

A Fine Finish

Rehabilitation around the Reflecting Pond

A large group of FoKlers met on Sunday 16th November to put the final touches to an area being rehabilitated near the Reflecting Pond.



The area being rehabilitated

The area, a bare patch of land overlooking the, currently dry, Reflecting Pond has been targeted for a make over. The improvements included:-

- Laying large logs near the edge of the pond to improve safety and encourage the build up of litter from the surrounding vegetation.
- Spreading mulched native vegetation inside the log perimeter to provide moisture and nutrients for native seeds to propagate in the thin soil.
- Laying slash recovered from the Reflecting Pond and surrounding areas to retain the litter and provide an encouragement to walkers to bypass the area while it is recovering.

Large eucalypt logs were strategically placed in the area early in November by staff from the Hobart City Council. This plan was the mastermind of the Manager of Civic Solutions and had the full support of both FoKL and the Bushland Group. The Bushcrew transported several trailer loads of suitable native mulch and wood chips to the area for spreading.

18 FoKler volunteers and the HCC Supervisor Juliet Chapman, barrowed the mulch to the area, spread it, and covered it with slash. The following photos illustrate the fun, energy, and hard work put into the day.



Collecting the mulch



Spreading the mulch



Clearing the Reflecting Pond



Spreading Slash



More Slash



The Reward

After the job was done, the FoKlers gathered to share The Reward, a magnificent afternoon tea prepared secretly by volunteers. This was brought along to thank the retiring Co-ordinator after his last activity in charge of the group.