

# Canning River Regional Park Volunteers (CRRPV)

## 2019 happenings

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*Litoria Flats area ready for winter planting.*

### January

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- 14.1.19 Approval of Perth NRM funding for Litoria Flats Stage 7'. Looking forward to adding lots more sedges & *Myoporum caprariodes* to this site next winter.
- 19.1.19 Group Work Day at Paddock Site: Weeding Paspalum etc at Paddock Site and removing regrowth Silky Oak seedlings from a neighbouring property.



*Weeding Paspalum at the Paddock site*

### February

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- 23.2.19 Group Work Day at Billabong causeway - weeding Wild Aster.
- February: Exceptionally low tides during the mornings, shown here upstream from Riverton Bridge.



*Regrowth Silky Oak seedlings from a neighbouring site*



*Exceptionally low tide at The Islands just upstream from Riverton Bridge*



*Wild Aster infestation*



*Weeding at the Small Billabong*



*Bush Crew & CREEC staff chatting at the end of the day. Photo by Claire*



*Coffee time after cleaning up. Photo by George*



*Mostly Vollies in their blue shirts. Photo by George*



*Rubbish load No 2 ready to go, CofC Bush Crew. Photo by George*



*Removing Fleabane*

## March

- 3.3.19 Clean Up Australia Day. Many thanks to everyone who supported this event: supporters, community members, City of Canning Councillors & Natural Area Management Team and CRRPV Vollies.
- 23.3.19 Group Work Day at Urban Forest - We went to the trouble of removing this isolated Fleabane among *Typha orientalis* - the area was burnt a week later!
- Monday Morning group - work continuing at various sites. These bags full of weeds were the result of efforts by five people at Morning Glory Site.
- 12.3.19 Final report submitted for Paddock Grant (SNRM A15083).
- 20.3.19 Lotterywest Microbat Project is progressing with some analysis of bat DNA completed, cameras for viewing bat activity in boxes being researched & educational materials under consideration.



*Mon am's effort by 5 people at Morning Glory Site. Photo by Marie.*



*Vollies at work at Paddock Site*

## March

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*Banksia nivea* - lots of opened seed capsules

- 30.3.19 Fire at Urban Forest Project Site - The entire site burned but we are hopeful that the trees, and some of the understorey plants which were well established, will recover in time. This section shows the Extension Area between the huge old Eucalyptus rudis and the small gate.
- A hopeful sign - all the Banksia nivea were burned in the extension area but there are many seeds in the capsules opened by the fire.
- Paddock Site, our most recent project, was saved but the vegetation beyond it was burnt.



*Urban Forest Extension area, small gate to huge old eucalypt*



*Saving the Paddock Site. Photo by Claire.*



*Looking at riparian vegetation from the dipping platform. Photo by Marie.*



*Cat explaining the importance of sedges. Photo by Marie*



*Barn Owl spotted at the April Bird Survey, Route 2 by Mir Frahmand*

## April

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- 5.4.19 : Earth Day (schools event) - organised by AAEE & CREEC. CRRPV again provided support for an activity focussing on the importance of sedges, this time presented by Cat Williams of SERCUL (thanks for coming to the rescue Cat!). Children looked at riparian vegetation from the dipping platform and potted up sedges to be planted out during the winter.
- April 7 (Sunday): Bird Survey - our 31st survey of CRRP.
- [Bird Survey notes for April](#)
- [Bird survey all years](#)
- This Barn Owl was discovered while observing four Rainbow Lorikeets, thought to be squabbling over ownership of a hollow. It turned out to be the Barn Owl's roost site but the owl was evicted by the lorikeets.

## April

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*Weeding at MG - and making a big difference*



*Waterweed at MG, Bacopa monnieri*



*Euc rudis shooting from lignotuber at base*



*Several B. littoralis poss lost but Blackberry also hit hard.*

- 20.4.19 Group Work Day - more weeding at Morning Glory Site. Removal of Umbrella Grass from the creek / drain, Morning Glory and Wild Aster. 12 people filled 35 bags and left a pile of bulky weeds to be collected as well.
- But this water-weed, *Bacopa monnieri*, is a concern; not seen until recent months, but flourishing on the bank of the river channel.
- 22.4.19 Three weeks after fire: First signs of recovery - by plants and weeds! Many of the *Eucalyptus rudis* trees are responding and a few of the paperbarks (*Melaleuca raphiophylla*).
- Several mature *Banksia littoralis* may have been lost but the Blackberry beneath them has also been hit hard. *Centella* beyond is still doing well.
- At least two species of sedge are surviving, as well as a lone Grass Tree.



*Grass Tree surviving.*



*Riverview Church Group - 18.5.19  
Group Work Day*



*Monday Morning group 28.5.19 &  
their work by Marie*



*Jo collecting nuts of Casuarina  
fraseriana at B.Hill*



*Annual Veldt Grass removed*

## May

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- 18.5.19 Group Work Day at Litoria Bank with much-appreciated help from Riverview Church. Weeding along Litoria Bank and a short walk to the Samphire Site for more weeding of Wild Aster and Fleabane.
- Monday Morning Group has been weeding and brush-cutting at Morning Glory and Banksia Hill, with some infill planting at Litoria Bank.

