

# BRAWL Coordinator Report

## Report on Activities

21<sup>st</sup> October 2024

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## BRAWL Community Coordinator Quarterly Report

This quarterly report refers to the last quarter, from **August to October 2024**. There were **3** Monday working bees, **1** weekend working bee with ANU students and **1** executive meeting. There have been **3** contractor day (in addition to working bees) between sites 5 and 1, and **1** contractor day along the racecourse.

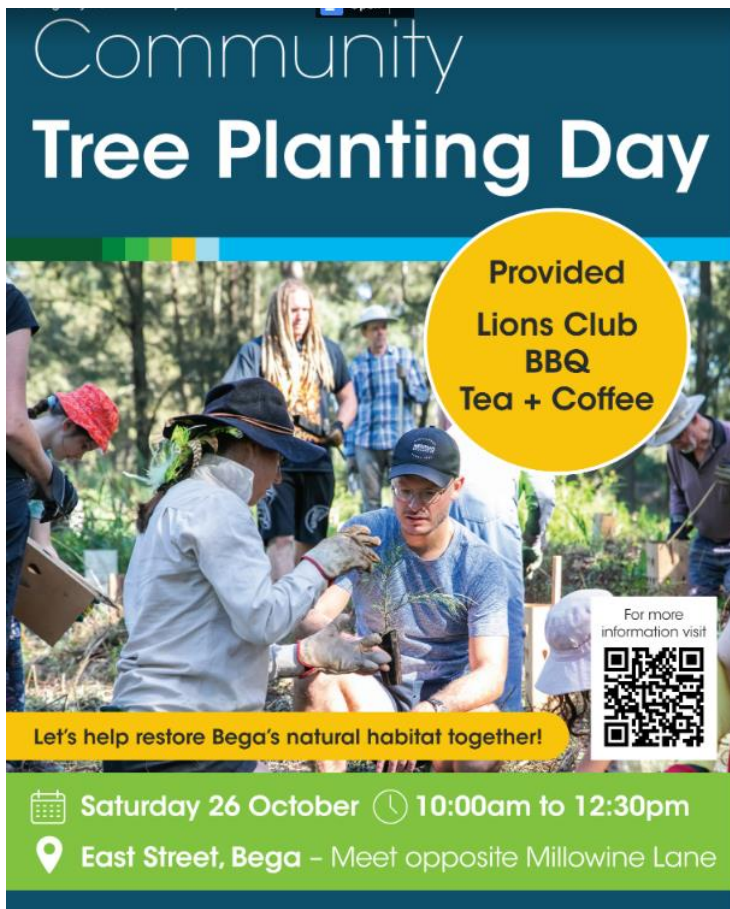
### *Calendar of upcoming Events/Activities*

<b>September</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday – tree planting monthly working bee.</li><li>• 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday James Schlunke weed survey</li></ul>
<b>October</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Promo film – much work undertaken throughout Sept &amp; Oct.</li><li>• 7<sup>th</sup> Monday – monthly working bee</li><li>• 21<sup>st</sup> Monday – BRAWL exec meeting</li><li>• 22<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday – wildlife spotlighting walk with Tony Hastings</li><li>• 26<sup>th</sup> October - Council community tree planting day East St, opp Millowine St. 1500 trees.</li><li>• <b>31<sup>st</sup> Wednesday – ET Grant finishes</b></li><li>• Still to spend \$200 with AllSigns.</li><li>• James Schlunke weed survey (happened in September)</li></ul>
<b>November</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 4<sup>th</sup> Monday – monthly working bee</li><li>• Week of 4<sup>th</sup> – photopoint monitoring for ET reporting.</li><li>• 11<sup>th</sup> Monday – Drone survey – BVSC</li><li>• 20<sup>th</sup> Wednesday - Grow the Future -Bega River site tour - training session.</li><li>• <b>ET GRANT AUDIT</b></li><li>• <b>31<sup>st</sup> November – ET Final Report Due</b></li></ul>
<b>December</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday – monthly working bee</li></ul>

## East Street weed control & revegetation

In June 2024, Council undertook weed control works along the East Street revegetation area targeting broad-leaf and small-leaf Privet (*Ligustrum lucidum* and *L. sinense*), Blackberry (*Rubus fruticosus*), and Box Elder (*Acer negundo*). Target weeds were mulched in-situ leaving thin mulch layer across the surface.

