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A Warm Welcome!

... to 2022, another year marked by good news about our new and ongoing regeneration projects on Tamborine Mountain.

We extend a warm welcome to our new members as well as thanks to our faithful long-term supporters. We're heartened by the numbers of enthusiastic volunteers who have put their hands up for working bees and our Piccabeen Bookshop shifts.

Here's a tour of the projects TM Landcare will be working on this year:

1. The Shelf Road Richmond Birdwing Butterfly Project



2022 will bring this three-year project to a successful completion. Through a Queensland Government initiative, the Community Action Grants for Endangered Species, we received \$60,000. By the end-date of October, we will have fulfilled all the grant requirements. Contractors and volunteers have controlled weeds and planted 2000 nectar trees and 500 Birdwing Butterfly vines in this 11 hectare site. Scenic Rim Regional Council have also assisted by slashing grassy tracks and funding extra days' work for the contractors. This very worthwhile project will go a long way towards extending the beautiful butterfly's habitat, providing both host plants for the caterpillars and nectar for the butterflies.

We have recently added value to the site by planting a small native shrub garden adjacent to the large vine-planted trellis to attract other insects and small birds. Two picnic tables make this a very pleasant spot where visitors can linger, after following the fairly steep road down from the entrance that winds through this lovely site. There is no vehicle access, but the walk is well worth while.



2. Main Western Rd Extension, opposite the Showgrounds

This new site, opposite the Showgrounds, has for many years been a much-used walking track – unfortunately marred by with invasive weeds on its verges. Scenic Rim Regional Council is maintaining part of this site, but a massive infestation of mature privet trees has been a challenge. Our Piccabeen Bookshop funds have enabled us to have many of these privets cut down. The project is now well on its way to being a lovely regeneration site. At recent working bees our energetic Tuesday Team volunteers have planted 250 native tubestock. This is a continuing project for the team, and we will be working with Council to ensure the site's regeneration is a success.



3. The Privet Removal Project at the Showgrounds

Late last year TM Landcare contracted out the job of removing a row of large privets along the back fence of the Showgrounds. This was a huge task, with our volunteers clearing the way by taking out the smaller seedlings. The area is now ready to be mulched and planted out with appropriate natives. We have the Show Society's approval for this development and appreciate their support. Some of their volunteers have assisted and will be carrying out ongoing maintenance.

TM Landcare is committed to pursuing privet removal on the mountain, and as funds from our Piccabeen Bookshop become available, we will be taking on more of this much needed work, to benefit our local community's ecological health.

4. Regular Maintenance of our Landcare Sites

In 2022 we will receive \$20,000 from Scenic Rim Regional Council to pursue our work. Contractors will be engaged to carry out regular maintenance at our many sites. Most of these sites now need only ongoing weed removal, as the primary work of clearing invasive species like lantana has already been accomplished. Such maintenance is necessary to ensure the continuing health of our ecosystems in times of climatic challenge.

5. Piccabeen Bookshop

We offer a hearty round of applause to our volunteers who manage to keep our little bookshop running six days a week, always with a friendly smile for our customers. Several of the volunteers also undertake the massive task of sorting through the hundreds of donated books. Ongoing profits from our shop are essential to enable us to maintain our current level of work around Tamborine Mountain beyond what is funded by grants.

6. Working Bee Groups

The Tuesday Team

At present this group meets once a month, each third Tuesday, and will undertake two mornings' work when the weather is cooler.

The Saturday Group

This team meets on the third Saturday of the month. Formerly concentrating on the Manitzky Rd site, over the next few months the group will devote their efforts to the Landcare Centre.

If you are available, we would be very pleased if you could put your hand up to join one of these groups, which usually start at 8am and finish around 10am. The company is very friendly and the work isn't very arduous – and it's followed by morning tea and a chat.

If you're interested in coming along, please contact Judith Roland on 0429 808 206.

Visit the Piccabeen Book Shop

Operated by Tamborine Mountain Landcare volunteers. All funds are directed to forest restoration projects across Tamborine Mountain.

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