

Brief notes for JBG report to CDEA AGM

If you want to eradicate weeds in a hurry, try a lengthy drought and a couple of Scrub Turkeys.(Throw in a few feral deer for luck!!)

With BCC water restrictions, all planting programs have been stopped.

Therefore our concentration has been on weed elimination – a sort of ‘kick ‘em while they’re down’.

Funnily enough, there has been a need to implement erosion control measures. The odd heavy shower last summer with almost 100% run off from roads and roofs has resulted in minor erosion in vegetation deprived sites.

At a Brisbane wide Sausage sizzle last year we were introduced to ‘coir logs’ as an erosion control method at a Seven Hills bushcare site.

Naturally we had to have some too !!

Joking aside we have installed about 10 logs between our two areas of concern – Jindalee and Summit Place, Mt Ommaney (better known as Wiley’s Scrub) and already have seen the benefit in the retention of soil and minimization of erosion.

Regardless, attendance of volunteers has been most satisfactory during the last 12 months and we have managed to give some of our favourite invasive weeds a severe jolt.

As previously we are very grateful for the support from Cr Felicity Farmer and her team at the Ward Office in the printing and mailing of notices. Thanks also for the continued assistance from the Habitat Brisbane officers. All right, it’s their job but they do it with an enthusiasm which is most encouraging for us.

We are rapidly approaching our 10th anniversary – seems like yesterday when the first seedlings were planted on a sweltering summers day.

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