Council is running two tree planting events to revegetate the area with 1500 locally native species. On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October, seven school groups will attend the river to planting seedlings. On Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October, there will be a community tree planting event from 10-12.30pm meeting opposite Milllowine St. The Lions Club will provide a BBQ from 11.30-12.30pm. See flyer below. This revegetation effort will go a long way to improving the habitat quality of the rehabilitation area and to help manage invasive weeds. Please come along to the community event, it would be great to have a strong BRAWL presence at the event.

A flyer for a community tree planting event. The top half has a dark blue background with the text 'Community Tree Planting Day' in white. Below this is a photo of people planting trees. A yellow circle on the right says 'Provided Lions Club BBQ Tea + Coffee'. A QR code is in the bottom right of the photo area with the text 'For more information visit'. A yellow banner at the bottom of the photo says 'Let's help restore Bega's natural habitat together!'. The bottom section has a green background with event details: 'Saturday 26 October 10:00am to 12:30pm' and 'East Street, Bega - Meet opposite Millowine Lane'.

- Bring:**
- gardening gloves
  - hat
  - water bottle
  - covered footwear



## Enviro Trust Grant

Year 3 – FINAL YEAR – 3<sup>rd</sup> funding of \$21,505 has been received.

### Tasks for Year 3

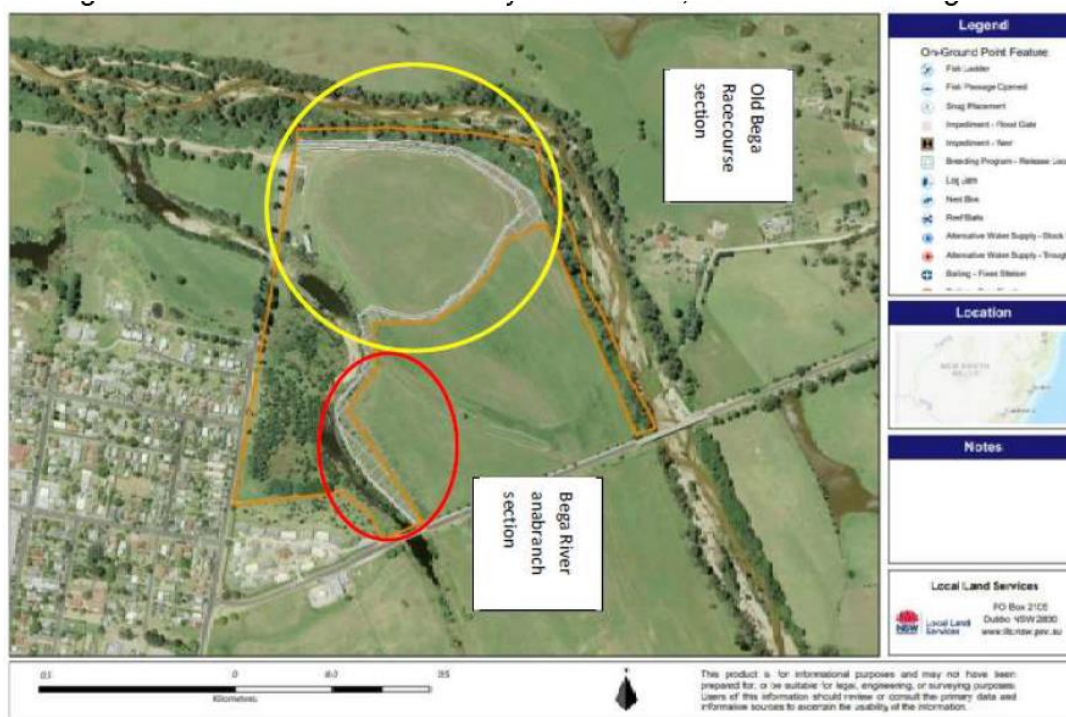
Tasks	Actions	Progress
1. <b>At least 2 working bees in Sites 4b &amp; 5b – planting 200 replacement plants.</b>	Nov 23 – Site 5b – weeding & watering. Feb 24 – Site 5b – weeding. Apr 24 – Site 4b – 100 plants. May 24 – Site 4 & 4b – weeding. July 24 – Site 5 & 5b – weeding Oct 24 – Site 5 & 5b	<b>On track</b>  100 more plants required – plants to be ordered.  Working bee requirement completed.
2. <b>At least 7 working bees across Site 3-8 – planting 100 replacement plants.</b>	Dec 23 – Site 2 – 200 grant funded plants + 140 paddy donated plants. Mar 24 – Site 2 – weeding. June 24 – Site 8 – weeding. Aug 24 – Site 1 & 2 & junction crossing Sept 24 – site 2	<b>On track</b>  4 more working bees required.  This will not be met as at least one more planting working bee will be required at Sites 4-5 within remaining period. Justification - new areas required additional attention due to favourable weather enhancing weed growth.
