

WILDCARE: FRIENDS OF LUMEAH POINT



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2014-2015 Outcomes

There has been a positive reaction to the track maintenance and rehabilitation done to date. Certainly the dust and track widening problems have been reduced and the hardening of the wheel tracks has reduced puddles and general erosion. Some residents along the north-eastern foreshore have reported an increase in use of the area, inappropriate speed, early and late in the day disruption and unsociable behaviour. It is not possible to evaluate whether any of this is due to track improvements but in response to these concerns we have agreed to prioritise the project to improve signage. Crown Land Services have the final say on what is put in place and a 10kmh speed limit and other advice will be negotiated with them.

The feral oyster clean up has been very successful. All plaudits to our community volunteers, Windsurfing Tasmania and the Pipeclay Lagoon Oyster Growers Association (PLOGA). A large off shore area between the Point and Cremorne has been cleared as well as the foreshore from the north-east point to the large gum tree. We're starting to see some oysters reestablishing themselves along there, so if you want to carry a hammer with you next time you go for a walk at low tide and give them a tap, every little bit helps.

Grass seeding was hampered by heavy rain immediately following seeding, followed by cold and dry conditions. This is something that will require ongoing attention.

Communication

Still a handful of hard copies being letter-boxed. If you are happy to have us use your email contact garry.hulme@gmail.com subject "Wildcare".

Wildcare Deslacs

Across Pipeclay Lagoon at Clifton Beach the Wildcare Deslacs group has been operating for several years now. To get an idea of the sorts of activities and outcomes we might aspire to, and perhaps to consider assisting them it is worth looking at:

http://www.wildcaretas.org.au/groups_details/deslacs.

2015-2016 Program

After our usual winter hibernation we've been a bit slower getting going than usual. I put it down to a colder than normal winter.

Advisory Signage

As noted we are working with CLS to improve the signage so that users of the foreshore are aware of the need to drive carefully and behave appropriately. Residents have already made some suggestions and these will be raised with CLS.

Track Maintenance

The next planned track maintenance is intended to be reparation of the increasing gully erosion exacerbated by runoff from Honeywood Drive. The extent and nature of this work is being considered in light of concerns raised by nearby residents. It should be noted here that the Wildcare committee is totally aligned with the decisions made at the public meetings opposing proposals for a concrete boat ramp and parking for boat trailers. We are concerned to stop the current runoff and erosion gouging ever worse gullies and silting the lagoon nearby.

Feral Oyster Removal

The tide charts have been consulted for appropriate low tides and the following sessions are planned. Your participation is invited and hopefully will include attending the social BBQs where we can get together over a snag and a drink and discuss stuff.

Sat 9 January 2016	2.30p.m. to 3.30p.m.
	<i>Community Get Together at 1.00p.m.</i>
Sun 24 January 2016	4.00p.m. to 6.00p.m.
Sun 21 February 2016	2.30p.m. to 3.30p.m.
Sun 6 March 2016	12.30p.m. to 2.30p.m.
	<i>Windsurfer participation and BBQ</i>
Sun 3 April 2016	10.00a.m. to 12.00p.m.
Sun 1 May 2016	9.00a.m. to 11.00a.m.
	<i>Followed by a community BBQ</i>

More detailed information will follow closer to the dates.