## June

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- CRRPV have accepted responsibility for the combined Banksia Hill - Seed Orchard Sites, previously the domain of another group, which is no longer active in the area.
- 22.6.19 Group Work Day at Banksia Hill: Weeding with the target species Annual Veldt Grass. Collection of nuts from *Casuarina fraseriana* for future work. A number of early plantings still survive in this somewhat overgrown old project site.

## July

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- Group Work Day cancelled due to inclement weather.
- Several Mondays spend planting, watering and weeding at Banksia Hill.



*Claire & Mir weeding at Billabong*



*Bat photo, display, tables and bat cave*



*Bat cave interior 1 (2)*



*Daniel setting up the bat cave interior*



*Bat photo opportunity 1*

## August

- On-going weeding and planting of small numbers of plants by Monday Morning Group at Billabong Site.
- 18.8.19 **Science Expo 2019:** Another great event supported by CRRP Volunteers. This year we created a 'bat cave' to show video footage of microbats leaving and entering their bat-box roost; and a bat photo opportunity as well as a display.
- 24.8.19 Group Work Day: Weeding and planting at Banksia Hill with Riverview Church group.



*Knocking out tube stock and chatting while waiting for morning tea.*



*Blue Beard Orchids by Claire*



*Yellow Brain Fungus by George*



*Tawny Frogmouth, 1st record*



*Pimpernel Sundew, Drosera glanduligera*



*First sedge planted with a Pottiputki*



*Knocking out sedges ready for planting*



*Myoporum planted near the boardwalk.*

## September

- A tragedy - a dead Tawny Frogmouth was found near Litoria Stream - our first record for this species in CRRP; case of death is uncertain but secondary rat bait poisoning is a possibility.
- Monday Morning Group: Planting of sedges pricked out and potted up by children on Earth Day, and more weeding at Billabong Site. An area of Pimpernel Sundew among the Lotus was a pleasant surprise.
- 21.9.19 Group Work Day - Sedge planting at Litoria Stage 7: 1018 *Juncus kraussii* sedges planted, with the help of 4 Pottiputki planters loaned by City of Canning.
- 23.9.19: Monday morning group: Planting of the remaining 500 sedges plus 200 *Myoporum caprarioides*, 48 *Melaleuca viminae* and 2 *Gahnia trifida*.



*Utricularia multifida*



*Sorting & pricing items*



*Plants for sale*



*Prickly Lettuce infestation*



*Making progress, Banksia Hill; Riverview & Vollies*

## October

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- 19.10.19 Garage Sale - More funds raised to help CRRPV with on-going work in the park.
- 26.10.19 Group Work Day at Banksia Hill - Clearing a big area of Prickly Lettuce, a weed, at Banksia Hill with the help of a very willing team from Riverview Church.

## November

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- 3.11.19 Bird Survey - Our 29th survey. 21 people, including 9 BirdLife WA members who provided invaluable help, spent 3 hours surveying within CRRP; a total of 66 species was recorded.

View the [November survey notes here](#)

View the [Survey by routes here](#)



*Rufous Whistler, B. Hill by Claire*



*Grass Trees 2 years on*



*Plants for sale*



*Filling water bottles*



*Eremaea pauciflora at Banksia Hill*

## November

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- November 2019: Grass Trees - progress - Transplanted Grass Trees at Ferndale Car-park have now been in place for 2 years: 15-16 are still doing well.
- 4.11.19 Busy Bee - The usual Monday Morning team pitched in to replace the roof of our Field officer's potting shed and do a general tidy up of the garden.
- 11.11.19 Monday Morning Group Work - Watering and weeding at Billabong Site
- 18.11.19 Monday Morning Group Work - Watering at Banksia Hill - and enjoying late flowering species and insects.



*Jewel Beetle, Castiarina sp, on Melaleuca seriata*



*Dampiera linearis at Banksia Hill*



*Weeding at Small Billabong*



*Modelling the new snake-proof gaiters*



*Jim Prince, DBCA 20 Years Service Award. Photo courtesy of DBCA*



*CRRPV Wind Up 2019 by George*

## November

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- 23.11.19 Group Work Day - Weeding at Billabong and NRM Floodplain Restoration Sites.
- November: Snake-proof gaiters - As an added safety precaution, 4 pairs of gaiters were purchased with a small community group grant, courtesy of DBCA River Systems Management Unit.

## December

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- December 2019: Another Service Award - Jim, one of our long-term members, received a Dept of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions 20 Years' Service Award - Well done Jim!
- 1.12.19 Group Wind up - Another pleasant get-together at Canning Eco Education Centre, socialising and mulling over the year's events.
- 16.12.19 Insects are active - We are becoming more familiar with the various species that make use of the regional park - and our plant stakes.



*Resin bee at plant stake, photo by Claire*



*Resin Bee on *Regelia ciliata* at Banksia Hill; photo by Claire*