3. <b>1 x erosion &amp; ladder fuel control - working bee along Anabranche egress – with BEND</b>	BVSC & BEND erosion & ladder control works undertaken as part of BVSC remediation of inappropriate contractor clearing.	<b>Completed</b>
4. <b>Spring-time monitoring of nest boxes</b>	To occur in Sept/Oct	<b>Outstanding</b>
5. <b>Undertake drone monitoring</b>	To occur in Nov	<b>Outstanding</b>
6. <b>End of project – Flora survey and weed mapping– exec requested native species mapping incorporated into this report.</b>	James Schlunke has agreed to do the work and has indicated he will send in an invoice soon.	<b>On Track – survey work undertaken in September. Report yet to be finalised.</b>
7. <b>Fauna survey – consultant (follow-up to EnviroKey 2016 report).</b>	Tony Hastings has sent in a generous quote – includes multiple opportunities for volunteer involvement.	<b>On Track – several surveys have been undertaken and a volunteers spotlighting event is scheduled for Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct.</b>

	Quote approved and deposit was paid	
8. Complete promo video – script to be written.	Script to be written. Final interviews to be had. Promo video to be edited. Ray will be in Antarctica from 28 <sup>th</sup> October.	<b>On Track – much work has gone into this over the last quarter and the video is near finalisation.</b>
9. Complete website – content to be added.	Planning completed. Content half completed.	<b>Outstanding – Reggi and Erin have continued working on this and hope to present to the committee for editing at the committee meeting.</b>

### ***LLS Racecourse funding:***

LLS awarded BRAWL a \$6,000 grant in 2022 for weed control works along the Racecourse and Anabranck Track and East Street. There is **\$2,654.40** remaining of this grant. Dave Klotz undertook this a sweep of the Racecourse in September 2024. Dave noted that the weeds were quite good in this area given the past work in this area to control the weeds. We will continue to undertake one sweep of the area each Spring until the funds are expended.

