

BRAWL Coordinator Report

Report on Activities

11th March 2024

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BRAWL Community Coordinator Quarterly Report

This quarterly report refers to the last quarter, from December 2023 to March 2024. There were **3** Monday working bees and **1** executive meeting.

Executive meeting schedule

It was decided previously by the executive to align our executive meetings with the financial quarters. This would require meetings to be held in January, April, July, October. This meeting in March is a delayed meeting meant to be held in January. This means that to keep up with our schedule, we will require another meeting in April.

Enviro Trust Grant

The Year 2 Milestone report was submitted 30th October 2024.

- Positive feedback from reviewers provided to ET. Formal response to be sent to BRAWL soon.
- Year 3 – FINAL YEAR - funding now available – invoice sent for \$21,505.

Tasks for Year 3

- At least 2 working bees in Sites 4b & 5b – planting 200 replacement plants.
- At least 7 working bees across Site 3-8 – planting 100 replacement plants.
- 1 x erosion & ladder fuel control - working bee along Anabranche egress – with BEND
- Spring-time monitoring of nest boxes
- Undertake drone monitoring
- End of project – Flora survey and weed mapping (consultant) – exec requested native species mapping incorporated into this report.
- Fauna survey – consultant (follow-up to EnviroKey 2016 report).
- Complete promo video – script to be written.
- Complete website – content to be added.

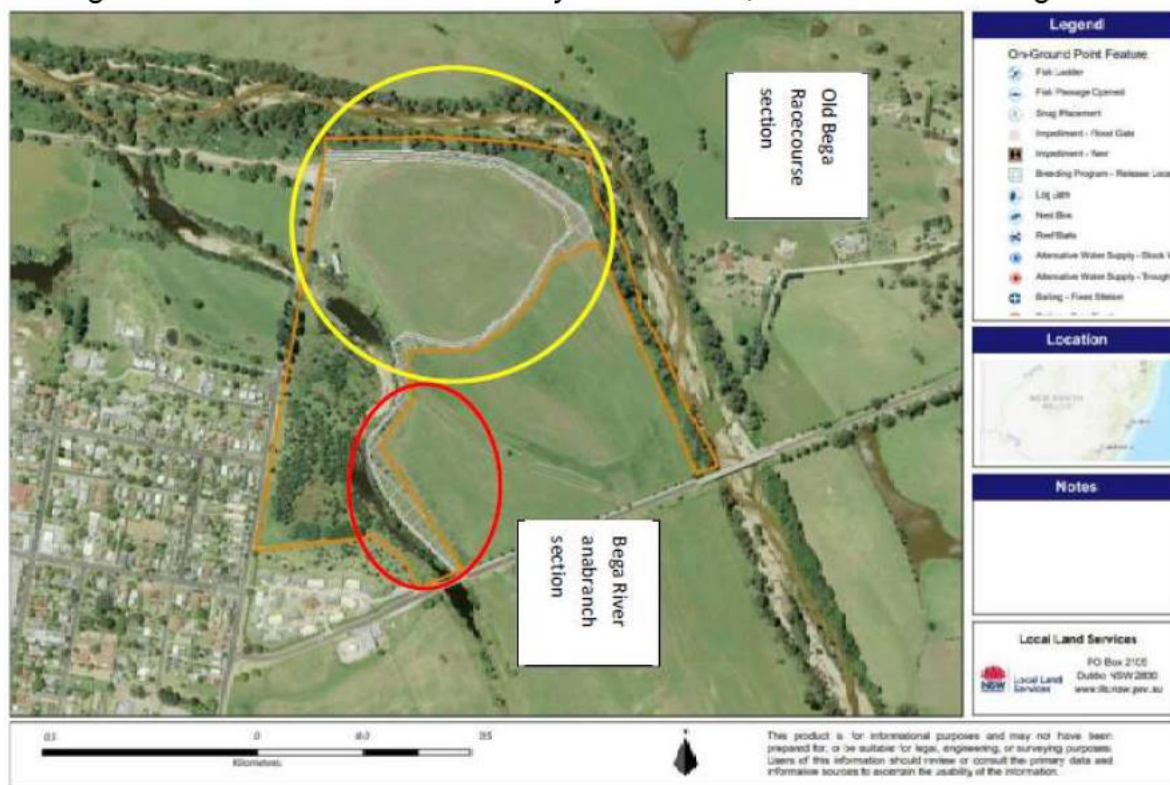
Upcoming events and funding opportunities –

- March in March – Tamlyn McGee has asked if BRAWL would like to be involved in the March to stop Native Forest logging – 24th March 2024. Possible tree-planting at Platypus corner following event. Event to be coordinated by Dave Klotz.

