



# Bielsdown River Walk

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Dandarrga Landcare

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## 7 September

Piers, Greg, Les and Rohan spent 6 September clearing green waste - five stacks courtesy of Piers' work over three days (See views below) and 12 trailer loads. Rohan cleared around 50 new planting sites in readiness for staking out.



Stakes all positioned in readiness for planting.

## 14 September 2023

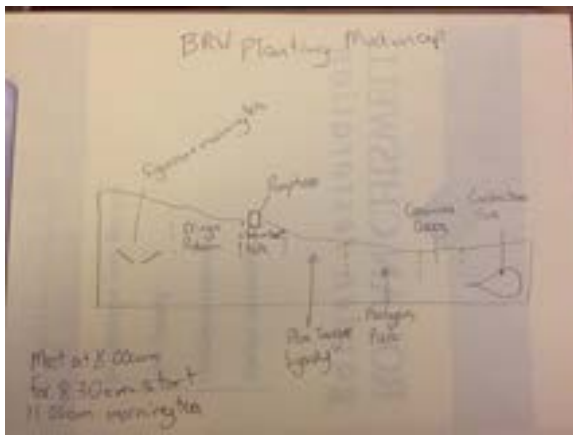
More prep work for the big 21 September plant out. Bel and Kate tested the water truck, watering existing plants. Nadia, Piers, Sue, Lyndy and Greg augered holes and dug holes.



## 21 September 2023

What a great turnout for our mass planting with 16 ready and willing workers - Nadia, Kate, Rohan, Sue, Marian, Simon, Trevor, Annie, Lyndy, Jamara, Cheryl, Phil, Carol, Greg and Belinda. A total of 253 plants are now in the ground.

Thanks to Nadia who made sure we had the best plants available and her planning for the day. A cup of tea and and tasty morsels ended the planting session.



## 28 September 2023

Cardboard shrouds were placed around those plants that missed out last week. Mulch was also spread around the plants that missed out last week. Watering was also done. Plantings looking good.

## 5 October 2023

A meeting was held Under the Tree to discuss the decision making structure of the BRW team and discuss various aspirations. Views were gathered from Nadia, Rohan, Kate, Sue, Lyndy and Piers and appear on following page. Plastic guards around plants at the pumphouse were replaced by cardboard shrouds. Lomandra was planted along the area where frost damage is most noticeable.



Greg & Rohan watered plantings on 24 September to give them the best chance.







12 October 2023

Continuation of Lomandra planting occurred today. We inspected a tree that has collar rot and learnt about how to correctly distribute the mulch to ensure that it is not resting on the bark. Lyndy wielded the auger with Piers using the large auger. Sue, Kate and Simon followed with the plants, fertiliser, and water was manually delivered by Rohan and Greg. Great team work.



19 October 2023

Piers, Sue and Rohan planted 55 Lomandra near the turnaround and 14 Tallowood trees scattered throughout the area from the pumphouse to the turnaround.

26 October 2023

A quick workshop on planting technique and then 80 Lomandra planted and now there is a row of Lomandra bordering the road from the turnaround to the pumphouse. Sue and Simon cracked on with planting and a quick check of last week's plantings showed most are thriving.

2 November 2023

Hyco of 40 Lomandra plants planted, along with 15 other trees. Sue, Nadia, Lyndy, Rohan and Greg on deck.



9 November 2023

Plantings checked and 18 stakes put in the recent plantings provided with shrouds. 40 Lomandra planted. Plantings near the pumphouse were watered by hand. The fence near Peter Lynch's property is near completion. Rohan to contact Crown Lands to establish communication. DA has been approved for housing development. Greg, Sue, Nadia, Kate, Rohan and Lyndy there today. Many beneficial insects sighted thanks to Bel.







Jewel Beetle *Buprestidae*



Lady Beetle (Coccidulini)



Bee-fly Thraxan

Also sighted but not photographed: Reed bee, White-banded bee, Hover fly and Bee-fly Villa.

### 16 November 2023

Rohan mowed the pathways and roadways. Kate counted all the recent plantings. 291 Lomandra, Thanks to Greg who staked them all. Turnaround = 43 plants, 34 Lomandra Upstream to first seat = 70 From seat to next seat = 35 From second seat to shaded seat = 37 Pumphouse = 49 Triangular Bench to Twin Seats = 47

### 23 November 2023

Component Cafe meeting due to damp weather. Nadia, Rohan, Kate and Simon discussed GIS options and future works.

### 30 November 2023

Rohan, Sue, Kate and new member, Paulette chipped around Lomandra planted along the access road. Rohan will mow later as the spring grass growth is well underway. Paulette cleared the 5 metre buffer zone at the end of the walk. The plants planted on 23 September are doing well with few losses.



Buffer zone prepared for planting next week.