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



### ***Platypus Corner***

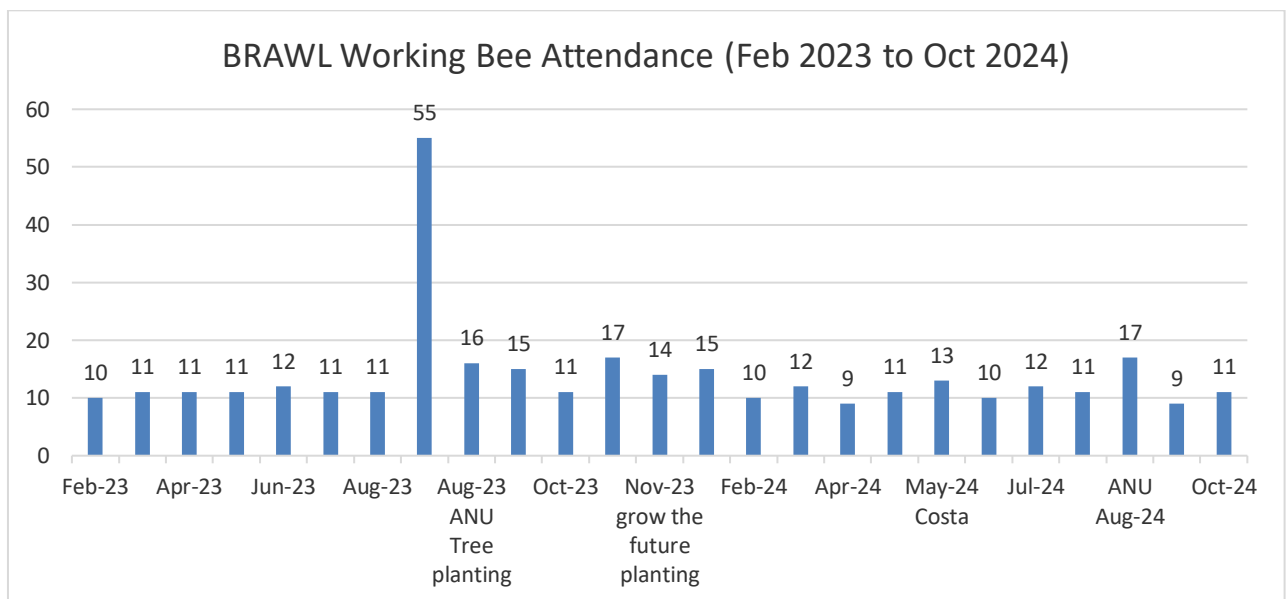
This project is completed, and the final report has been approved by Council. Dave has forwarded a copy of this final report to BRAWL and has indicated that he will submit a more detailed report to BRAWL later.

## BRAWL Activities in a snapshot

Activity	Last Qtr	This Qtr
Working B hours	114 (up)	123 (up)
School Planting hours	0	0
Additional Volunteer hours	83.5 (down)	161.5 (up)
In-kind hours	0	24 (up)
In-kind amount	\$280 (donated plants)	\$679 (up)
Training	0	0
Member email list	178 (list rationalised – but 18 new emails in quarter)	193 (up 25)
Members active in last quarter	20 (up)	31 (uo – includes 10 ANU students)
Working B sites	2, 5b, 2	2, 3, 4 and 5.
Tree plantings	270	234
Media items	0	0

