**Tranmere-Clarence Plains Land & Coastcare Inc.**

**Annual report for 2019-2020**

This has been a year of continuing to rehabilitate and maintain selected areas in our weekly landcare working bees: and continuing our historical activities.

**Our landcare activities.**

We regularly have 4 to 6 members attending working bees each week. This allows us to expand the area of the sites we maintain.

We were again successful in obtaining a grant from Clarence City Council to purchase plants, tree guards, mulch and assorted equipment.

Our working groups regularly weeded, mulched, slashed, trimmed, planted and watered the following sites:

* + Tranmere foreshore – 4 sites.
  + Clarence Plains Rivulet
  + Clarence Plains Rivulet Saltmarsh
  + The Nutshell, 22 Droughty Point Road
  + 191 Droughty Point Road.
  + Carella Gully
  + Elinga Greenway

We were fortunate that Council retained the services of a contractor to rehabilitate and landscape the lower Carella Gully Reserve. We have been rehabilitating and maintaining this reserve for some years now and it is starting to look a treat.

We look forward to the landscaping work being finished this coming year.

This summer we spent most of our working bees watering most of the plants we planted during the winter and spring. Our efforts were rewarded by a good percentage of the plants surviving the summer and thriving when the rains came.

On the weekend of 25-27 October 2019, Landcare Tasmania, held its bi-annual conference at the Blundstone Oval. Pene Thornton and Phil Anstie represented the group at various sessions over the weekend.

We again joined with 35 children and 4 staff from Clarendon Vale school, John Paul II for Clean up Australia Day activity along the Clarence Plains Rivulet.

As with most community activities, we had an enforced 3 month hiatus for the Covid virus. This put us well behind in our mulching and planting schedules, however we have upgraded and maintained two sites since re commencing working bees in June.

**Our historical activities**

We continued to partner with the Clarence City Council to reinvigorate and update the Old Rokeby Historic Trail. We have met with Council’s Recreation Planner several times to plan the new route and signs. As with many things, the pandemic affected the way the project is proceeding, particularly the funding model, however we are happy with the progress given the changed circumstances.

We sincerely thank Clarence Lions for their maintenance of the Old Congregational Cemetery, Clarence Council staff for their ongoing support and Conservation Volunteers Australia for their assistance with major projects.

Thank you to all our supporters and particularly our regular committee members and workers.

Phil Anstie, Convenor.

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