

**BCSC BushCare Action Bee Report Namba Creek, Saturday 15 April 2023**  
Copied to PCCCG, also to attendees and several others involved/interested.

8 of us at startup but we were down to 6 by cuppa time with Leah heading to Etep Court for more BushCare and Di being called away. Pretty well perfect weather.

Again we concentrated on the Gate Creek Wetland, that has turned in to a tussle between our team and the hugely invasive grass now defined as *Panicum bisulcatum* AKA **Black-seed Panic**. Some references indicate it may be native to SE Australia, but it is mainly a SE Asian species. Wherever it's from it has rapidly completely covered the wetfoot loving natives we planted in the swamp. We've had some success in removing it and releasing the few planted natives that have survived, but it's hard work, lifting it and moving from site to the the banks. Great work by the team of mainly Kel, Paul and Lauren. Kel developed a new technique for shifting the huge piles of



removed grass off the cleared area to blank spaces on the bank with a rope and draught horse persistence. Sorry no photo. Norm did a bit of grass removal but mostly removed outbreaks of the ever present Shrimp Plant. Plenty still to do. Gail did a great roving task assisting with the grass removal and other weeds, but also planted most of the 35 plants in various locations including the wet feet loving replacements for the above mentioned grass. (Can't bear to type it's name again). It was good to see the *Pararistolochia p.* vines planted last month looking healthy, although not advancing yet. Judy went off with the birds and came back with two bags full (of weeds and rubbish) from the area up the path towards Doolan St.



Cleared and planted 15 Apr

View from Gate



The photos show the diminishing weed grass area and the increasing cleared and replanted area. Just one more session like Saturday will probably finish that job for now.

We had an exciting visit from a passer-by towards the end and provided toileting facilities for the associated dog. No photos of that.

And then there was the well provisioned cuppa thanks Leah, complete with some beaut “Ladies Thumb” bananas from Mudjimba.

Thanks all. The next chance to join us here is on **Saturday 20 May. Start time will be 8 am.**

**Regards, Norm Morwood, BCSC Coordinator.**

**Attendees:** Leah Tearle, Norm Morwood, Paul Geoghegan, Kexin Di, Gail Hill, Lauren Hughes, Kel Callaghan, Judy Burns.

**Herbicide used:**

**Plant list.**

Botanical Name	Common Name	Planted
<i>Phylidrum lanuginosum</i>	Frogs Mouth	5
<i>Ficinia nodosa</i>	Knobby Club Rush	5
<i>Lomandra hystrix</i>	Creek Matrush	5
<i>Carex appressa</i>	Carex	5
<i>Juncus usitatus</i>	Juncus	5
<i>Cinnamomum oliveriy</i>	Oliver’s Sassafras	1
<i>Castanospora alphandii</i>	Brown Tamarind	1
<i>Cryptocarya microneura</i>	Murrogun	1
<i>Myrsine variabilis</i>	Muttonwood	1
<i>Litsea leefeana</i>	Brown Bollygum	1
<i>Doodia aspera</i>	Rasp Fern	3
<i>Adiantum hispidulum</i>	5 finger Fern	2
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>35</b>