



# Bielsdown River Walk

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Dandarrga Landcare

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## JOURNAL NO2

2 February -

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Meeting at Rohan's to discuss the outcomes of the meeting with Dorrigo Community Nursery.

9 February 2023

92 Lomandra planted along northern boundary. Mowed path to last seat. Blades and blade attachment broke off mower - unsure if able to repair, but is now with Les. No one hurt. Steel posts and rusty pickets removed. Boundary marker on corner concreted in for sighting.



The great day of Lomandra planting. Les making Lomandra Lane, Piers and Lyndy making holes with the augur and planting and boundary post concreted in place.

16 February 2023

Nadia's mower was repaired by Les and it is going well. Area near the seats was cleared of weeds and privet. The metal post was removed.



23 February 2023

Wet Weather Activity - brainstorming for Plan of Management June 2023- June 24 at Components Cafe. One of the primary drivers for BRW is consideration of platypus burrows. The aim is to ensure minimal activity near their burrows while providing access to BRW.

Make 'care for plantings' a priority for planning compared with mowing e.g. removing weeds around the new plantings, giving plants maximum chance to thrive. Next week walk and map out possible paths.



# Mission Statement

To create a riverside walk for public access, for recreation and appreciation of nature while protecting native fauna and flora

To achieve this aim:

- Define pathway by mowing to areas of rest and river access
- Provide a continuous path above flood levels where achievable
- Current pathway to be relocated to ensure fauna habitat is not impacted
- Plantings to encourage native fauna, provide shade for public and riverbank restoration
- Mowing is the priority when needed and tree planting/maintenance and weeding at other times



Reconnaissance paddle by Piers on Clean Up Australia Day, Sunday 5 March 2023 clearly showing platypus burrows along the BRW bank.



2 March 2023

Riverside path mowed. Eight advanced lomandra plants from Sue's planted in Lomandra Lane. Piers and Les whipper-snipped possible paths from to two of the seats. Lyndy, Kate and Sue weeded around the river oaks planted on 10 November. All doing well.



Taking delivery of BBT mower  
3 March 2023

9 March 2023

New BBT mower introduced to the group with a high approval rating and training occurred. The potential new path taking into account platypus sensitivity was created with whipper snipper. Weeding and whipper snipping around previous plantings. Lomandra Lane plantings looking good.





23 March 2023

Another path between lower and upper path done. Mowed path slightly wider. Whipper snipping and weeding around plantings. Whipper snip Ash St drain - lomandra looking good. Exploring extension to lower path between two oak trees. Privet pulled from twin seats to river.

Top: Rakali caught on monitor camera Ash St Bridge 10.15pm  
11 March 2023, Below: Rakali



30 March 2023

Wet day - whipper snipped around plants and extension of new path. Weeding.

6 April 2023

Short session - Les on mower and Nadia on brush cutter. Paths and seating areas cleared.

13 April 2023

Les on mower, Piers with privet remover and brush cutter, Nadia on brushcutter at Ash St drain and Kate and Nadia weeded around plantings. New path taking shape.

16 March 2023

Whipper snipped Lomandra around Ash St drain and refined new path. Mowed path and weeded around plantings. Targeted Ink Weed, Thistle, Ragweed before seeds viable. More discussion on PoM with Sue and Lyndy.



20 April 2023

Today was not a good day for regeneration. One of BRW's tallest river oaks and its little neighbour were vandalised. Nadia was disheartened to see the large tallowood she had planted was also needlessly flattened. Whipper snipping happened as well as restaking and shielding some plantings before the first frost,



27 April 2023

Too wet to volunteer.

Top: Tallowood vandalised  
Below: Nadia with the tallowood on  
2 March 2023