
SCAGI Update.

8 messages

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Hi All,

Firstly, I am sad to inform you of Kim Patersons recent passing on the 30th of August. Kim and his wife Helen have been long term supporters of Seymour conservation and restoration efforts. Kim gave us legitimacy with his long career in the Legal Profession and helped guide the Group with his wisdom. His input to the Group was greatly appreciated and he will be missed by us all. Our condolences go to Helen and her family.

Sam Ibbott from Marine Solutions reported last week, before the last big rain event, that his team had recently tested the water in Templestowe Lagoon and checked on the Bird In Hand Dam construction. The oxygen levels in the Lagoon are high, it is still open to the sea and in good condition. The creek feeding into the dam had been diverted around it, to feed directly into the Lagoon to minimise silt run off. Silt fences are in place and there is a sump in the dam to allow silt to settle before the water is pumped out. Due to the recent high rain fall (highest since 1967) completion of the dam will be delayed until the area dries out. Sam has left business cards with the dam construction company and John in the farm house if anyone wants to contact him for more information. He has also been in conversation with David Quon who may be able to provide more information.

The wreck of the yacht 'Jacana' was towed off Templestowe Beach on the 30th of August and taken away via semi trailer. See attached photo. Both north and south beach tracks are now in very bad condition due to the excessive rain.

We had a productive working bee with the Utas Landcare Society and Group members on the 3rd of September cutting and pasting gorse from the Champ Street carpark, around the western and northern side of the side of the swamp, and tending the native trees we have planted. Ben Wall has offered to do a Chemical Handling Course which will be sponsored by SCAGI. This is a requirement by PWS to carry out spraying.

Amanda Brooks from the GSBC Weed Team inspected the area and advised on best way to deal with regrowth gorse. We have had three days of spraying with the GSBC weed team using chemicals kindly donated by William and Melissa Ferguson. The area is too wet at present to use a spray unit and we are awaiting an opportunity to complete spraying. Amanda suggested burning some of the slashed areas.

We have spoken with Brendan Lowery who is working on restoring Preminghana (Mt Cameron West) eradicating gorse with Cultural Burning and follow up spraying. They have been very successful. As the Seymour area is zoned conservation and managed by Parks, we need to have a fire plan in place prior to burning. The area is on the list to be inspected by the PWS Fire Management Officer.

Fiona Everts from PWS inspected the area on the 8th of September and advised us on required amendments to the PWS Volunteer Project Plan and the Weed Management Plan volume 2. Work is ongoing on these documents which need to be completed by December. See attached Meeting Minutes and VPP. Please revert with any suggestions regarding the matters discussed.

Dave Frelek, the Wildlife Management Officer, contacted us about Deer sighting reports and encouraged people to

use the Deer Ap. See link on website.

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I am looking for some one to shoot the deer as they are damaging the trees we have planted.

Paul Williams has offered to grow plants from local seeds and we are planning a workshop on Plant Propagation from local seeds and cuttings, with Marcus Ragus of 'Verdant Way', the weekend of 22 & 23 October.

<https://www.verdantway.org>

Please let us know if you can attend the workshop so we can organise accordingly.

A date for the AGM in November TBA.

Kind Regards,

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