

# Winter Notes 2023

## Projects

Several large projects have been undertaken in the past few months, including improvements to the accessibility of the new Middle Bridge, a new staircase into the north end of the canyon, the south eastern boundary pathway connecting the Hickox St track to South Bridge, and a concrete path from Rose Avenue to the Hyde Park Rd entrance.

## Canyon Steps



Members of the public can now access the northern end of the canyon more easily, thanks to the construction of a log staircase. Ted Wiseman, along with other volunteer “friends” spent many hours on this project, and the result is terrific.

Well done and thank you to Ted and the other volunteers who assisted!

## South Eastern Boundary Pathway

We have now completed our recent project of the South eastern boundary pathway of approximately 400mtrs.

This is with utmost thanks to people such as Graeme Turner organising with BILD group the contribution, gifting and transporting 170 tons of rock for the foundations. This material was placed appropriately for distribution along its length. Gravel was also acquired at a discounted rate and delivered to site.

The placement of this material was handled by Rupe Whelan who spread the rock foundation over the entire 400mtrs then placed the bedding sand/gravel on top, as he has done over all the pathways within the reserve over some 30 years. This task was done over many days at a minimal cost by only being charged for Rupe’s machinery costs and not any for his labour.

This outcome has been a huge financial benefit to the reserve. In comparison, a pathway contracted 3 years ago cost \$10k per 100mtrs and this pathway at 400mtrs, cost less than \$5k for the exact same type of construction.

Assistance was given by a few of the “friends” to bed in the 4 culverts and posts along the path for drainage and cleaning up some gravel on the edges. A conservative comparison taking into account rock and gravel price increases and labour/ contractor costs would be instead of \$52k. We owe \$5k, and a huge debt of gratitude to Rupe Whelan.

All this done by a man 88 years young and dedicated to the RES.



## Tree Planting Day

Latrobe Catchment Landcare Network arranged for local school primary school students to plant trees at the reserve as part of National Tree Day. Volunteers were on hand to prepare soil and provide guidance to the students. Approximately 70 trees, supplied by LCLN were planted on the day.

## Working Bees

Recent working bee activities have included:

- Grass cutting, weeding and mulching
- Clearing and digging trenches to divert storm water away from tracks
- Litter patrols
- Installing new picnic tables
- Planting of trees on the 94A site (adjacent to the Meeting Room / Maintenance Shed).



## Thanks to our supporters

- Rotary Club of Traralgon for donation of \$2500 for new signage
- Bunnings for the donation of trees
- LCC for donation of park benches and Loy Yang B personnel for installation
- Dunbar Rd Garden Supplies for donation of soil to build up an area of the 94A site.
- Melina Bath MLC, whose office prints this newsletter.



**Traralgon Railway Reservoir  
Conservation Reserve Community  
Asset Committee / Friends of the  
Reserve**

**Meetings**

Fourth Tuesday of the month  
7pm at the Meeting Room.

**Working Bees**

First Saturday of the month from 9:15 am.  
Meet at the Shed.

**Address**

Meeting Room & Maintenance Shed  
152 Hickox St, Traralgon

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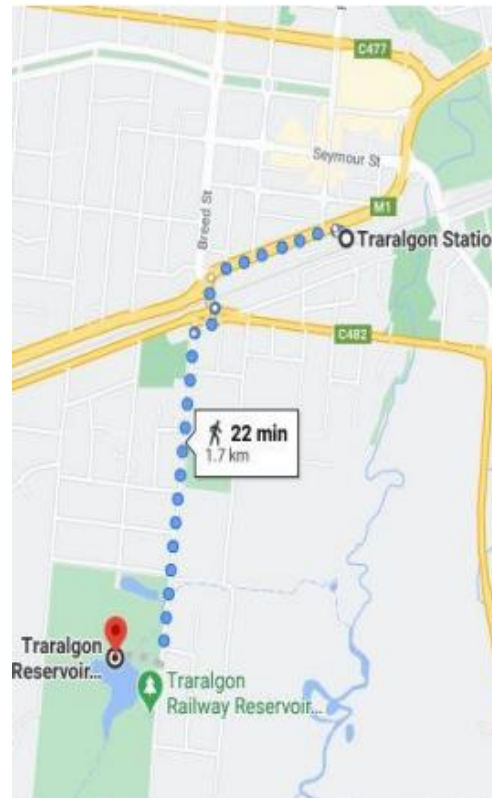
**Directions to main entrance –  
Hickox Street, Traralgon**

**From Traralgon Railway Station**

5– 10 minutes by car

10 minutes by bicycle

25–30-minute walk



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