BCSC BushCare Action Bee Report Namba Creek, Saturday 17 June 2023 Copied to PCCCG, also to attendees and several others involved/interested.



8 volunteers turned up at the appointed time on Saturday morning, with Leah coming a bit later after her vehicle recovered from a flat tyre. Sorry no photo of you Leah, but great effort from you to get here in time to help and provide the very important cuppa.

The rest of the photos show much of the activity all round the site.

- Judy illustrating the effect of Velcro weed on gloves (and jackets) from her roving weeding, as well as combining with Glenn for the water testing.
- Paul & Glenn planted the Blackbean trees we neglected last Saturday in the WED event as well as replanting the 5 or 6 plants apparently pulled out by persons unknown and left to die on the ground. Very disappointing story. Then they tackled some of the glycine outbreaks.
- Gail and Cheryl weeded and then planted shade tolerant species and an edge barrier of lomandras in the shade of the remaining large trees on the west part of Gate Ck. Cheryl then went finding and removing Cat's Claw creeper.
- Norm hobbled around pretending to have a sore foot and achieved a bit of weeding and hole creation for the planters

- Jim and Graeme planted and weeded where needed in the Gate Creek area and ended up with Gail attacking the Brazilian Firespike, Syngonium etc weeds on the north bank.
- And a big thankyou to whoever had cut down the dead tree near the gate, and to the young man who helped Jim retrieve it from the creek bank.

Last month Graeme injected two of the Camphor Laurels we'd had pruned with funding from Anglo last year. Some strange results were observed this month with other camphors in the area being affected as well. It seems they must be connected. Also someone unknown had drilled holes in a third Camphor, but with seemingly little effect.

Sad not to have had Kel to help us as he's off with a sore back. We hope it gets better soon Kel and thanks for the photo of the three of us signing on included above, as well as lending us the tube tool.

Gail told us about the Fritillary Butterfly that has not been seen for some years, and a push for it's only breeding plant (*Viola betonicifolia*, Arrowhead Violet) to be planted in the hope of supporting the return of the butterfly. By chance it seems we planted at least one on Saturday with the ferns as we found an arrowhead leaf in the fern container after we'd finished. We'll plant some more in the future too.

Thanks all. The next chance to join us here for our regular Bees is on **Saturday 15 July. Start** time will be 8 am.

Regards, Norm Morwood, BCSC Coordinator.

Attendees: Leah Tearle, Norm Morwood, Paul Geoghegan, Cheryl Geoghegan, Gail Hill, Graeme Jones, Glenn Burns, Judy Burns, Jim Egerton.

Herbicide used: Minor 50/50 glyphosate in scrape/cut & paint.

Plant list.

Botanical Name	Common Name	Planted
Carex appressa	Tall Sedge	3
Ficinia nodosa	Knobby Club Rush	3
Lomandra hystrix	Creek Mattrush	20
Juncus usitatus	Juncus	4
Sloanea australis	Maiden's Blush	4
Cryptocarya triplinervis	3 Veined Laurel	3
Neolitsea dealbata	Brown Bollygum	3
Adiantum aleuticum	Five Finger Fern	4
Doodia aspera	Rasp Fern	3
Castanospermum australe	Black Bean	5
TOTAL		52