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Network News Flash!

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Popes Glen Project - End of the Willows

The Project encountered several delays since 2012, as outlined in some previous editions. Now, I can report that all the "big" work is completed or in the final stages and we are speeding along.

The Report:

Our second report to the Environmental Trust was lodged "on time" in early August and we received a very positive response in the ensuing third-year payment authorisation &

feedback letter which came in October. The report document package included 16 appendices and was quite large. Here is a quote from The Trust's "Reviewer Comments":

"This project is a great demonstration of the influence that community champions and volunteers can have on . Smart coordination and community engagement has ensured this project continues to exceed

expectations and the Trust strongly commends the project managers, volunteers and contractors for their hard work in achieving the positive results they have to date"

The Willows:

All willows larger than small seedlings/re-shoots are now dead &/or have been cut down. It is a bit bare! Plantings & natural regeneration have been taking place over the past year and will continue this year. *(to be continued)*

Headwall Happenings

Progress on site, particularly at the Headwall has been so dramatic that the Steering Committee thought it time to invite senior Council managers and Councillors to an inspection day in October.

This turned out to be bigger than Ben-Hur as the saying goes; a lot of work for volunteers, supported by Council officers. And very successful. The thirty-plus attendees included GM Robert Greenwood, three Councillors and two representatives from The Trust itself *(see photo 2)*.

You might have seen an article in Blue Mountains Gazette on this event. A couple of photos from the event at right, courtesy of David Hill via Council.

The major rock work and new channel opening was completed just in time for the first of the "big" rains after the dry spell & we could show the operating structures to those attending the inspection.

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1. Most of the attendees at Popes Glen "Inspection" event, October 2014



2. Steven & Karen inspecting "The Structure" with Eric Mahony (BMCC) & Alan Lane (PGBG) at Popes Glen Headwall, October 2014

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