



Care in Common

'the first Sunday of the month' May 2017

A Notice Board for Broughton Vale Bushcare

Hi All,

This will be our new 'Heads Up' for all things Broughton Vale Bushcare, including notices of forthcoming work days (the first Sunday of every month), notes, idle comments and news.

If you have received this, it means you are on our e-mailing list and are either a member of Broughton Vale Bushcare, or have expressed an interest in our activities.

Our email list

If you, or anyone you know, would like (or no longer want) to receive this notice board please contact me and we can add or remove you from our email list.

Farewell Barry and Goodluck!

Barry Virtue has been the Broughton Vale Bushcare site coordinator since Philip Thorniley handed him the baton late in 2015. Barry combined an amazing knowledge of native plants with the quiet determination of a seasoned regenerator and that of a small dedicated core of Broughton Valiens to build on the amazing success achieved during Philip's coordination (2011–2015). The work on the eastern bank of Broughton Mill Creek is now mostly limited to the weeding of seedlings.

Barry and his partner are leaving the Berry District for more southern littorals and we wish them farewell and goodluck in their new habitat. Check out 'A Quiet Achiever' in May's Town Crier (page 28). The baton has been handed to Kelvin Officer, a Broughton Valien of some 12 years, who's knowledge of latin names is limited to Rex, but loves the smell of glyphosate on Lantana.

Broughton Vale Bushcare Review

Jeff Bryant, Acting Bushcare Coordinator with Shoalhaven City Council, recently conducted a review of the Broughton Vale Bushcare site with Barry and Kelvin. Jeff has given us a gold star and a new box of tools and a bottle of glyphosate (just add volunteers). Our three areas of action within the Broughton Vale Common continue to be endorsed and supported by the Council. These are the eastern and western banks of Broughton Mill Creek, and the southern-end forest remnant at the corner of Hillandale and Broughton Vale Roads.

May 7th workday suspended for the Berry Wildlife Corridor 'Big Lift'

Our normal programmed May workday falls on Sunday the 7th however, this coincides with the Berry Landcare Berry Wildlife Corridor 'Big Lift' workday weekend (6th and 7th May). Berry Landcare is urging all of its members, keen on a planting and weeding fix, to lend a hand to this volunteer event. Please see appended flyer.






For this reason, and because the Common falls within the Berry Wildlife Corridor, (and because the new coordinator is a member of the Corridor working group and will be applying glyphosate to Lantana (see above) on this weekend), our May workday has been suspended in favour of the Corridor 'Big Lift'. Come along and be part of the Berry Wildlife Corridor bigger picture. There are morning and afternoon sessions, and a free BBQ lunch. Members who live in the corridor will be able to pick up a Berry Wildlife Corridor sign on the day (see inset on front page picture).

The next Broughton Vale Workday will be June 4th

Due to the Berry Wildlife Corridor 'Big Lift' being conducted on the 6th and 7th of May, our usual May workday has been suspended and our next work day will be June 4th 2017.

Our Common objectives for 2017

Our objectives in the Broughton Vale Bushcare site for 2017 will be:

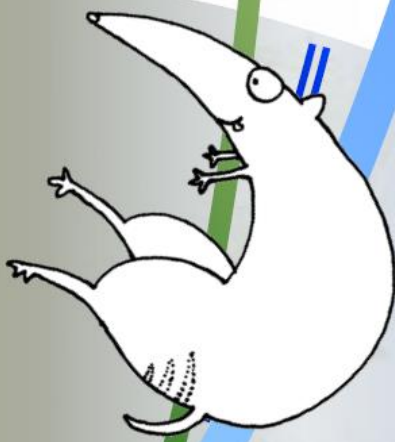
-  Regular 'maintenance' weeding of the established native plantings along the east bank of Broughton Mill Creek;
-  Fill-in planting in some limited small areas on the east bank;
-  Commence weeding (cutting and pasting) along the west bank of Broughton Mill Creek, with the aim of re-planting with riparian species, once sufficient areas have been prepared;
-  Commence weeding (cutting and pasting) within the southern end forest remnant, with the aim of re-planting Illawarra sub-tropical rainforest species once sufficient areas have been prepared;
-  The return of the after workday drinks and muffin.

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The Berry Corridor 'Big Lift'

May 6th & 7th 2017

Get involved in the restoration of the Berry Wildlife Corridor!

Join Berry Landcare in a fun weekend of tree planting and weed punishment.

Come for two hours or longer, morning or afternoon.

Sessions start: Saturday 9:00am and 2:00 pm, Sunday 9:00am.
BBQ lunch provided (1:00pm).

Meet at Camp Quality Park, Woodhill Mountain Rd carpark (just south of Bundewallah CK bridge). Bring your own sun protection, water flask, garden gloves and sturdy footwear.

Please let us know when you're coming, so we can juggle the snags, contact Bill Pigott on 0409 469655
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