

Friends of Organ Pipes Work day report 28 July 2013 by Robert Irvine



On a quiet Sunday morning Terry and I began at 9:00 am loading rolls of wire onto his ute and tools into my car ready for the planting session. I had picked up 350 plants from Ian at Western Plains Flora and he gave me one of his laminated posters to display. Since no one else arrived by 9:30 we headed off to Red Gum Flat where we planned to continue planting along the track. On the way out from the Friends container a car arrived with a family from Gilsons College so I was pleased to know we would have additional help planting. At Red Gum flat we unloaded those heavy rolls of chicken wire and started cutting up lengths to make our giant tubs to protect against the Wallabies and Kangaroos decimating the bushes and everything else in that area. We used the same strategy as last month putting three plants in each frame to be more efficient with our wire. The family from Gilson college were dynamic planters and we made an incredible pace before Claude arrived with a Botany student from Melbourne University. Tony also turned up to discuss the plans for planting Gilson Hill at the far south end of the park. At 11:30 we stopped for coffee & tea with my ANZAC biscuits being finished quickly while I got advice on Scones. That was enough for most of our hard workers so I finished off the last frames but unfortunately there are a number of unprotected plants left (now a control group to measure)