



PROJECT TREES

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PROJECT TREES REPORT

The last 3 months have been exceptionally busy for Project Trees people. We have:

- met with the Lord Mayor, Alderman Sleeman and Mr. Ray Steward of Parks Department twice;
- joined Men of the Trees in an approach to the Commissioner of Railways regarding planting on railway property. We have been asked to draw up a planting plan for Main Junction;
- organized a display stall at the Wildflower Show run by SGAP last September;
- met with Mr. Ken Turnbull, a parole officer from the Department of Corrective Services. As a result we have begun using volunteers on Community Service Orders as a trial project;
- voiced our protest at current forestry activities in Queensland's tropical rainforests;
- advised tree planting groups;
- attended tree planting days along Enoggera Creek and at Chandler Park; and
- filed materials, written letters and taken hundreds of telephone calls.

We need helpers, especially people with typing skills or a few hours to spare completing T-shirt orders and in the production of future newsletters. If you can provide help, please ring David Hanger (tele. 372-1826) or myself (30-1534).

People wishing to join Project Trees may do so by forwarding their name, address and information on their special interests and skills along with \$1.00 to the Secretary, 57 Cloverdale Rd., DOOLANDELLA Q 4077. Of course, any financial donations will be most welcome. #

Sue Quinnell

AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS

During the Australia Day weekend (26 Jan.-1 Feb., 1982), the Australia Day Council is hoping to involve as many organisations as possible in activities promoting Australia. If your group is planning an activity early next year, could it be held on this weekend? If so, please let us know as the Australia Day Council plans to publicise events.

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MOGGILL CREEK REVEGETATION PROJECT

The M.C.R.P. has been concerned with the planting of over 500 trees in the last twelve months. These were planted in the grounds of Kenmore State High School, Kenmore South Scout Group, Kenmore State Primary School, and along Council footpaths. About thirty have been lost through vandalism and lack of communication.

Trees were donated by "Men of the Trees", the Brisbane City Council, and private individuals. Some were purchased at a reduced rate from "Save the Trees". There were two major planting days, each attended by over fifty people. These have been a great social success, giving our community a purpose. There are several stalwarts who can be seen each weekend maintaining their own particular plots.

Co-operation from Kenmore State Primary School has been particularly commendable. Although not bordering the creek itself, the school has an environment area and grounds beautification scheme which means there is always room for more trees. The children have been actively involved in the planting and study of trees.

Two Venturers joined the project as part of their conservation activities. They raised and planted trees and studied the reasons behind our project.

One of the biggest disappointments of our year was the dumping of demolition rubbish on the creek bank. Although we do not have full details of the episode, it appears it may have been ordered by a private landholder to stabilize the creek bank. We are still awaiting its removal by the State Works Department as promised by our local member.

Plans for the future include the maintenance of trees already planted, the raising of seedlings and cuttings by private individuals, and, hopefully, accepting donations of trees from our previously generous benefactors.

If you would like to join in the activities of this group, contact Alison and Ian Muirhead on telephone 378-2646. #

Alison & Ian Muirhead

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ENOGGERA CREEK

With the rains of the last month the young trees planted along Enoggera Creek are thriving. To date about 1,800 trees have been placed, of which about 1,700 have survived. Best growth has occurred in those trees planted amongst other vegetation where they are granted some protection from wind and a little shade. It is important, however, to remove grasses away from the trees root zone for the root systems of most grasses are very vigorous and deplete the soil of nutrients and moisture.

The City Council has provided another 1,000 trees which we will be planting next year. #

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