



Black-winged stilts at Lake Claremont

Photo : Nicky Armstrong

Congratulations to our long time member, Joan Tock, on celebrating her 101st birthday on June 17.

FOLC members enjoyed a morning tea for the occasion at the monthly Busy Bee on June 14. (See page 2)

This month has been dedicated to planting and we have had many successful sessions with FOLC members, volunteers from the Australian Institute of Marine Science, community volunteers and students from Scotch College and Christ Church Grammar School. (See pages 4 - 7). Many thanks are due to Heidi and Zac Hardisty, Nick Cook, Tony Barr and Aernout Boere for making this possible.

After a short break, planting will recommence in July and we encourage all our members to become involved.

JOAN TOCOCK'S 101ST BIRTHDAY

From : Nick Cook. Photos : Naga Srinivas

We finished our Busy Bee on Sunday June 14 a little early in order to celebrate Joan Tockock's 101st birthday, which she will celebrate on June 18. Thank you to Norma Hay and Cath McCauley who put on a special morning tea. Cath also produced one of her delicious cakes. Thank you both! Joan is a Life Member of FOLC and a Freeman of the Town of Claremont. At 101 she is a much loved inspiration to us all and very rarely misses a Busy Bee.

Cath McCauley, Joan Tockock and Nick Cook



The planting group enjoying morning tea

HEIDI HARDISTY

From : Nick Cook

A huge thank you to Heidi Hardisty for a tremendous effort as our planting coordinator. Sadly, this will be the first planting season that Heid will not be on the ground due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Heidi has done all the planning from her home in Townsville Queensland.

Also many thanks to Zac Hardisty, Tony Barr and Aernout Boere for their assistance as team leaders supervising volunteers. A lot of work goes on behind the scenes before a single plant is put in the ground: grant applications, plant selection and orders, site preparation and coordination with the Town of Claremont, scheduling of planting sessions, rostering of volunteers and much more.



NEW FACE BOOK EDITOR

From : Nick Cook

We are very pleased to have Naga Srinivas join us as an editor of our FOLC Facebook page.

Naga has previously contributed fabulous photos to the page. He has studied cinematography and is also a documentary film maker. We are looking forward to having him document our planting season.



*Above: Naga Srinivas
Left : Planting photo by Naga*



START OF THE PLANTING SEASON

Text : Nick Cook Photos : Naga Srinivas

FRIDAY JUNE 12

It's that time of year again! FOLC's 2020 planting season started on June 12. 2000 plants were delivered and, in the morning, planting veteran Zac Hardisty led a corporate group from the Australian Institute of Marine Science. It is Zac's 11th planting season!

They were a wonderful group of people. We thank them for volunteering and hope that they enjoyed the experience. We had some wonderful rain prior to the season and just a few showers during the event.



Zac Hardisty with plant delivery



Australian Institute of Marine Science Volunteers



Ready to plant



Empty pots at the end of the session Photo : Marji Puotinen

In the afternoon, Nick Cook led a group of Community Service boys from Scotch College and Christchurch Grammar School. This season we will plant 8000 native tube stock.

SUNDAY JUNE 14 SESSIONS

We had a very productive planting session in the morning at our monthly Busy Bee. Almost 30 FOLC members and local residents put in a terrific effort on a beautiful morning. Thank you to all our members for their continued support. It was also a great pleasure to welcome first time volunteers.



Volunteers at work



Nick Cook with volunteers



Kevin McAlpine



Bruce Haynes



New recruits



Naeim Kashani

In the afternoon, our volunteers planted the last of this week's delivery. Led by Zac Hardisty and Aernout Boere, the team planted about 350 plants in a little over an hour.

A beautiful, sunny afternoon made the planters very happy.

A little over 1,950 native seedlings were planted by our volunteers this weekend.

We now have 6000 to go.

Many thanks to all our volunteers.

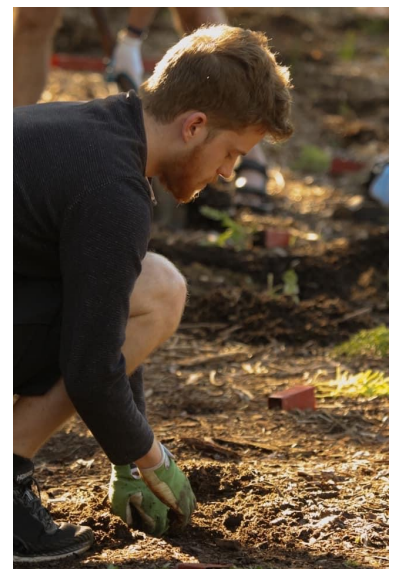
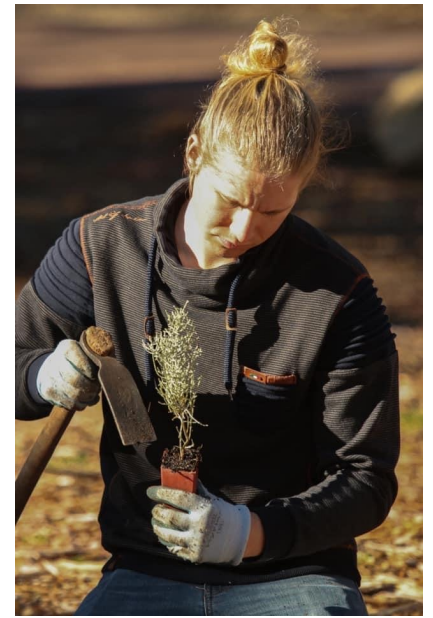
SATURDAY JUNE 20

