transition Towns, Blackwood Creatives, Blackwood Environment Society reps at the Northern Information Bay to discuss next steps in the project plus proposed signage for the three groups in the area.
- Wrote up a Land for Wildlife report following a property visit, contract for SWCC. Funds earned will pay for a battery powered brush cutter for use by Helping Hands bushcare volunteers in Shire Reserves.
- Got a Mens Shed possum nest box and an information pack for a resident with possums in their roof space.
- Visited several blocks with a prospective buyer to see the habitat values and revegetation prospects.
- Attended a Blackwood Biosecurity committee meeting.
- Monitored dam water samples for community members.
- Picked up botanical paintings loaned to the Shire from the Bridgetown Library.
- Whipper snipped parts of the Layman St Reserve in preparation of the field walk.
- Met with Seonaid to review the Four Seasons Estate drainage revegetation projects initiated by Scott and Dion in the past few years.

With warm regards,

Cheryl Hamence

Community Landcare Officer

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