- Grow the Future – requested another tour with tree planting – for April.
- Grow the Future – submitted Environmental Trust Grant application – project doesn't start until 2025.
- Still to spend \$200 with AllSigns.

LLS funding: BRAWL has spent \$3000 of the \$6000 LLS grant on privet, poplar and oak control along East Street. I propose to use the remaining funds for maintenance along the racecourse track within the yellow polygon. Suggest engaging Isaac Van Haeff – new contractor for this work.

The original LLS funding is for the red and yellow polygons.

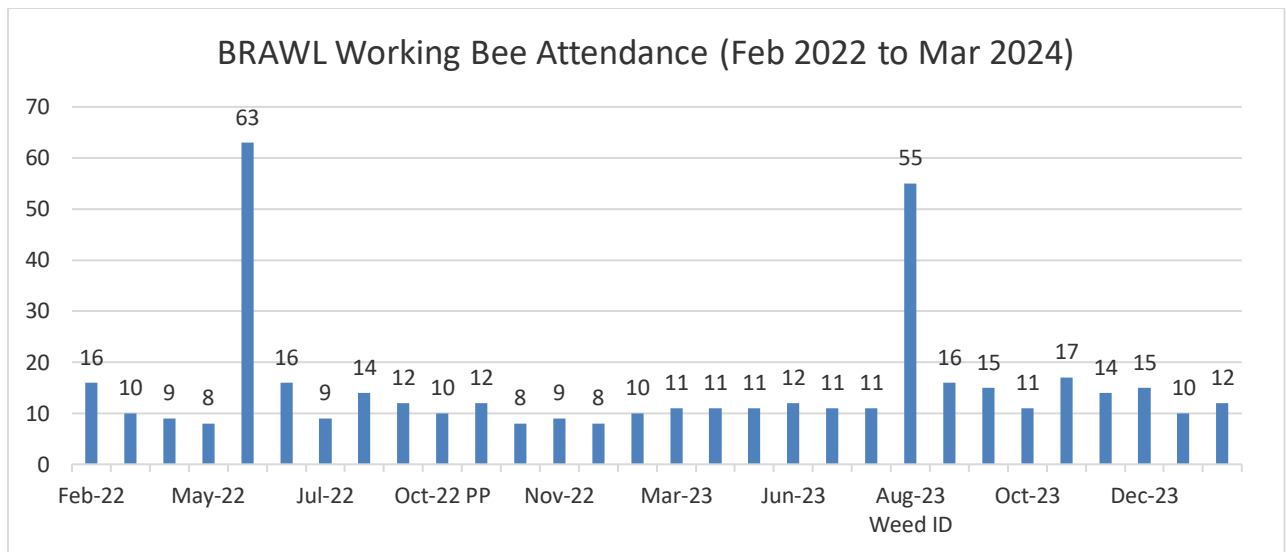


BRAWL Activities in a snapshot

Activity	Last Qtr	This Qtr
Working B hours	87 (up)	114 (up)
School Planting hours	58	0
Additional Volunteer hours	117.5 (up)	83.5 (down)
In-kind hours	20	0
In-kind amount		\$280 (donated plants)
Training	110	0
Member email list	210 (up)	178 (list rationalised – but 18 new emails in quarter)
Members active in last quarter	18 (up)	20 (up)
Working B sites	6 (RC), 4, 8, 5b	2, 5b, 2
Tree plantings	480	270
Media items	1	0

