

BCSC BushCare Action Bee Report Gulung Gung (Q. Park Ext.) Wednesday 23 August 2023
Copied to PCCCG, also to attendees and several others involved/interested.



Cuppa



Twelve of us at Gulung Gung on Wednesday, with lots of sunshine that was good if you could find the shady parts of the site. A bit of rain would be good. Maybe next week. Most got in the photos, but somehow Norm missed out despite Kel being on the camera for a while, and Judy and Leah just made it into the Cuppa photo despite both being major contributors to the weeding. Special welcome to Mary, Norm's sister from NZ who's been travelling (more time walking than anything else) across the north and lots of other parts of Australia, for the last couple of months.

A major activity for the day was planting out the low level area near the potential Talking Circle right down beside Gulung Gung Creek just before it runs into Petrie Creek. Graeme, Glenn and Sharon were the main planters. Digging holes was not easy despite the usually fantastic auger, but the ground was mostly very hard and full of roots. We left a track through the planting in the hope that the local bush wanderers would leave the plants alone.

The rest of us were kept busy with the huge job of weeding and cleaning up deposited rubbish all around the large site with concentrated attention to the WED planting next to Petrie Ck. Still looking good there. No sign of the brush turkey but plenty of bare patches from his activities.

Kel and Norm took the animal photos. They seemed too plentiful to ignore, with the humans listening to the many birds and periodically calling out names like "Yellow Robin" etc. Kel also saw

a Spectacled Monarch but the photo was deemed a bit fuzzy. You'll have to look it up on the net! There was also a female Red-backed Fairy-wren but I was too slow to get a photo of her. Cuppa was the usual grand affair and much appreciated by all including Mary who commented on the fresh berries and the luxury spread of other delicacies. Thanks again Leah.

Thanks all. We'll be back on the regular 4th Wednesday of September ie 27th, starting at 7am. Regards, Norm Morwood. BCSC Coordinator

Attendees: Leah Tearle, Norm Morwood, Sarah Porteous, Graeme Jones, Paul Geoghegan, James Lambert, Barb Dilworth, Sharon Hannah, Mary Morwood, Kel Callaghan, Judy Burns, Glenn Burns.

Herbicide Used. A few ml of Glyphosate used on cut and paste, mostly on the ever present giant devils fig, Glycine and Weeping Willow on that site.

Plants Planted.

Botanical Name	Common Name	No.
<i>Lomandra hystrix</i>	Creek Mattrush	15
<i>Syzygium lheimanii</i>	Riberry	3
<i>Syzygium francisii</i>	Giant Water Gum	2
<i>Syzygium floribundum</i>	Weeping Lilly Pilly	3
<i>Sloanea australis</i>	Maidens Blush	3
<i>Melicope elleryana</i>	Pink Euodia	5
<i>Melaleuca viminalis</i>	Weeping Bottlebrush	6
<i>Endiandra discolor</i>	Domatia Tree or Rose Walnut	3
<i>Crinum pedunculatum</i>	River Lilly	5
<i>Archontophoenix cunninghamiana</i>	Piccabeen Palm	5
Total		50

Extra picture below shows a comparison of a part of this large site comparing 2022 and 2014.



Water Dragon



Red-backed Fairy-wren

Masked Lapwing

Australasian Darter



Just a part of the magic created by this keen group of enthusiasts.



All Weeds and Aldi March 2014



Weeds gone, all Natives. Aldi invisible, Oct 2022