

# Paiwalla Update

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This is the start of a commitment from the Paiwalla crew to expand our public profile and to connect with the many people who are interested in what we do at Paiwalla. We have modified our 'Friends of Paiwalla' to a subscription membership, which allows for greater contact and involvement in the activities of the wetland. Your valued subscription will be used to further our aims for the area.

- **More about our new 'Friends of Paiwalla'**

Your invitation and registration form for becoming a 'Friend' is included with this issue of 'Paiwalla Update' and is available on the tab below or on our website, where there is a wealth of information about us, past and present. Visit [www.paiwalla.org.au](http://www.paiwalla.org.au)

As we have just commenced this subscription service we seek your help in spreading the word. Forward this 'Update' to friends or persons you feel share our commitment. Our first registered 'Friend' is, in fact, someone from northern Queensland, so we are spreading the message widely.

We will endeavour to send you regular news of wetland happenings with our new 'Paiwalla Update' and invitations to special events and happenings for subscribed 'Friends'.

[Your Invitation](#)

## Further news

- **Planting for 2020**

In May we took delivery of approximately 500 seedlings. With an excellent opening to the winter season we were able to plant on the last three Thursdays of May and continued planting until July. Seasonal rain has watered them on a regular basis.

- **Bat Boxes**

During a visit from a Bush Heritage volunteer and a Gluepot Committee Member, we were offered four Bat boxes instead of the usual monetary contribution - which we happily accepted.

Recently with the help from our Canadian visitor Alex, we put these in situ on the river-side levee, facing across the wetland. It was a little daunting on the ladder installing them 4m high in the trees, but we did it!



- **Bird List and Canoe Trail**

Printable copies of the 'Bird List' and 'Canoe Trail Map' are available on our website and in the information boxes at the Wetland carpark, along with 'Friends' application forms and the 'General Information' handout.

- **Storage Shed – 'Lifting the roof !'**

After digging a few holes and drilling a few holes we lifted the entire roof of the canoe shed by half a meter. The shed will be used as a permanent storage for the collection of canoes we are gathering together and for the storage our trailers.



- **Shade facility in the Car Park.**

We have received a grant from the Rural City of Murray Bridge for the construction of a Shade Structure at the car park. We had to obtain building approval and that took us some time due to our naïve knowledge off the building regulations. However we are over those hurdles, and can now commence with the structure. Paul G is in charge of the construction.

- **Heritage of Paiwalla**

We received a grant last year to discover the cultural heritage of Paiwalla and had regular visits from cultural heritage consultant Taryn Debney.

Taryn identified 5 shell middens and 24 probable/possible scarred trees, and in her report highlights Paiwalla's position on the river thus.....

“.....The existing site knowledge, recent site inspections and preliminary research together demonstrate that the Aboriginal cultural heritage at Paiwalla is highly valuable. Both culturally and scientifically the sites contribute to our knowledge of how the lower Murray was occupied prior to white settlement, how its resources were used and how important it was to the people it sustained.....”

The report has identified some future areas that need to be explored by our group.

- **Group Visits**

We have had several groups visiting. The Murray Bridge Walking group had a 'good weather' day in August, and a U3A group from Adelaide came in September.

- **Art Weekend**

This year we are again running the Artist retreat weekend with Maxie Ashton.

See full details and requirements for the event [HERE](#) or on the Noticeboard Tab of our website.

This workshop is an open event, no experience is required, only a desire to explore the nature and beauty of Paiwalla using this medium.

- **Facebook - Paiwalla Wetlands**

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