

HFNC Report on Kanawalla Rail Flora Reserve works 2011

Rod Bird

Nov 2011

The planted Drooping Sheoaks, Eucalypts and most of the Bursaria are growing well but Silver Banksia are slow and damaged by wallabies.

There is a prolific growth of grass throughout the reserve and Swamp Rat runs are very evident this year.

The east boundary fence at Forts Rd end has collapsed and needs repair. There is also a branch across the east boundary fence just south of midway along the western half of the reserve that needs to be removed.

Weed control & track clearance work 26 Oct 2011 (RB 9.30-3.0 pm, 6 L spray):

- *Oxalis purpurea* – several patches (a few dozen plants) on mid-south fence sprayed with Ally. This garden escapee is difficult to eradicate but the infestation has been greatly reduced in extent and the small areas that still exist must be followed up each year.
- *Sparaxis* – 6 plants also treated in the drainage line behind the embankment. This pest is persistent but greatly reduced from the extensive infestation found in 2004.
- Briar Rose (a few dozen plants sprayed with Ally); this pest continues to be a problem, with young plants appearing every year.
- *Fumaria* ('Carrot weed') and 'Cleavers' (*Galium* sp.) sprayed with Glyphosate beneath the big Cherry Ballart on the west end of siding
- Cut several fallen trees/branches off the trail and trimmed obstructing branches.

'New' birds seen: Willie Wagtail, Sacred Kingfisher Horsfield's Bronze-cuckoo and Superb Fairywren (new total 41 species).

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Slashing of trail and grass at Hensley Park entrance December 2011 (Keith Cumming)