Morning and afternoon planting sessions were held on Saturday and saw us ahead of schedule and ready to move to a new area on the following Sunday. It was a great effort by all the volunteers and by the students from Scotch College and Christchurch Grammar school on Friday 19.



SUNDAY JUNE 21

We held our final planting session for June on this beautiful sunny morning. It was a great session which took us to the half-way point in our 2020 planting season. Volunteers have planted 4000 seedlings in the last 2 weeks! We are very fortunate to have a strong membership and the support of our wonderful community. Many thanks to everyone who has assisted us so far. It has been wonderful to have the support of so many young people (featured below). We are having a short break before we continue planting in July, Thank you to Naga Srinivas for all the lovely photos. We have been spoilt for choice!



OUR BIRDS

Text and photos : David Free

Rock Dove (Feral Pigeon), *Columba livia*

Rock doves were introduced to Australia by the early European settlers. They have adapted well to life in the built environment; here in Claremont one is more likely to notice them in the town centre, foraging for crumbs, than around the lake. They have reached pest proportions in some cities. We have seen hawks being used to chase them from Trafalgar Square, London. Thanks to their strong flight and homing ability, Rock Doves have played an important part in times of conflict. Several have been awarded medals for exceptional service.



A wild rock dove



Wild Rock Doves are pale grey with black bars in the wings.

Domestic birds, which are sometimes kept for racing, can have a variety of plumages, often showing white and brown colouration.

A domestic bird

ADOPT - A - SPOT WINTER NEWS

From Jenni Banister-Jones

WINTER = WEEDS! Yes, the weeds are back – defying COVID19 and breaching all social distancing rules, congregating in large numbers.

Thanks to everyone who moved their spots from the eastern buffer to the Shed. This area was planted last year, and is doing amazingly well! And thank you for the years of weeding around the lake. The plantings here have now reached the stage where they can stand on their “own two feet”!

There are still vacancies for anyone who would like to adopt a spot! Weed information and training are provided at a suitable social distance!

If you'd like a spot, please contact Lance on 0418 922 885 or email folc.wa@gmail.com

GRASS TREES

From: Nick Cook

Sadly, these ancient grass trees had to be relocated from the rail reserve due to PTA works at Claremont train station.

We are very excited to have them installed at Lake Claremont. The trees will be cared for by specialist contractors before being relocated in 2021.

It is estimated that these trees pre-date colonisation and therefore have great cultural significance.

The indigenous name for grass trees is Balga.

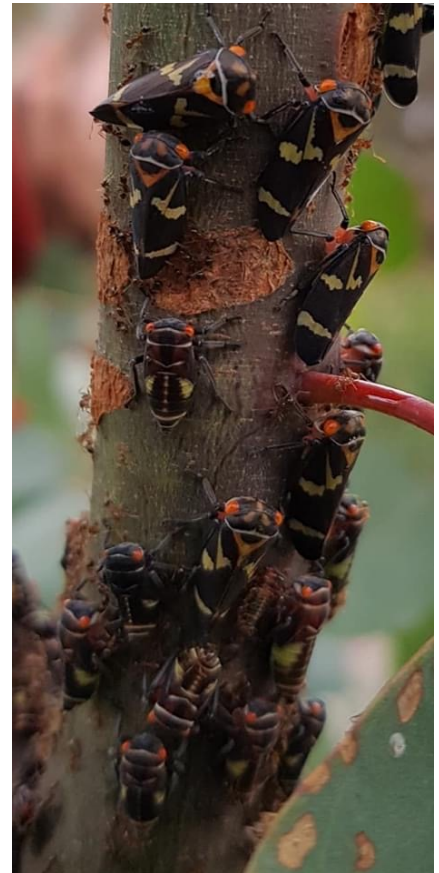


LEAF HOPPERS

This marri tree is one year old.

It was planted as tube stock at our 2019 planting site near the FOLC shed.

At just one year old, it is already providing ecological services as a home for leaf hoppers. They are a sap sucking insects. Ants are feeding on the honeydew secreted by the leaf hopper and in turn the leaf hopper will be food for small birds.



FALLEN TREE

This big eucalyptus tree came down recently in the dog off lead area.

It looks quite healthy. We will be interested to hear Town of Claremont staff opinions on the cause.





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