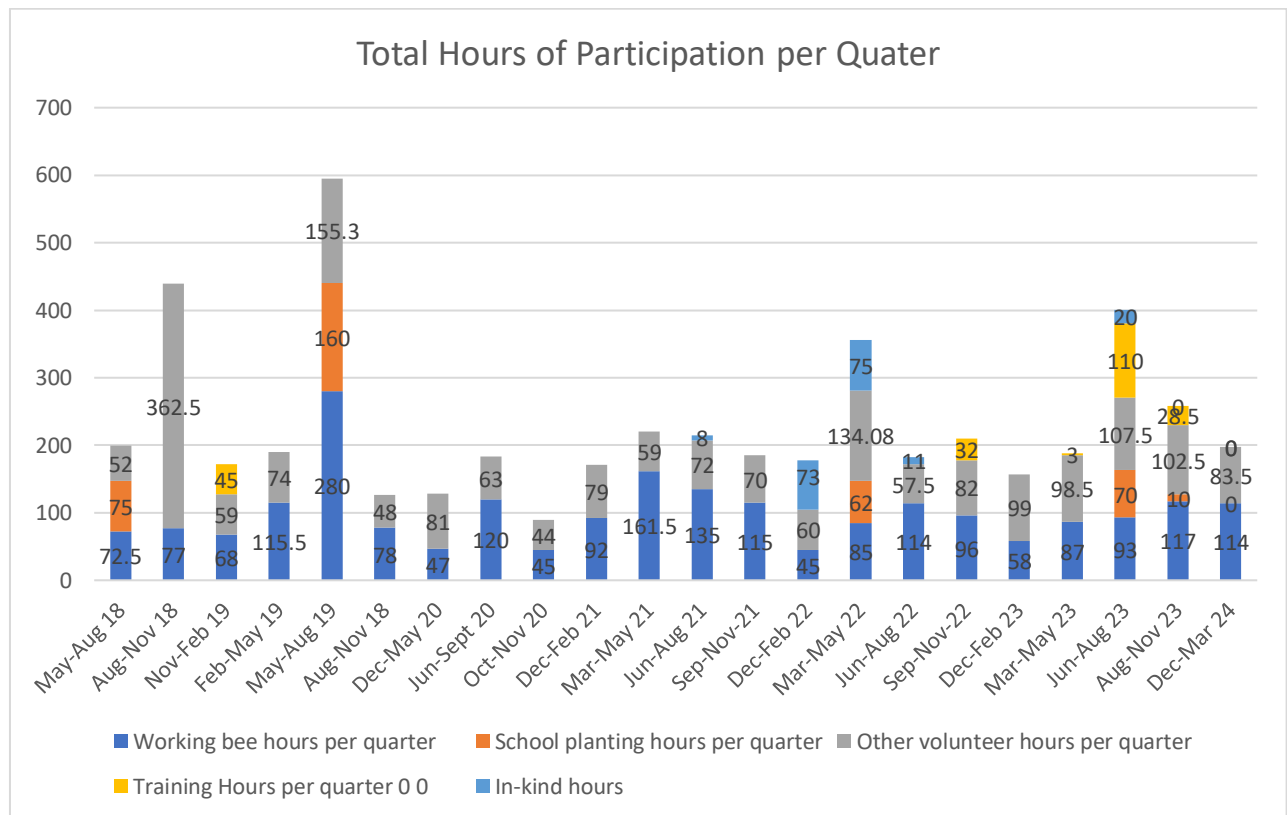
Participation Summary

Numbers at working bees are consistent with past trends, ranging from 10 to 15 members. In the last quarter, 20 different members have attended working bees.



Volunteer hours during quarter

In this time there was a total of 114 hours volunteer hours at working bees, 83.5 hours of additional volunteer participation, 0 school hours and 0 hours training.



Volunteer Hours Log

NOTE: Standard additional hours have been added for Executive meetings (including meeting attendance, secretarial, chairperson & treasurer tasks) and tool provision at working bees). An estimate of additional hours to these are also provided in Table 1.

Table 1: Volunteer Hours including working bees and additional hours

			WB HRS	SCHOOL TP	ADD. VOL HRS	TRAINING HRS
Nov-23	Exec Meeting	5 members + Erin			7.5	
Aug- Nov 23	Standard vol hours (inc preps for exec meetings, general emails, finances & Strategic documents)	4 members (Sal, Ali, Megan, Regi & Chris)			30	
Dec 23	Dec working bee - tools maintenance and carrying to bee	14 members + Erin, Paddy & Premjoti	44			
Feb 24	Feb working bee - tools maintenance and carrying to bee	10 members + Erin & Jens	33			
Mar 24	Mar working bee – tools maintenance and preparing for bee	12 members + Erin, Paddy & Premjoti	38			
Jul 23	Privet cutting, and flood damage control	Megan			22	
Dec- Mar-24	Additional weed control & path creation (Bob Buck 2hrs*4wks*3mths)	1 member (Bob)			23	
		Total	114	0	83.5	0

Contractor hours

Friday 15/12/2023 – Paddy and Premjoti planted additional 140 plants at site 2 to the 130 planted at working bee (total 270) – Deep stem planting of 70 (donated) Acacia elongata in margin of depression which was bare. No lomandras in this section.

