

## 2025 Annual Report Nielsen Park

Overall the park is looking good. The northern section is largely in a maintenance phase. After a wet year lantana is out of control in some areas of the southern section. We have also discovered small outbreaks of Cats Claw in the southern section. These are probably coming from Gabbinbah homestead. I contacted them last year but have been unable to follow up. On the "to do" list for this Spring.

I am also worried about asparagus fern in the southern section So far just small isolated clumps but quite widespread. I suspect we will not eliminate it but will have a long term battle to contain it.

I was excited recently to see natural regrowth of E montivaga (New England blackbutt) in the southern section. This is the first time I have seen any small saplings of this species self-regenerate in the park.

The neighbourhood boys returned in the June holidays to build some bike jumps but only in the outer fire break perimeter.

Averaging three volunteers with max six for any Saturday morning sessions.

We said farewell to Coral Sharrock earlier in the year after 10 years weeding at Nielsen Park.

### Plans for next year

- Continue removing lantana and pavonia.
- Neighbourhood education session to encourage more volunteers to get involved with the care of the park
- Ask TRC to provide a seat for the Tarlington St extension
- Cover some of the walking tracks with crusher dust to reduce erosion.

Thanks to Greg Lukes who leads the group when I'm not available.

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