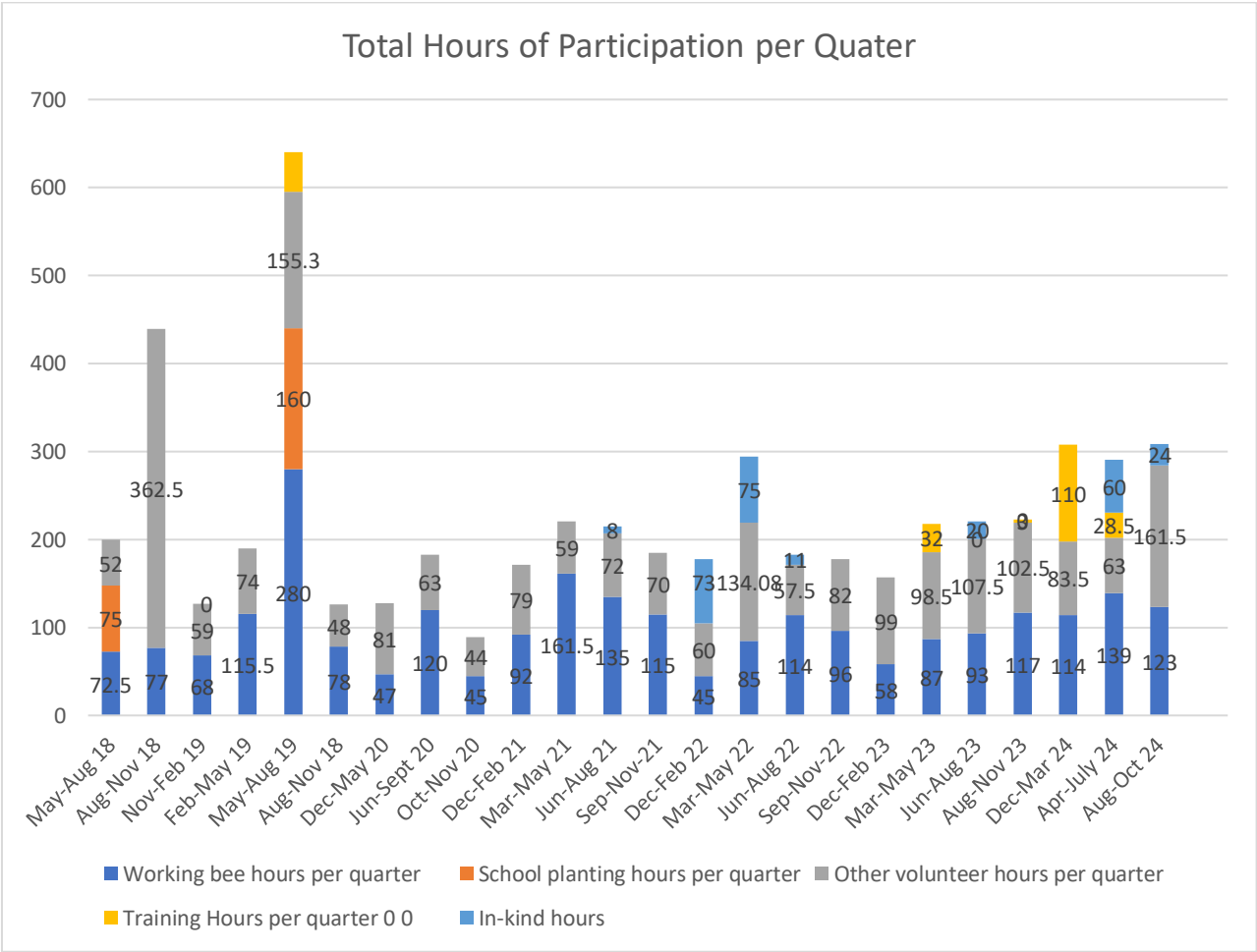
## Participation Summary

Numbers at working bees are consistent with past trends, ranging from 9 to 17 volunteers. Two working bees were rescheduled during the quarter due to strong winds and a public holiday. This usually results in reduced attendance by volunteers, but only for the September event. In the last quarter, 31 different volunteers have attended working bees (this includes 10 ANU students).



Volunteer hours during quarter

In this time there was a total of 139 volunteer hours at working bees, 161.5 hours of additional volunteer participation, 0 school hours, 0 hours training, 24 in-kind hours and \$679 in-kind costs (donated plants and guards).



