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## Leeaberra Track Clearing

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Hi Jenny and Marty,

Over the weekend I had a conversation with Peter Wall while planting seedlings in the Seymour Conservation Area. Peter told me of a plan for Friends of Freycinet to do some track work on the Leeaberra Track through the Douglas Apsley National Park.

I offered to assist and to maybe recruit some SCAGI Members and supporter to help.

Fiona will recall when we cleared the marsh land at the beginning of the track a few years ago and she was sorting out the required paper work to continue with the work. At that time Steve Heggie organised a team to clear the tree falls over the rest of the track.

Today Bob Graham visited on his way home from Smiling Sams'.

As you may know Bob blazed the Leeaberra Track and was one of the moving forces for the declaration of the Douglas Apsley National Park.

He walked the track last October and while there are few tree falls he lost the track while crossing the Denison Marsh due to poor marking and a lot of scrub growing over the track.

This trip he headed off to the Heritage waterfall with his Grandson.

They turned back while crossing the marshland at the northern end of the track finding it very overgrown.

They met a young couple with their son who had also turned back finding the going to tough.

Please let me know how I can help resolve this issue of the track clearing which seems to be in urgent need through the two marsh areas.

Kind Regards,

Quentin

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Hi all,

Thanks for the email Quentin. I'm sorry that people are struggling to find their way, especially Bob who obviously has a strong attachment to the area. That darn cutting grass!

The northern section of track between Thompsons Marsh and Organ Hill fire trail was cleared and remarked this time last year. The southern section hasn't had any love for about 2 years. The track logbook shows the most use of the track during summer. It's in our works plan to clear/mark the full length before November. Having said that, I will prioritise clearing and marking the track to the Heritage Falls campsite as soon as possible. The works team has another day or two of work on our high visitation Peninsula Circuit to complete first.

We don't have a concrete date yet for the full clearing trip, but it will be in spring once the days are starting to lengthen.

I'm always open to getting fit, keen and able volunteers involved. I'll keep Scagi and Friends of Freycinet up to date with proposed dates and volunteering opportunities.

My contact details are below if anyone would like to contact me directly.

Talk soon, Marty



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