

BCSC BushCare Action Bee Report, Florabunda Pocket Saturday 01 Apr 2023
 Copied to PCCCG, also to attendees and several others involved/interested.



Five in One



Kel



Kel, Greg, Norm

Hot X Buns



Jan



Gail



Judy

The team of 11 of us was boosted by Meg joining us for the first time. Photos of all above, although Meg nearly managed to hide. I hope we did not scare you off Meg. Very happy to have your help anytime you can get here.

A full session of weed control on Saturday morning. We mostly ignored the recent planting area that has consumed most of our time in recent months. Fortunately we were able to do that because a couple of days before, contractor Ecollaboration had foliar treated the invading couch grass and other weeds there (as well as lots of others throughout the site including Madeira Vine). The recent planting is looking relatively clear of weeds now.

Easter Cassia (*Cassia pendula*) (featuring in the photo of Gail), was in full bloom and was given special treatment, but I see today there is plenty we missed. I thought I'd done a good job.

Weeds among pathside lomandras got a beating too from several people while some other serious regeneration weeding was done by the team of 5 photographed together in a gully of injected camphors.

The site based birds got special treatment with both Judy and Jan spending some time between weeding to record a record number of them. And Judy and Glenn conducted the water test.



Another couple of interesting examples of “silicone sealant-like” ?fungus joining dead branches to living trees were found. More investigation is being done and will be revealed by Greg.

Kel found one of the previously planted *Pararistolochia praevenosa* Vines, scrambling away from its personalised climbing frame and he restored it to where it should be going. It seems to be growing despite the dry weather.

And a disturbing feature was the discovery of a vagrant “camp” site up at the very north end of out BushCare activities. It seems a common feature of our sites these days. They are mostly all in a decrepit state and most seemingly unoccupied although this one had a spray painted sign saying “Private Stay Out”

Cuppa came and was much appreciated Tim. Thanks very much, particularly for the special Easter chocolate. We circulated a card for signature by members to be sent to Tony Foley’s wife. Tony was a regular attendee at our events but he died suddenly since our March event here. We are planning to plant a tree in his memory at our next event.

Thanks all for your help on Saturday. It’s great to have got back to our primary task here, of regeneration of this site with its existing local natives, but many restrictive weeds.

We’ll be back here on Saturday 06 May 2023 at 8am.

Norm Morwood, BCSC Coordinator.

Attendees: Tim Byrne, Norm Morwood, Judy Burns, Glenn Burns, Jim Egerton, Kel Callaghan, Gail Hill, Meg McNaught, Greg Pitman, Geoff Carra, Jan England.

Bird list:

Australian Magpie	Leaden Flycatcher	Rainbow Lorikeet
Bar-shouldered Dove	Lewin’s Honeyeater	Red-browed Finch
Blue-faced Honeyeater	Little Friarbird	Rose-crowned Fruit-dove
Brown Cuckoo-dove	Magpie Lark	Scaly-breasted Lorikeet
Brown Honeyeater	Masked Lapwing	Silvereye
Brush Turkey	Mistletoebird	Spotted Dove
Channel-billed Cuckoo	Noisy Friarbird	Striated Pardalote
Crested Pigeon	Noisy Miner	Topknot Pigeon
Dusky Honeyeater	Pale-headed Rosella	Varied Triller
Eastern Yellow Robin	Peaceful Dove	Welcome Swallow
Emerald Dove	Pied Butcherbird	White Ibis
Fan-tailed Cuckoo	Pied Currawong	White-throated Treecreeper
Galah	Rainbow Bee-eater	Willie Wagtail