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**

DATE	ACTIVITY	VOLUNTEERS	WB HRS	SCHOOL TP	ADD VOL HRS	TRAINING HRS	IN-KIND
Jul-24	Exec meeting	5 members + Erin			7.5		
Aug-24	May Working Bee + 2hr Chris tools	9 members + Erin & Jens	29				
Aug-24	Sal - Spenco Safety Plan follow-up				10		
	Sal - Procurement policy				4		
Aug-24	Chris - DGR status				4		
Aug-24	Regi - Website				10		
Aug-24	August working bee with ANU students & tool management	16 vols + Erin	48				
Sep-24	September working bee - tools maintenance & carrying to bee - Paddy donated 40 plants and 100 guards.	6 members + Erin, Paddy and Premjyoti	20				\$520.00
Oct-24	October working bee - tools maintenance & carrying to bee	8 vols + Erin and Jens	26				
Sep-Oct -24	Promo Video - script writing, interviews, viewing and editing footage, finding historical footage, proofing.	Ali, Chris, Erin & Raymond (vol hours additional to paid hours)			80		
Aug-Oct-24	Megan - mostly at annabench site weeding (mostly turkey rhubarb) and plantings (41 lomandra, 9 casuarinas & 3 acacias and grasses).				38		\$159.00
Oct-24	Tony Hastings fauna survey – in-kind hours						24 hours
Apr-July 2024	Additional weed control & path creation (Bob Buck 2hrs*4wks)	1 member (Bob)			8		
			123		81.5		679

## Contractor hours

There were 24 additional contractor hours to those worked at working bees (Isaac sweep sites 1-5)



## Sites Attended (Working bees and Contractor days)

Month	1	2	3	4a	4b	5a	5b	7	8	
Feb 24										
Mar 24										
Apr 24										
May 24										
Jun 24										
July 24										RC entry garden
Aug 24										River crossing erosion
Sep 24										
Oct 24										

