

2014

October 2014 News

The last program for the year and the reserve looks good with regards to few weeds, but it is very dry.

We have information from HCC that three areas are due to have hazard reduction burns when possible this spring and next autumn.

KR 21 at the end of Kirby court, KR 9 and KR 17 both areas west of the power lines. We went over the area in KR 23, where we cleared old growth gorse with the help of ACV last year.

The endemic plants are recovering well, but there are a lot of gorse seedlings we have to keep in check.

The same good people from our Thursday group did the letterboxing for the plant-give-away this year.

It rained a little that Sunday afternoon, and not many people turned up.

September 2014 News

First I would like to say thank you to Bruce and Greg for doing such a good job running things while I was away!

All the usual people did an amazing job on the Bimbadeen Court blocks. They removed gorse, bone seed and Euryops on a difficult site.

We congratulate the students from Lansdowne Cres. Primary school for first winning the Tasmanian Junior Landcare Team award, and then going on to win the AUSTRALIAN Junior Landcare Team award for their bilingual Trail on Knocklofty.

August 2014 News

We had a good gorse and bone seed removal session on the downhill side of the Mt Stuart Track on a lovely warm 1st Thursday morning of August.

Our 3rd Sunday was cool and shady working well up along the hillside above the Sandy Spit Track with many small gorse to pull and a large number of several years old plants tucked in amongst the *Lomandra longifolia* (Saggs) and *Lepidosperma ensiforme* (Arching swordsedg) that needed cutting and pasting. We had a good attendance on the day with two families doing "Bushcare Badge" activities with us.

The 3rd Thursday activity was Euryops removal along the eastern boundary at the Mt Stuart end of the Reserve and many large in flower plants were dealt with by a team of 5 Members. A good turnout next month would help get more of the Euryops under control before it sets seed.

Astrid is in WA enjoying the pleasure of her grandchild(ren?). Wally is in St John's Hospital palliative care ward and pleased to see visitors.

June 2014 News

Midwinter , the longest night and shortest day of the year and still not much rain for the reserve.

We found more gorse than expected in the area around the new s-bend of the Mt. Stuart Track,
and might have to come back later.

There was plenty of old gorse and Euryops near the Fiona Allan Track, and we will be back there later in the year.

Another successful morning combining with the Valley St. Group.

The Leonard Wall Reserve is now free of the major infestation of gorse and blackberries,
and it will be easier for that group to maintain the area.

The lower Forest Rd. entrance to the reserve has been landscaped and looks good. The HCC is going to set up three wildlife cameras to monitor the fauna in the reserve.

Our contract with HCC/Aurora has been renewed for another year..

May 2014 News

We have had two hazard reduction/regeneration burns in the reserve this month. One in KR1 near the Mt. Stuart Lookout, and one in the north- western part of KR 15 near the big water tank. Now we just hope they will also be able to burn the area near Knocklofty Tce. entrance, where we will be planting in July.

The combined FoKL and Valley St. groups' activity in the Leonard Wall Reserve was very productive.

We cut a lot of gorse, and because it is an inner city park, the cut gorse had to be removed,

and we hauled it in wool packs to the lower entrance for HCC pick up.

There is still some more to remove, and we decided to repeat the activity and finish it off in June.

OPTUS has agreed to pay for this year's follow-up weeding in the buffer zone between their land and the reserve. A contractor will do this later in the spring.

Jim A. represented us at HCC's Volunteer Recognition Program.

March 2014 News

The southern side of the Trig Hill had a good 'going over', and much re-growth broom taken out.

The wayleave activity was very successful, we split the team, and worked through from the Lenah Valley boundary to the cross-over of the west- and south-Hobart lines.

I walked through the reserve with some students , parents and teachers from Lansdowne Cres. Primary School, and the bush is beginning to look dry again. Only the 'Reflecting Pond' still has plenty of water, and very much lives up to its

name.

February 2014 News

The first activities of the year went really well.

We removed a lot of hawthorn and old gorse near the South Hobart reserve boundary, above Ross Rivulet.

At the other side of the reserve near Mt. Stuart we tackled Euryops.

The 'Volunteer Supervisors' had a meeting with HCC bushcare unit.

Mainly dealing with safety issues, and when an activity should be cancelled.

Cancellation is required when it is a 'total fire ban' day, and when the wind is too, too strong.

A correction to the minutes of our annual planning meeting has been made.

Antony Ault's name was left out, AND HE WAS THERE!

I unreservedly apologise to Antony for the mistake.

January 2014 News

Hi Friends of Knocklofty,

I hope you have had a good summer break, and are rearing to go to work in the reserve.

We had our planning meeting, and the minutes and year's program can now be downloaded from the website.

Of course, I will still be sending a notice at the end of each month to remind you of activities..