

NORTH BRISBANE CATCHMENTS

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NBC Bushcare Sites

Absolutely enormous thanks to all volunteers!!!

Weather

The amazing amount of rain has been great! What was shaping up to be a long dry summer hasn't materialised. Thank goodness, as watering is quite an issue at some sites such as Goldberg Place Park. Rainbow Lorikeet Park has the luxury of a tap within easy reach of most areas while at Virginia laborious pumping from the creek is employed.

Of course, the rainfall has also benefited the weeds!

Wildlife



Late last year BCC said that they would have a fresh look at Hamilton and Rode Rds.

We are again approaching now TMR Minister Bart Mellish regarding the vastly unacceptable number of wallaby strikes where the TMR corridor intersects with Rode Rd. Late last year TMR advised that they don't intend to do any fencing there. But it's not just the wallabies at risk – humans are also at risk.

Grants

Spending continues under the Lilley Volunteers grant. Thanks Anika Wells! As this grant doesn't cover tubestock, fertiliser and other consumables, we've applied for another BCC grant to cover same. The outcome should be known soon.

Toad/Toadpole Busting

Wed 17/Jan saw a very successful Toadbusting event in 7th Brigade Park with 208 toads collected by about 30 enthusiastic people – Thank You!



Toadpole trapping was also conducted yielding 690 toadpoles, thus preventing them from growing to become toads.

The term "Toadpole" is a shortening of "Toad Tadpole". Much info can be found at <https://watergum.org/>.



Wildlife Walk & Talks

Following the popularity of the event on 18/Nov at Chermide Hills Reserve, more of these events are being planned for when the weather cools down.

We look forward to Sylvia imparting her encyclopaedic wildlife knowledge in 7th Brigade Park!