

Kyogle Landcare

December Update



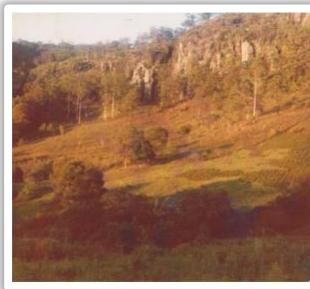
Visit to Ken and Adrian's

On Saturday the 10th of November, 9 inquisitive adventurers arrived at Mountaintop Road, Georgica and were we in for a treat!

This property is a shining example of what can be achieved with persistence, passion and purpose. Bought in 1979, this 40.5-hectare property, once degraded farmland covered in Lantana and Crofton weed, is now an oasis of reforested creeks and hillside.

Ken and Adrian shared what works, what doesn't, and what takes time. These initially inexperienced city dwellers were inspired by the legendary Bob Jarman as to what could be achieved on their property. While owning the property since the late 70's most of the hard yakka work has been completed in the last 15 years as Ken and Adrian have found more time to commit to the regeneration of their pocket of paradise.

Due to their experiences, Ken and Adrian are now running a mentor program "**Grass Roots Mentoring**" to share their considerable knowledge and expertise.



From this....



...to this!



Ken and Adrian



Koala food tree corridor



*Rare Red Fruited Ebony
(Diospyros mabacea)*



Riparian Zone

We finished the visit with a delicious morning tea on the deck overlooking the now thriving forest relaxing in the birdsong, the breeze and the beauty.

Thank you, Ken and Adrian, for your generosity in sharing this very special pocket of the Northern Rivers with us.

If you would like more information please visit:

[Grassroots Mentoring](#)



Morning Tea



View from the verandah

The Year in Review

Nursery:

- ◆ Replacement of old wooden benches with steel.
- ◆ Upgrade of the watering system.
- ◆ Core group of regular committed volunteers that propagate, pot, weed and maintain a range of native plants for sale.
- ◆ Propagation of *Bird Wing Butterfly Vines*, nurtured by Jan.
- ◆ Funding applications for roof replacement and nursery trolleys.
- ◆ Donation of over 100 trees to Kyogle High School for a regen project.
- ◆ Continues to be the major fundraiser for Kyogle Landcare.
- ◆ A special thanks to Sharon for her role in coordinating this group.



Fawcett's Creek

- ◆ Reinvigoration of this site assisted by Conservation Volunteers Project.
- ◆ Removal of a range of invasive weeds including but not limited to: Trad, Balloon Vine, Maderia Vine, Tobacco Bush, Chinese Celtis, Green Cestrum, mulberries and Morning Glory.



- ◆ Litter removal from the site.
- ◆ Tree plantings.
- ◆ Maintenance and nurturing of tress.
- ◆ A successful grant application of \$18000 from the Crown Reserve Trust for track improvement, seating, employment of a bush regenerator and interpretive signage. A special thank you to Emma Stone and Shane Noon.
- ◆ A shout out to the core group who turn up every Tuesday as well as to those who turn up monthly. (You know who your are!)

Horseshoe Creek

- ◆ 10 months on and this previously heavily infested site is beginning to return to health.
- ◆ Job's Tears has been removed, Lantana sprayed, Privet injected, Madeira Vine on the decrease – more to do, Balloon Vine eliminated (we hope!).
- ◆ The initial hard work is complete. Some sites now ready for planting. Ongoing maintenance continues.
- ◆ **A special thanks to Peter Stone for his ongoing commitment and investment in the protection of the tributaries to the Richmond River.**



Site Visits

- ◆ 2018 = 2 site visits.
- ◆ Don Durrant's and Ken and Adrian's.
- ◆ Both were informative, inspiring and best practice examples of what can be achieved with blood, sweat and tears and good dose of **PASSION**.
- ◆ We look forward to more visits in 2019.

Finally, none of the above would be possible without the input, commitment and dedication of the people who continually turn up, when they can, to help out care for our land.

We are custodians not owners.

Hope to join with you in growing *Kyogle Landcare* in 2019.

Rob



