

BCSC BushCare Action Bee Report Gulung Gung (Q. Park Ext.) Wednesday 22 Feb 2023

Copied to PCCCG, also to attendees and several others involved/interested.



Sharon



Barb

Barb, Sharon, Leah, Sarah



A small team came on Wednesday to share the couple of rain showers and the enjoyment of finding out there are most of the planted natives still growing well in the WED planting on Petrie Creek. They were mostly covered with weeds of a huge range at 7am but by the time we finished (in a heavy rain shower) many had been cleared and re-marked with stakes

The team of almost all female weeders and male photographer got an initial dampening from a small shower, then just weeded away till a very heavy shower convinced us to stop just before the time whistle and even miss our creekside cuppa.

A couple went off to a café for a cuppa while the rest went home to dry out.

One feature was the presence of many self-seeded lomandras revealed when weeds were cleared. I think they must be from a previous planting in the area as it is only about 8 months since our initial planting in June last year.

By the end of the session it was surprising how much of the site we had managed to make very respectable looking. As Sarah said, the weeding was a lot easier and more successful this time than previously.



At the start of the morning we had a site meeting with Matt from SCC Parks and Gardens about plans for the New Park in relation to the area we are planning to work in upstream from the WED site. Matt said the the park will not extend into the area outside the “Lomandra Line” boundary, so we could work there out to the creek. We should be aware though that there is talk of construction of a “bushland trail” that might coincide with some of our activities at some future time. We said that we will keep Matt informed through Leah of our planned activities.

We also had some discussion with the group on the request by Wendy for comments on the operating documents/procedures of the BushCare Program. All agreed that we think the program is excellent and does not need much change. However a few comments were made on specific issues and these will be listed in a submission.

Before leaving we discussed having an additional session to extend the good work we’d done with the weeding this time. Wednesday 05 April seemd like the most suitable day, however since then it has been revealed that the Skilling Qld group will be here with Leah as well (complete with a cuppa) on Monday 03 April. That sounds very suitable, with a big group it should be excellent to make a major difference to the site, and it will be interesting for both very different groups to work together and learn from each other. So I’ll send out a special invite for another session on Monday 03 April

Thanks all. It’s not often we get rained on so a very special day to go with the special result with the weeding.

Regards, Norm Morwood. BCSC Coordinator

Attendees: Leah Tearle, Norm Morwood, Sarah Porteous, Barb Dilworth, Sharon Hannah.

Herbicide Used.

Plants Planted.

Botanical Name	Common Name	No.
Total		Nil