

HFNC Report on Kanawalla Rail Flora Reserve works 2014

Rod Bird

As in 2013, little work was done this year at this site by club members, there being much work to be done on other sites. However, there was one visit to spray weeds and clear part of the trail to allow passage of vehicles.

Visit on 11 June (RB, JC), each 3.5 hr.

Weed control

15 L of Glyphosate plus metsulfuron methyl spray was applied to following areas/weed species:

- Phalaris clumps in the old Cypress area in the NE corner and on the Sth block from the power line to McFarlane's Rd and near the power line.
- *Oxalis purpurea* along the entire E fence to McFarlane's Rd and on the track in the Sth block and a few spots at the Hensley Pk Rd end – at least 150 plants were spot-sprayed. Some plants were flowering.
- *Fumaria* and Cleavers (*Galium* sp.) under the Cherry ballart on the embankment. There were many weed plants there.

Track clearing

- Most of the rail line was cleared of Black Wattles sufficiently to enable vehicles to proceed. More work will be required to remove some low overhanging branches and to provide a surface that can be slashed and be suitable for cycling on.