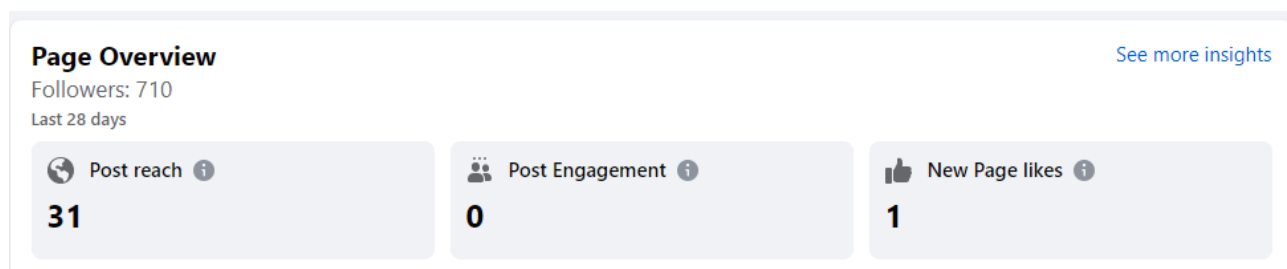
Monday 18/12/2023 – Paddy and Premjoti spray around new plantings and Turkey Rhubarb and Cape ivy at Site 2.







Thursday 8/2/2024 – Jens sprayed Privet, Turkey, Blackberry and around plantings at Site 5 & 5b, extending partly into site 4 & 4b

Thursday 7/3/2024 – Paddy and Premjoti to spray Bamboo, Turkey rhubarb, Privet and around plantings at Site 2.

Media

Facebook over view for last 28 days (Aug 2023)



	<p>📢📢📢 Calling BRAWL volunteers - do you have an hour or two to help us spruik BRAWL's amazing work to all potential new volunteers at this expo? 📢📢📢📢📢 Thanks BVSC for this great opportunity to showcase our work and hopefully recruit some more volunteers!! 🌱🌱🌱 #begavalleyshire #frrr Bega Valley Shire Council Far South Coast...</p> <p>Mon, Aug 28</p>	Post reach 49	Engagement 1
	<p>🌱🌱 Community Tree Planting this Sunday! 🌱🌱 Enjoy time in nature with like-minded community members at the beautiful Bega River and help restore this degraded system. Every moment you can spare to care for the land helps. Old Bega Racecourse, Sunday 20th August, 10-2pm, bring garden gloves, water and your lunch.</p> <p>Fri, Aug 18</p>	Post reach 249	Engagement 22
	<p>🌱🌱🌱 What a great start to Science Week! 🌱🌱🌱 55 participants walked along the beautiful Bega River pathway, recording insects and plants in the iNaturalist app, enjoying the sunshine and amazing frittatas and cake from Wild Rye! Yum! Make sure you get along to the other amazing Science Week activities: https://atlasoflife.org.au/news-...</p> <p>Thu, Aug 17</p>	Post reach 337	Engagement 129
	<p>Book your spot for a plant ID and wildlife walk with the plant world rock star, Jackie Miles, at the Bega River this Sunday from 11am! 🌱🌱🌱</p> <p>Wed, Aug 9</p>	Post reach 56	Engagement 5
	<p>Bega River Wildlife Walk - this Science week - with Botanist Jackie Miles & iNaturalist support - Sun 13th Aug 11-1.30pm - FREE! 🌱🌱🌱 Bega District News ABC South East NSW SCPA - South East Producers Bournda Environmental Education Centre Far South Coast Landcare Association South East Local Land Services Bega Valley Shire Council Atlas o...</p> <p>Tue, Aug 1</p>	Post reach 525	Engagement 72
	<p>A satisfying day for BRAWL volunteers giving the garden at the entry to the Old Bega Racecourse a refresh! When we started the day, the garden was overgrown, full of dead shrubs and weeds - namely turkey rhubarb, privet and blackberry. We pulled up almost 100 turkey rhubarb tubers from under the ground! The garden has been revitalised wit...</p> <p>Tue, Jun 6</p>	Post reach 344	Engagement 137

