

Kyogle Landcare

June Update



Vale Trevor Bendall

It is with regret that we say farewell to Landcare stalwart and friend, Trevor Bendall. Trevor was well known around town as the night security for many years keeping our schools, shops and industry safe. During the day you could find Trevor in his Healthfood store run by his wife Supattra.

He was one of Kyogle's characters, born and bred in the Kyogle area originally from Findon Creek. What is less known about Trevor was his work around town protecting and restoring the local natural areas. Trevor was a member of the Kyogle Landcare Group right from the beginnings but he preferred to work alone. For years he looked after the area at the back of Anzac Park on the north side of Fawcett's Creek to the Railway. Next to his home is an old quarry which he single handedly planted out with rainforest species; a real legacy to his passion for the environment.

In 2011 Trevor was recognised for his contribution by being awarded the Kyogle Tidy Towns 'Unsung Hero' and the Protecting the Natural Environment Award.

Trevor in the last few years loved to come to our Saturday work days and although not strong enough to work he would sit with us and have a cup of tea and enlighten us on the history of Kyogle and its surrounds of which he knew a great deal. His knowledge of the local vegetation was always helpful when it came to our planting of local species.

Old friend your work and contribution to our community and the local environment is not and will not be forgotten.

Our thoughts and condolences go out to Supattra and his children Steven and Sushira

Bob Jarman

Biological Control Release at Fawcett's Creek

Yet another pesky garden escapee has re-emerged at Fawcett's Creek. Originally planted by garden enthusiasts for its attractive yellow flowers and climbing ability it was widely used for screening trellises and walls. It has now become a major weed of native forests and riparian areas in eastern Australia. If you are unsure how to identify the plant examine the tendril, run your finger along it and you will understand the name.

Unfortunately, an outbreak of the dreaded Cat's Claw creeper has been found on the northern side of Fawcett's Creek. Its uncanny ability to smother trees creating the familiar "zombie" like structures commonly seen along the Richmond River and its vigorous root and tuber system make it a notoriously difficult weed to control.

To the rescue (we hope) comes *Hylaeogena jureceki* a leaf-mining jewel beetle. The beetle was released on Saturday the 25th of May.

We look forward to monitoring the effects.



Cat's Claw Creeper strangling rainforest

SUCCESS!

The clouds opened and the rain poured down, fittingly at 1pm, bang on the time when the inaugural May plant sale and workshops finished.

Over 60 people made their way to the Landcare nursery site to grab a bargain, partake in morning tea or listen to one of the many informative workshops.

Thank you to the presenters: Meg Bishop, Plant Propagation, Tara Price, Koalas, Rikki Couston, Bird Wing Butterfly Vines, Rob Drury, Fawcett's Creek Walk and Lib Ruytenberg Flying Fox, for donating their time and expertise.

A special thank you to the hard working team who helped pull the day together.

Over \$1700 was taken on the day. Now, what to spend the money on....



Happy customer



Rikki and Bill with the scones



Plant Information



An exhausted Kate!



Even the Kola is interested!

Validation – why we do what we do.

Dear Rob,

On Mother's Day my daughter Naomi, her partner Kieran and I walked the Labyrinth down at Alcorn Park.

We followed that pleasant time with the paved path around by Fawcett's Creek and then the Bush Walk finishing up back at the parking lot outside Landcare.

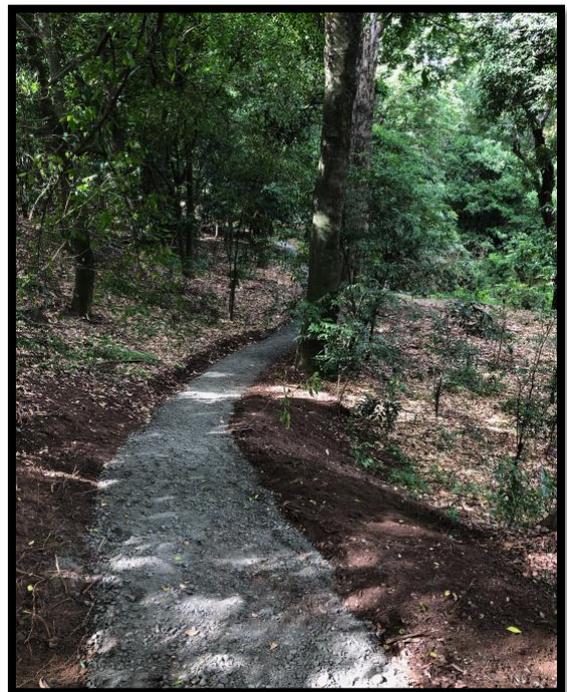
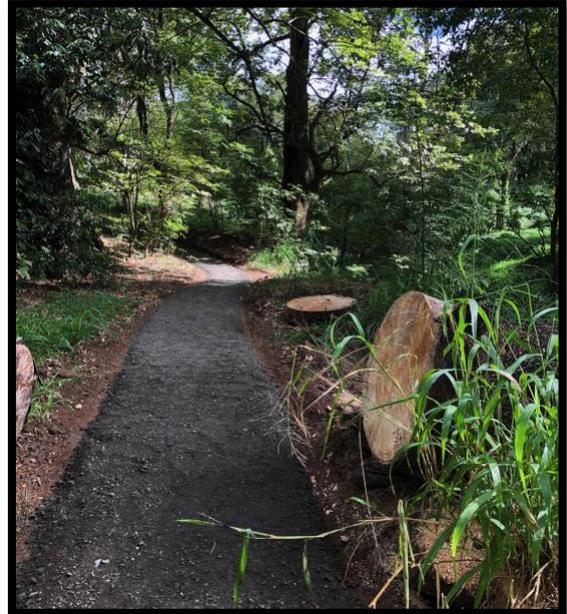
We have been here in Kyogle for thirteen years now and have become very familiar with that area, often taking family and friends to do the walk and show them the area down there.

What an amazing difference Landcare has made to the place. The fine rock path for the Bush Walk has made a big difference. There has been a lot of work done clearing and planting so that one can enjoy the Creek and landscape thoroughly. In the past my granddaughter and I got a bit lost amongst the tall grasses when we tried to take a "short cut" as the path itself was so wet and muddy.

Please convey our thanks to all at Landcare for the hard work that has gone into making this such an enjoyable area to stroll through and appreciate.

All the best to everyone

Noelle Lynden--Way



Upcoming Events...

- ◆ Landcare meeting 2nd June 6pm – 7.30. Landcare O
- ◆ Nursery and regeneration team
Every Tuesday 9am until 12ish.
- ◆ Working Bee Horseshoe Creek
23rd of June, Sunday 9 - 11
- ◆ Working Bee Fawcett's Creek
29th June Saturday 9 – 11.

