

Tree Keeper Report

24 August 2024

The Tiny Forest was divided into 6 segments using flagging tape. As was done last time the divisions ran approximately east-west. The segments were numbered 1-6 starting from the north (1) and proceeding south (see photo; looking from the south)



At this meeting we had 12 keen Tiny Forest lovers.

Each segment was interrogated for the number of dead plants therein as well as for Blue Tags. Each segment was also used to guide a weeding and a selective watering program.

Weeding etc.

Weeding was successful; about half a chaff bag full. Most weeds were collected from the TF edge, although there were many immature weeds picked up along the transects. Weeding was also done in the test plot; far fewer weeds were found there.

A comprehensive litter collection was undertaken over the whole area in the vicinity of our plantings.

Watering cans were used to water selectively; i.e. plants that looked in need of a drink. (Generally speaking, the sub-surface soil is still quite moist.)

Plant health

Many of the plants that were yellowing off previously (specifically the *Dianellas*) are looking healthier. However, there are many deaths amongst our plantings.

Segment	No. dead recorded
1	9
2	15
3	17
4	10
5	20
6	4
Total	75

The test plot had a total of 9 deaths.

The marker canes adjacent to dead plants have been marked with blue paint.

On a positive note, many of the tree species are putting on new growth and are looking very healthy. The plants in the test plot are in very good condition overall.

Tag Inventory

There are too many inconsistencies amongst the three inventories to get a decent report. Tags that were not seen previously were recorded in this session. Many tags that were previously recorded as present were not recorded in this session. I cannot imagine that all these tags are missing! Next time we meet I would like to see if two people would like to work together to try to find all the tags. I think working off the tag map and trying to locate specific tags may be the best approach; obviously just looking for all the tags is not yielding consistent results!

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