

# *Bridgetown-Greenbushes Community Landcare*

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## **COMMUNITY LANDCARE OFFICER REPORT – 5th July to 1<sup>st</sup> August 2023**

Work completed or in progress:

### **CLO Admin-**

- Updated the Community Landcare and Bridgetown Community Facebook and Instagram pages with current and planned activities. The Bridgetown-Greenbushes Community Landcare pages: [www.facebook.com/BridgetownGreenbushesCommunityLandcare](https://www.facebook.com/BridgetownGreenbushesCommunityLandcare). <https://www.instagram.com/bridgetowngreenbushesclc/?hl=en>
- Finished Helping Hands Signs for FRRR project and sent to printer.
- Organised updated quotes for workwear from Manjimup Monograms as part of FRRR project.
- Promoted National Tree Day Planting event at Layman St Reserve.
- Met with Reghan Mann from Talison to discuss what the CLO and Helping Hands do in Greenbushes.
- Assisted Peter Clifton with maps and GPS points for Pollinator Project audit.
- Complied CLO annual report and sent to Shire Councillors, BES committee etc.
- Completed Draft CLO Budget for 2023-24.
- Organised Volunteer activity with Kylie, created and sent out invites.
- Liaised with Bhavni Hindochina from BBG, about assisting with upcoming home-schooling events at Greenbushes from Oct-Nov.
- Sent Rick Wilson's office an email requesting to be put on the list for the EOI's for the 2023-23 Volunteer Grants.
- Spoke to Noel Smith about his donation of tree guards to BES.
- Assisted Ines Pereda from Birdlife Australia with workshop preparation for the Birds on Farms project.
- Booked stall for Bridgetown Show.
- Arranged with Michelle Phillips from Bridgetown High School for two work experience students between August 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>.
- Sent Newsletter article to Doreen on Tree Planting events.
- Arranged meeting with Debbie Walsh from Talison to discuss Community grant opportunities.
- Assisted Bridgetown-Greenbushes Shire landholders and residents with-
  - Property visits, plant identification, weed control, revegetation, walk trail info and native fauna information.
  - Containers for Change donation.
  - Lent resource books to landholders.
  - Lent motion sensor cameras to Shire residents.
  - Monitored water samples for residents from their dams and springs.
  - Forwarded 2023-24 Community Nursery list to landholders on request.

## Water monitoring-

- Monitored Somme Creek, Geegeelup Brook, the Shire Dam and the Blackwood River on 27/07/2023. The water samples are taken from the same place at each site and approximately 30cm below the water surface where possible.
- Results are-
  - Shire Dam- pH 7.9; EC 3200µs/cm; water temp 17.5°C
  - Geegeelup Brook – pH 7.6; EC 2200µs/cm; water temp 13.0°C
  - Somme Creek - pH 7.5; EC 1100µs/cm; water temp 12.7°C
  - Blackwood River- pH 7.8; EC 6800µs/cm; water temp 12.6°C
- Water at the Blackwood River is above the first six steps.

## Helping Hands Bushcare volunteers-

**Abbott's Reserve:** Our first HH session for July was held at Abbott's Reserve, where the Helping Hands planted and tree guarded around 300 seedlings on the eastern side of the Yornup Brook. As usual we were lucky that the rain held off for the mornings activities which is always nice when your covered in wet soil. The mornings planting wouldn't have been the same without me at some point falling in the water and as I don't like to disappoint that's exactly what I did trying to retrieve a seedling that I had dropped in the creek.

**Layman St Reserve:** Our second planting session was held this morning at Layman St Reserve, for 'National Tree Day'. The Helping Hands once again did a fabulous job planting and tree guarding around 250 seedlings on the south-eastern side of the reserve. It was a fabulous morning with the sun shining and several species birds hanging around making sure we were doing our job properly. We were lucky enough to spot two Australian Wood Ducks utilising hollows in the trees for breeding purposes.

This year's plantings would not have been possible without the generous donation of seedlings and tree guards from the BES and the BES Community Landcare Nursery.

## Others-

- Volunteer Bushwalk and Lunch.
- Undertook Asset Audit.
- Organised seedlings and tree guards ready for planting events.
- Organised collection of more stakes from StrataGreen.
- Checked on Watsonia in Allnut St Reserve and bulbs at Dorothy Scott Reserve.
- Checked and flagged site access at Abbott's Reserve for planting event.

We have had two great planting events with another two planned in August 😊

**Karrie Williamson**

Community Landcare Officer

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