Working bees and Contractor

Sites attended in 2023 to date (includes Mon WB, PoP & contractor days)

Month	1	2	3	4a	4b	5a	5b	7	8	
Feb 23										
Mar 23										
Apr 23										
May 23										
July 23										Race-course
July 23										
Aug 23										
Sept 23										
Oct 23										River crossing erosion
Nov 23										
Dec 23										
Month	1	2	3	4a	4b	5a	5b	7	8	
Feb 24										
Mar 24										

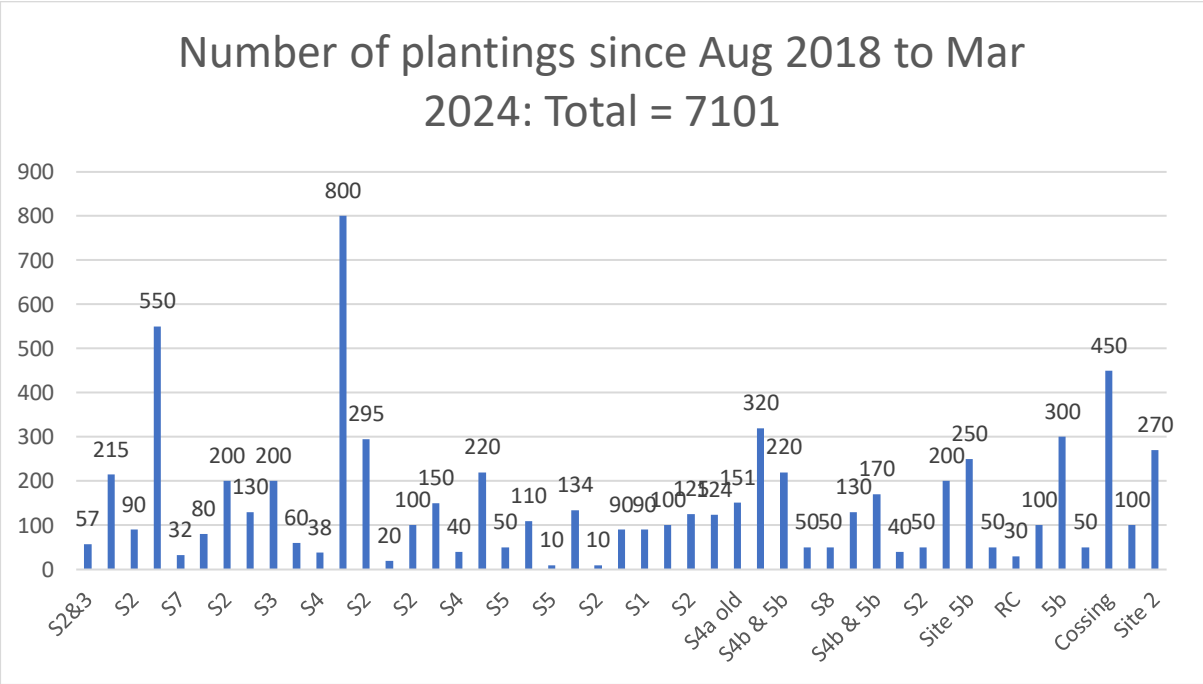
Working Bees Summary per Quarter for 2023 and start of 2024

Date	Site	Activity	No. Plantings	Follow-up Comments
Feb 2023	5b (river side)	Tree planting & watering	200	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Site brush-cut prior to planting. Sites 4-5 sprayed 2 weeks prior to WB – around plantings & target weeds. Lots of privet regrowth showing. TR sprouting – good time to get to it.
Mar 2023	2-3	TR scrape & paste + remove bulbs		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TR treatment across sites 4-5 required.
Apr 2023	3 (3 trees)	Erosion control of 3 trees. Installed rocks, sandbags, weaved branches, loose sand & lomandra plantings	40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular watering required while lomandras establish – very porous substrate. Branches placed around trees to discourage people traffic – these need to be checked and maintained.
May 2023	1	Cape ivy removal, TR bulbs & removing guards		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Got to the start of Site 2. Jens to return and spray cape ivy & around plantings.
June 2023	6 – RC	Revamp of garden entrance to Old Bega Racecourse	30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weeds and dying plants removed. Mulch laid Ongoing watering required
July 2023	4	Weeding	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weed control targeting priority weeds and planting maintenance
Aug 2023	8	Planting and weed control	100	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planting lomandras to define pathway, regarding plantings with oyster guards due to browsing pressure, pruning existing trees to present laddering & open up pathway, old guards removed, planting of bushes. Paddy will return to continue lomandra planting along pathway and to plant a tray of callistemon she is donating to the project. Follow-up privet control around the corner close to the Mumbulla section. Follow up blackberry & honeysuckle required around on site 7.
Aug 2023	5b	Tree planting with ANU students	300	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Followup spray around seedlings and watering required