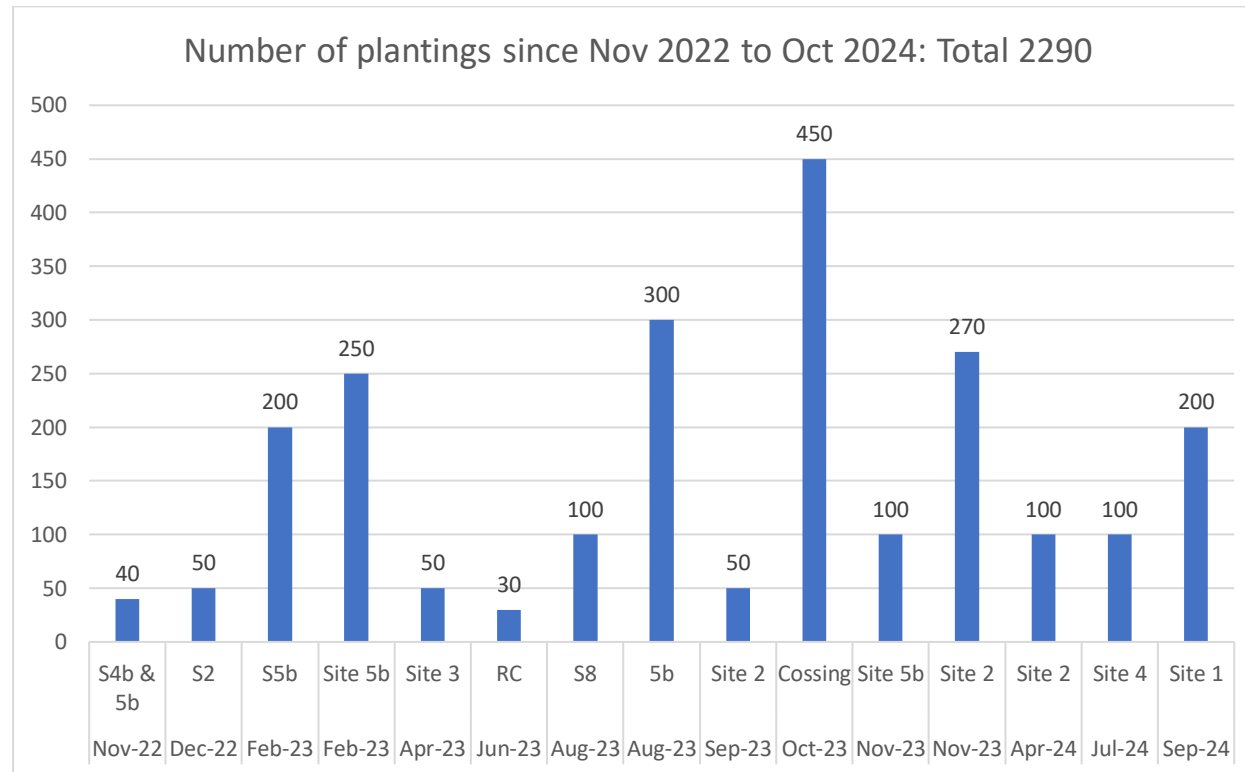


### Working Bees Summary for last Quarter

Date	Site	Activity	No. Plantings	Follow-up Comments
Aug 2024	Site 3 & 2	Hemlock, privet, bamboo, turkey & chickweed. Tending plantings (Site 2 - December 2023) planting.	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Check Site 2 for bamboo seedlings. There have been 5 seedlings emerged in the last year. Jens dug out one and noted its large root mat with lateral roots extending.</li> <li>Jens sprayed privet seedlings in Site 4 &amp; 4b.</li> <li>Stakes with pink paint tips mark turkey rhubarb sprayed last December by Paddy and Premjyoti.</li> </ul>
Aug 2024	Junction crossing	ANU student visit Weed control – primarily hemlock, small privet seedlings and chickweed. Talk about BRAWL history and rehabilitation challenges.	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Weeded around plantings.</li> <li>Cut down privet branches and filled 4WD tracks to discourage use (note that they were all pulled out within days of being placed).</li> <li>Two bollards above the riverside vehicle tracks have been pulled out and are missing, but no other major damage observed.</li> <li>Paddy and Premjyoti followed up with watering plantings in the days following the event.</li> </ul>
Sept 2024	Site 1	Tree Planting	160 (BRAWL) 40 (Paddy donated)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Donated 40 plants and 100 guards – Paddy notes greater success with the shorter carboard guards as they are less likely to collapse in on the plants.</li> <li>Trad raked off the plantings – hoping fungal smut will slow its growth back over the plantings.</li> <li>Plants watered in &amp; watered plants at River Crossing site.</li> </ul>
October 2023	Site 5 & 4	Weed maintenance + spraying around plants.	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Weeds targeted on raised flat of site 5, targeting hemlock, turkey rhubarb and blackberry. <b>Keep an eye on blackberry.</b></li> <li>Evidence of Chinese boxthorn regrowth. Smaller plants were pulled and deeper-rooted plants were sprayed. <b>Keep an eye on reinfestation.</b></li> <li>Lots of planting loss, however, those that have survived are tall and healthy. These indicate capacity to fill most gaps.</li> <li>Privet showing signs of dieback following recent contractor sprays.</li> <li><b>Follow-up:</b> Periwinkle starting to get a stronghold – approach is to spray a containment line around infestation and work inwards over time use of large amounts of chemicals and risk of large bare patch.</li> <li>Privet closer to river channel targeted for spraying by Jens following working bee.</li> </ul>

One-pages updated.

