

Working Bee Saturday 22nd June

I arrived at the park early on a sunny morning to update the notice board and take samples from the creek which was flowing quite high and fast for testing



At the Pump Shed Ford



Tessellated Pavement

The water was very turbid from the recent rain (400 NTU's)

Up at the VC I surprised a family of goats that had escaped from the property next door.

Goats in the park are starting to be a real problem; although most of them are domestic there are some that I think are feral. I have seen them all over the park on both sides of the creek

The park staff have returned animals to the owner and spoken with them about fixing up the fencing on the boundary.



Looking at me as though I am the

intruder



The Billy reaches up to higher branches

at the toilet block



Ferel goats on the north side of the creek above Millbrook

I met up with Neil and Claude up at the locked gates (The industrial action still continues) and soon after Robert Irvine and Kevin turned up.

As the Sydenham Park planting had been cancelled and we had no plants to put in and so we decided to go down to Red Gum Flat to check on last month's plantings and make up more tree frames.



We loaded up the Ute with frames left over from the working bee with Outdoors Inc. last month and headed down. Soon after Hian Lai called me from the park gates and I went up to get him. Hian has come with us now on a few occasions, the

Glider check as well as Kara and Asha's Environment day scouts night walk



Wallabies have been eating some of the plants outside the tall frames but inside the low rabbit fence.



All in all the frames are the way to go, they have always proved to be successful after having tried other methods of protecting new plants.



Newest member Hian Lai and longest serving member Kevin Jones.

Robert Irvine brought along FOOPs latest purchase, an infrared wildlife motion detector camera.

We thought we would set it up opposite one of the glider boxes RG8 which has a large family group inside



The problem being finding a tree or suitable structure opposite the box to mount the camera on.



Around midday Neil, Maelor, Claude and myself headed off whilst Hian, Robert and Kevin went down to the Keilor land to check on Kevin's bat box that had glider nest material inside.

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Sunday July 29th (National Tree Day)