Sept 2023	2 & 4 (erosion at AnnaBench)	Weeding hemlock, turkey rhubarb and privet at Site 2 Erosion control under AnnaBench and removal of tree in waterway causing scouring & undermining	50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Primarily River Oak and lomandra with some Black wattle. Sandy soils will require regular follow up watering.
Oct 2023	River Crossing	Planting following bollard installation	450	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plants donated through Paddy. Thorough watering was provided.
Nov 2023	Site 5b	Weeding and watering plantings from the last year		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow-up spraying around plantings required & priority weeds – namely privet David Hall sprayed around 200 plants on the western end of Site 4b, northern side of Bob's pathway.
Dec 2023	Site 2	Weeding around plantings, hemlock & planting	130 + 140	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paddy and Premjoti followed up with 140 more plantings (70 donated Acacia elongata) and spraying around plantings & turkey rhubarb.
Feb 2024	Site 5b	Privet, turkey rhubarb & weeding around plantings		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jens followed up with spraying around plantings, privet, turkey rhubarb and blackberry to start of Site 4.
Mar 2024	Site 2	Weeding annuals, turkey and planting maintenance		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paddy and Premjoti followup spray. NOTE five bamboo plants detected – ensure these were sprayed.

One-pages updated.

Planting Record



Planting Summary

		Yr 2 - 2023												
		Site 4b	Site 2	Site 5b	Site 5b	Site 3-erosioRC	Spenco 8	Site 5b ANU	Site 4 erosio	River crossin	Site 5a - Grow	Site 2	Totals	
Scientific Name	Common Name	Nov-22	Dec-23	6/02/2023	25/02/2023	23/04/2023	5/06/2023	7/08/2023	26/08/2023	4/09/2023	9/10/2023	8/11/2023	4/12/2023	
Trees														
Acacia implexa	hickory												5	5
Acacia mearnsii	black wattle													0
Acacia melanoxylon	blackwood													0
Acmena smithii	lillypilly												15	15
Angophora floribunda	rough-barked apple													0
Brachychiton popularneus	Kurrajong													0
Casuarina cunninghamiana	river sheoak												15	105
Eucalyptus baueriana	blue box								90			10	10	20
Eucalyptus elata	river peppermint											5	10	15
Eucalyptus ovata	swamp gum													0
Eucalyptus tereticornis	forest red gum													0
Eucalyptus viminalis	ribbon or manna gum											10	10	20
Tristaniopsis laurina	water gum												10	10
Shrubs														0
Acacia elongata	swamp wattle								10			10	80	100
Acacia floribunda	white sallee wattle								5			10	12	27
Callistemon subulatus	river bottlebrush								10				10	20
Cassinia longifolia	dogwood											10	10	20
Cassinia trinerva														0
Dodonaea viscosa ssp. angustifolia	hop bush												10	10
Hakea microcarpa	small-fruited hakea								10					10
Indigofera australis	Austral indigo													0
Lassinia longifolia														0
Leptospermum brevipes														0
Leptospermum emarginatum	twin-flower teatree								10			5		15
Leptospermum lanigerum	woolly teatree								15				10	25
Leptospermum obovatum	river teatree								20			8	8	36
Lomatia myricoides	river lomatia								10				10	20
Melaleuca ericifolia	swamp paperbark								10					10
Melaleuca parvistaminea												8		8
Melicytus dentatus [Hymenanthera dentate]	tree violet												10	10
Prostanthera lasianthos	mint bush								10				10	20
Herbs														0
Cymbopogon refractus	barbed wire grass													0
‡ Lomandra longifolia	spiny mat-rush								100			25	25	150
Microlaena stipoides	weeping grass													0
Poa labillardierei	silver or poa tussock													0
Totals		40	50	200	250	50	30	100	300	50	450	101	270	3512

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