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Sunday 9th Aug, 10AM at Anakie Depot. Activity to be advised.

Sunday 13th Sept. Annual General Meeting.

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Finding our way

Our last activity found us walking Deadmans track, carrying a motley collection of pruning and digging tools, as well as marker posts, drills, marking signs and whatever else came to hand. Track definition was the aim of the day, and we encountered the hard soils (rocks!) of the area as we placed several new marker posts around Sutherlands Creek. Most of the existing marker posts also required replacement orange triangle markers, as someone with a distinct dislike of these had removed them (but left the yellow square ones).

Along the way we looked out for any interesting flora or fungi, with Gary the Ranger spotting some interesting green fungi on a rotting log. These were later identified as *Chlorociboria* sp. This fungi stains the wood that it grows in and such wood can be used in fine woodworking and craft.



Fauna monitoring Update

Colin Cook

I've decided not to do any more mammal trapping this year as the weather has turned too cold to ensure that any trapped animals stay warm enough. I managed to get two sites trapped, one at Switch Rd (near our PC monitoring site) and another at Griffen Hill. Only one House Mouse was trapped and released. The low numbers of animals trapped probably reflect the very dry conditions experienced in 2014, which was the third driest year on record for the area since 1884.

Even the camera traps have been recording fewer animals than normal. We did manage to record Black Rat, Brush-tailed Phascogale, Brush-tailed Possum, Crimson Rosella, Eastern Grey Kangaroo, Grey Shrike Thrush, Red Fox, Sugar Glider, Swamp Wallaby and White-winged Chough.

A new type of camera mount has been developed to enable better detection of arboreal mammals. It consists of a metal arm mounted in a tree, about 3-4m above the ground, with the camera mounted at the end of the arm and pointing back at the tree trunk. A bait holder is placed at the base of the arm. Although this mount has only been deployed twice for testing and once in the park, it has detected Sugar Gliders and Brush-tailed Phascogales.

All monitoring work is conducted under DELWP Research Permit 10006452.



Sugar Glider



Brush-tailed Phascogale

For your diary!

Join us

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***Your articles:** We would love to publish your stories of bushwalking and other activities in the Brissies.*

Send in your contributions to friends_br@yahoo.com.au



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