

Hartmann Bushland Reserve 2023 Report

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Hartmann Reserve is a state government owned reserve. Previously in the 1860s Charles Hartmann was running a plant nursery on the site. Later he was running a residential fitness retreat with exercise rings, etc.. Nowadays the reserve is a native bushland located in the eastern end of Alderley Street, Rangeville, Toowoomba.

C. H. HARTMANN Toowoomba Nursery

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FRUIT TREES NO IMPORTED RUBBISH, BUT GRAFTED AND GROWN HERE. A Fine Selection of the Best Sorts, suitable for this Climate.

Charles HARTMANN is prepared to supply an assortment of FRUIT TREES which bear in succession from December till June. Apples, Peaches, Oranges, Pears, Nectarines, Lemons, Plums, Apricots, Citrons, Cherries, Almonds, Shaddock trees, Mulberries, Walnuts, Figs, Quinces, Hazelnuts, Guavas, Loquats, Indian Nut, Raspberries, Strawberries, Rhubarb Roots, Vines, etc.. Also, a good collection of FLOWERS and SHRUBS, well acclimatised. All at Sydney prices, from 1s. 6d. each. Gardens Laid Out and Pruning done. Bouquets Made to Order.

Today our activities are going quite well. We usually have 4 to 6 volunteers each Wednesday from 9am with a morning tea break at 11am. The break provides a great opportunity to connect with our volunteers and to help identify plants that we may not have come across. We have successfully removed most of the lantana, privet, pavonia and many of the weed grasses. Currently we are mainly targeting green panic grass, Trad and removing the bamboo.

Some of the wildlife include red necked wallabies, satin bower birds many other birds and even the occasional snake or lizard sightings. This week we had 20 university students from Japan visit and help us in the reserve. They will be assisting us again next week as well.