

Tranmere-Clarence Plains Land & Coastcare Inc.

Annual report for 2017-2018

This has been a year of consolidation for us, continuing our landcare and historical activities.

Our landcare activities.

During the year we had several new members join the group, some of whom regularly attend our weekly working bees. We now regularly have 4 to 6 members attending each week. This has allowed us to expand the scope of the work we do and the number of sites we maintain.

We were successful in obtaining a grant from Clarence City Council to purchase mainly plants and tree guards. Council have also provided the mulch into which the seedlings are planted.

Our working groups regularly weeded, mulched, slashed, trimmed, planted and watered the following sites:

- Tranmere foreshore,
- Clarence Plains Rivulet
- Clarence Plains Rivulet Saltmarsh
- The Nutshell, 22 Droughty Point Road
- 191 Droughty Point Road.
- Carella Gully
- Elinga Greenway

We partnered with John Paul II school for Clean Up Australia Day along the Clarence Plains Rivulet.

We partnered with Conservation Volunteers Australia and TAFE to run two cross-cultural days to develop Casuarina Reserve (part of the Tranmere Foreshore Reserve). Recent migrants to Australia joined regular CVA volunteers and TACPLACI members for the activities. On the first day in March we cleared weeds and spread mulch. On the second day in July we planted seedlings and placed tree guards around plants requiring them.

We worked with NRM South to provide a new interpretive sign for the Clarence Plains Rivulet Saltmarsh. The sign was launched on 7 June on-site at the salt marsh.

Our historical activities

Last year Lorraine Redway, formerly a member of the Clarence Plains Historical Society joined the executive of the landcare group and has continued to provide leadership of historical activities for the group.

On 5 November we held an open day and sausage sizzle at the site of The Nutshell at 22 Droughty Point Road with an historical focus. We had a small but enthusiastic turn out of people local to the area.

On Sunday 11 March, members walked to Droughty Point to inspect some historical remnants of the area, accompanied by local historian David Bloomfield and landowner David Carr. The walk was a useful activity for the planning of the Historical Cruise in April.

Over 100 people boarded the vessel 'Spirit of Hobart' for a two and a half hour cruise along the eastern shore of the Derwent River on 22 April 2018. Fine weather prevailed and allowed the locals to see their particular neighbourhood from the river. The commentary highlighted the historical significance of sites along the coastline and recalled stories of times gone past. This event was held in conjunction with the Bellerive Historical Society for the 2018 Australian Heritage Festival. Thanks to Lorraine Redway and David Bloomfield of our group and John Sargent of the Bellerive Historical Society for organizing.

We sincerely thank Clarence Lions for their maintenance of the Old Congregational Cemetery, Clarence Council Officers for their ongoing support and Conservation Volunteers Australia and Green Army.

Thank you to all our supporters and particularly our regular committee members and workers.

Phil Anstie, Convenor.
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