

Working Bee 26th April 2014

by Terry Lane

An overcast morning for our April workday, I met Claude, Neil and Maelor at the Friends Shed around 9am.

The plan for the day was to clear up Main Flat from star pickets and wire netting left over from a planting day in 2005 and fix up some signage at the VC, but first we went into the compound to look at the new jockey wheel that Len Quayle had fitted to FOOPs newly acquired Water Tanker.



We found a lot of wool bags in one of the sheds so we now plan to fill these with the Aloe Vera up at Millbrook so they can be loaded onto a 4wd. We loaded up the car with tools including a star picket lifter that Tamara had left for us and headed down to the VC.

Driving down Neil spotted this cow enjoying a walk in the park. Probably came from next door.



Good enough for the high country then it's good enough for OP's.

I updated the notice board and then we set about fixing up some of the signs one of which the Perspex was almost off.





Good as new

Down on Main Flat we set about removing the star pickets and making up tree frames from the wire.

As I mentioned before these are left over from a July 2005 working bee that was attended by some 30 people from Brimbank Council and Conservation Volunteers, we put in around 1000 Poa tubes and 300 Mat rush.



Main Flat 2005



Main Flat 2014

As Neil and Claude removed the pickets Maelor and I made up tree frames.





Progress though was slow, because of the soft earth the remover sank into the ground and some pickets were just plain stubborn and hard to pull out



Anyhow we will keep the remover for the next working bee where the plan is to plant up the slope above Red Gum Flat.

If we can get just a few more people along we can carry on removing and make up frames for the plants going in.



Next Working bee Saturday
May 24th

It then started to rain so we retreated to my car for a cuppa.

I then had to shoot off to work so we called it a day. We removed only seven and made up just a couple of large frames but we now know that we must place a solid piece of timber under the remover to get the full leverage.