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Redzone

The red zone and its future is an opening remark I have been making for a long time now, and I guess that will continue to be the case as it is important to the lower river and all the hydrologically and ecologically linked adjoining spaces. This year we are seeing the continued extension of pathways along the river inching closer and closer to Travis - making it an easy cycle trip from the central city.

Planting projects are ongoing as well, up and down the river. These will all benefit Travis as part of the improving wider river environment.

Council partnership

As noted at other events over the last few years the relationship between the Trust and Council in the ongoing care and protection of Travis Wetland is a great partnership and an outstanding model for how conservation can be done well.

The partnership is strong – and we ALL make a good team. It isn't simple making these sorts of things work and it continues to require give and take on all sides. I'd like to thank all the Council staff we work with for that approach, it isn't always easy!

Thanks

Lastly and most definitely not least some thanks are again due to various parties

- To our wonderful rangers Matt, Alice and Mika – fabulous work and always a friendly and positive approach. The park, the trust and the general public are fortunate to have such great advocates and stewards as the park ranger team. The city and the wetland really are lucky to have you all.

- Denise and Dave (as always) – for the substantial bulk of the work that goes on behind the scenes organizing and directing the secretarial and financial functions of the trust as well as many other things. Once again I have to say that I think we (the Trust and the wetland) are extremely fortunate to have you in your roles.

- All our workday attendees – thank you very much – as above your input is very much valued, and needed to ensure continued positive outcomes in the wetland.

- The Manuka Group and Waynes Willing Wednesday Workers – thanks to all members for ongoing work with rare and vulnerable species here in the botanical realm and for enthusiasm and dedication to the wetland. The endless energy and the hours put into working here make a substantial difference to outcomes for the natural environment and for park users whether or not they realise that.

- The IDEAs team too – who do great work all over the place here at the wetland, and over a long period of time too.

Lastly a huge thanks to donors for their generosity of both time and money to a range of projects at Travis.

Need for volunteers

Oh – and finally - as always the Trust needs volunteers both at physical events like plantings and workdays, and also to stand for and sit on the board. At present we do have the minimum required compliment of 10 board members nominated, there is however a potential vacancy for one more should anyone be interested in stepping forward. We would be more than happy to have additional members and the input and perspective they bring. Let us know tonight or talk to us later if you develop an urge.