## Planting Record



Yr 3 – ET Grant					
Scientific Name	Common Name	Site 2	Site 4	Site 5a-b (donated)	Site 1
<b>Trees</b>		4/12/2023	4/04/2024	1/07/2024	2/09/2024
<i>Acacia implexa</i>	hickory	5			
<i>Acacia mearnsii</i>	black wattle				
<i>Acacia melanoxylon</i>	blackwood				
<i>Acmena smithii</i>	lillypilly	15	8		10
<i>Angophora floribunda</i>	rough-barked apple				
<i>Brachychiton popularneus</i>	Kurrajong				
<i>Casuarina cunninghamiana</i>	river sheoak	15	8		20
<i>Eucalyptus baueriana</i>	blue box	10	8		
<i>Eucalyptus elata</i>	river peppermint	10	8		10
<i>Eucalyptus ovata</i>	swamp gum				
<i>Eucalyptus tereticornis</i>	forest red gum				
<i>Eucalyptus viminalis</i>	ribbon or manna gum	10	8		10
<i>Tristaniopsis laurina</i>	water gum	10	8		20
<b>Shrubs</b>					
<i>Acacia elongata</i>	swamp wattle	80			
<i>Acacia floribunda</i>	white sallee wattle	12			
<i>Callistemon subulatus</i>	river bottlebrush	10	8		20
<i>Cassinia longifolia</i>	dogwood	10	6		
<i>Cassinia trinerva</i>					
<i>Dodonaea viscosa ssp. angustifolia</i>	hop bush	10	6		20
<i>Hakea microcarpa</i>	small-fruited hakea				20
<i>Indigofera australis</i>	Austral indigo				
<i>Lassinia longifolia</i>					
<i>Leptospermum brevipes</i>					
<i>Leptospermum emarginatum</i>	twin-flower teatree				
<i>Leptospermum lanigerum</i>	woolly teatree	10			
<i>Leptospermum obovatum</i>	river teatree	8			10

<i>Lomatia myricoides</i>	river lomatia	10			
<i>Melaleuca ericifolia</i>	swamp paperbark				
<i>Melaleuca parvistaminea</i>					
<i>Melicytus dentatus</i> [ <i>Hymenanthera dentate</i> ]	tree violet	10	8		
<i>Prostanthera lasianthos</i>	mint bush	10	8		10
<b>Herbs</b>					
<i>Cymbopogon refractus</i>	barbed wire grass				
‡ <i>Lomandra longifolia</i>	spiny mat-rush	25	16		50
<i>Microlaena stipoides</i>	weeping grass				
<i>Poa labillardierei</i>	silver or poa tussock				
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>200</b>

## Media

Last retrieved 20//10/2024 - Facebook










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	Join us for a night-time wildlife spotlighting walk with ecologist Tony Hastings. This Tuesday, 22nd October, 8-9pm. Please email <a href="mailto:beginnerandwetlandslandcare@gmail.com">beginnerandwetlandslandcare@gmail.com</a> if you would like to attend. Come discover the busy nightlife of the Bega River!! Sun, Oct 20	Post reach	Engagement
		40	4
	Due to forecasted heavy rains on Saturday, sadly this event with Costa will be cancelled. :( But the other Circularity events with Costa on Saturday 11th May at the Bega Civic Centre are going ahead. Spaces are still available. 3-5pm - Uni of Wollongong's Producers Workshop. FREE. <a href="https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1212513">https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1212513</a> 5-8pm - Costa Talks...	Post reach	Engagement
	Thu, May 9	167	4
	Costa Georgiadis will be with BRAWL as he talks Circularity in Bega - a day of events: demonstrations, discussions, tours on all things Circularity - Saturday 11th May: 🌱🌿🍄 9-11am - Grow the Future open farm - food, market stalls, demonstrations - join BRAWL and Brighter Futures Landscaping for tree planting and info stall. FREE no bookings...	Post reach	Engagement
	Thu, May 2	338	15
	👉👉👉 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...	Post reach	Engagement
	Mon, Aug 28	49	1
	🌱🌿🍄 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.	Post reach	Engagement
	Fri, Aug 18	249	22
	🌱🌿🍄 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: <a href="https://atlasoflife.org.au/news-...">https://atlasoflife.org.au/news-...</a>	Post reach	Engagement
	Thu, Aug 17	337	129
	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! 🌱🌿🍄	Post reach	Engagement
	Wed, Aug 9	56	5
	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...	Post reach	Engagement
	Tue, Aug 1	525	72
	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...	Post reach	Engagement
	Tue, Jun 6	344	137

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