



Waterworks Valley Landcare Group Inc.

The Waterworks Valley Landcare Group (WVLG) is a community group doing conservation work along the Sandy Bay Rivulet. Our management zone is mainly the catchment area along the length of Waterworks Road.

The Group first met on September 18th, 1993. We became incorporated in August 2002.

Since 1993, we have successfully improved areas along the Sandy Bay Rivulet that are listed in our Twenty Year Management Plan, and we've had a lot of fun along the way.

Our improvements can be seen in zones below the Lower Reservoir, along the Sandy Bay Rivulet between Romilly Street and Kooyong Glen, and in the Quarry across from 66 Waterworks Road.

As a result of our efforts, the Quarry is now the first rock-climbing area in Hobart to be sanctioned by the Hobart City Council.

As well as monthly working bees along the Rivulet, we hold a variety of other activities: Water Watch surveys, an annual guided bird watch, an annual guided orchid walk in spring, and following our annual "Clean Up Australia Day" in March, we hold a BBQ at the Quarry.

Coming up:

Working bees and other activities are usually held on the **first Sunday in each month**, commencing at **10am**.

Sun 3 September — weeding and maintenance at new site, below the lower dam

Sun 1 October — native orchid walk

Sun 5 November — weeding and Water Watch at old site, 56 Waterworks Road

Sun 3 December — bird watch, followed by BBQ at Site 2, in the Waterworks Reserve

General meetings are held at 8pm on the second Monday each month.

August – October: Spotlight searches

As part of the '**Eastern Barred Bandicoot Recovery and Awareness Programme**' some members are conducting a population survey in the Reserve along the upper Sandy Bay Rivulet, to identify the local population of this defenceless little animal. If you would like to help, please contact Craig on 6223 7473.

Sandy Bay Rivulet – Linear Park Study

Members of the WVLG recently met with John Hepper from Inspiring Place to view a preliminary plan of a proposed linear park for the Sandy Bay Rivulet.

Although only in the very early planning stages, and the plan not having received feedback from Council or the wider public, members were generally pleased with the consultant's work to date on proposed plans for the rivulet park down to Fitzroy Gardens, but were disappointed with the proposal below Fitzroy Gardens.

Members feel that the Rivulet should be managed as a whole, from Mt Wellington to Short Beach at Marievilla Esplanade. Some members believe that the Rivulet's riparian zone should be maintained with protective vegetation in a buffer zone along its entire length.

Contact us:

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Wildlife Survey

In response to community concern, some members are compiling the numbers of all types of native animals found killed on roads in the Waterworks Valley area.

In an effort to identify blackspots in the area, numbers will be reported to DIER in the hope that the problem can be reduced.

Would you please notify Craig on 6223 7473, if you find any wildlife that have been killed.



Eastern Barred Bandicoot
(photo from DPIW website)

Visit us at our website:
<http://www.wvlg.org.au>

You are invited to join us one Sunday morning in September, October or November.