

## Working Bee February 22<sup>nd</sup> 2014 Report

By Terry Lane

I arrived at the park around 9am on an overcast day and started to clean up the Friends shed. Soon Neil turned up followed by Claude and Maelor.

The plan for the day was to have a committee meeting and then water the plantings on Red Gum Flat and see how they had fared in the searing heat we experienced this summer.



Ranger Tamara Karner had dropped off the Furphy water tank from Plenty Gorge to make watering so much more efficient, easier and safer than filling buckets from the creek.



I brought along a box of Black Wattle from Ian Taylor that were surplus to Melbourne Waters private landholders requirements and growing

quite tall in their tubes that they needed to get in the ground.



We were quite surprised at the survival rate; very few plants had succumbed to searing 40°+ temperatures.



**A Goodenia that had survived (just)**



**And one that didn't**

The tanker made the day much more productive, we were able to water, replace plants and fix up tree frames.



**Maelor Himbury**



**Neil Duncan**





**Claude Odorisio**

Soon it was time for a well-earned tea break.



We packed up around 12 and went to check out the water tanker sitting in the works compound doing nothing so we will see if Parks will let us use it.

On the way up we spotted a Wallaby above Red Gum Flat.



The tanker appears to be in reasonable nick maybe just needing a couple of tyres.



Ranger Len Quayle has Lock Tagged it meaning if the Friends Group want to take ownership we must make it safe to use.

Once a piece of equipment or machinery is Lock Tagged it cannot be used till fixed and severe penalties apply if you do so. The tag can only be removed by the person that put it on.

Next Working Bee Saturday March 22<sup>nd</sup>, visit  
Millbrook Ruin and assess the Aloe problem

