



Phytophthora cinnamomi (commonly known as Root-rot Fungus or *Phy*) is present in Cleland Conservation Park, Eagle Mountain Bike Park and is suspected in Brownhill Creek Reserve. With increasingly frequent foot and bicycle traffic on the Yurrebilla Trail through the Waite Reserve, could it spread here too?

Phytophthora cinnamomi

Phy

Although most likely introduced into Australia in the 1800s, it was first identified in the Mount Lofty Ranges in 1972. There are 32 species in Australia but the most widespread & destructive is *Phytophthora cinnamomi*, so named as it was first isolated on a cinnamon tree in Burma.

Phytophthora

Phy is a soil and water borne water mould

Working Bees this year were split over two general locations. We spent the first part of the season (May-July) in the lower regions of the reserve in the areas around the Hillside Drive entrance, Wild Dogs Glen and Koala Gully.

Working Bees from August-Dec will be in the upper Reserve around Urrbrae Ridge, Leafhopper Gully, Hardy Block and the Old Coach Rd.

I am very happy with the planting achieved so far this year which goes some way towards restoring natural vegetation in areas where there has been Nd.

Pr n es t M Gr e t

The 137 ha Waite Conservation Reserve is nestled into the foothills at the back of the Waite Precinct. To the surprise of many people it supports over 280 plant species and as we will hear tonight from our guest speakers a considerable number of animal species.

The aim of the Friends group is to help protect the biodiversity of this area which includes what has been described as the most significant example of grey box woodland in South Australia. By controlling the weeds, principally olives, we reduce the stress on the native vegetation and provide more opportunities for natural regeneration.

In addition the Friends group plant seedlings propagated from seed collected in the reserve. We thank Russell Pope from ÚJÁÁBÍÇJÁSÍÇÁ and John Zwar from WJGJÁÁÁ ÚMOÚ as well as committee members Hinda Yates, Helen Pryor and Stephen Wait for the many hundreds of seedlings they have grown for planting out at working bees.

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Stephen Wait and Grant Joseph are also sincerely thanked for their preparation for, and organization of the 16 working bees that ran last year. Over twenty five different people helped at these working bees and between them they donated more than 620 hours of time towards the reserve. Their efforts are greatly appreciated.

In return the committee actively tries to give something back to the members including members' days such as the one run at the end of the biological survey, a guest speaker at the AGM, two newsletters and the working bee BBQs. Tt

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Our inaugural President returns for a visit

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