



27th August 2021

A Special Invitation: The Shelf Richmond Birdwing Butterfly Project



We will be delighted if you can join our Tuesday Team at the Landcare Shelf Richmond Birdwing Butterfly Project site on 7th September. You may choose to plant some trees and / or walk around the site to see the great progress we have made in regenerating this former barren site.

Location: The Shelf Road

Date: Tuesday 7th September

Time: 8-10am

Please wear sturdy shoes and bring drinking water. Morning tea will be provided.

Planting Forests, One Tree at a Time

In the pre-Covid era, hundreds of thousands of ordinary people across Australia come together on the first Sunday in August each year, to celebrate our precious local ecosystems and to plant over a million new trees, shrubs and grasses. Begun in 1996, National Tree Day has grown into Australia's largest community tree planting and nature protection event. It's an invitation for all Australians to put their hands in the earth and give back to their valuable natural environment.

In 2021, that wasn't possible, with Queenslanders in the south-east of the state in lockdown. But our TM Landcare group had already procured 200 local species in tubes, an area in Rosser Park had been mulched, and stakes planted to show where the seedlings were to go into the ground. The new little plants urgently needed to get their feet in the ground.

So the Landcare Tuesday Team of volunteers rolled up their sleeves, hoisted their mattocks, filled watering cans, and in a morning's great effort, planted all the trees

and shrubs. Thanks to their work the forest area of the park has been extended and the habitat for birds and other creatures enhanced.



The Tuesday Team: A Long-lived Group

Some members of this group have joined over the years, and others have left, but the spirit and ethos of the team remains the same, since its first days fifteen years ago when a little band worked on the edges of the Botanic Gardens. There they regenerated the rainforest that gives the gardens its wonderfully unique character. When this work was done, the group moved on to other sites, first becoming known as the “mobile site team” and now the Tuesday Team. The willing workers have strong memories of removing walls of lantana (see below: planting after lantana removal at the Gardens), grubbing out kahili ginger and privets, planting trees and maintaining all of our accessible sites on Council land. - Oh, and sharing good talk and handing around goods baked by the members as their reward after a morning’s satisfying work.

Funding Our Projects

Many of our regeneration projects are funded by Scenic Rim Regional Council grants, which enable us to hire contractors for the heavy work of restoration on public land. We also carry out work on projects that are not on council land but are well worth some TLC. One example is the ongoing restoration of the original rainforest at

Tamborine Mountain State School. Such projects are funded by our Piccabeen Bookshop takings and by generous donations. We are especially grateful to the regular donations made by Thunderbird Park and Jason Watson, which enable us to employ contractors and purchase plants for these community-based sites.

The Privet Project: The Next Chapter

Tamborine Mountain Showgrounds are in our sights! Working with the Show Society, our tree lopping contractors will eradicate many mature privet trees along the fence line of the grounds. Show Society volunteers will tackle the smaller trees and seedlings. Replanting with native trees will be a joint effort of the two local organisations, in yet another great partnership project. With this highly visible work, we aim to educate our community about the massive problem this highly invasive weed tree presents across our mountain.

Partnering with Private Landholders

TM Landcare has been assisting private landholders, including many Land for Wildlife members, who wish to revegetate their properties and thus to create wildlife corridors and richer habitats for local fauna. By accessing our Council's One Million Trees Initiative, we have helped landholders plant thousands of local native plants over the past few years. For more information about the program visit <https://www.scenicrim.qld.gov.au/our-environment/environmental-initiatives/one-million-trees-program>

2021 Annual General Meeting: Sun 17th October

Mark the date in your diary, and join us at the Landcare Centre Shed, to celebrate our achievements during this past year and participate in the election of our Management Committee for 2021-22. We welcome the inputs of all our members at this meeting.

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