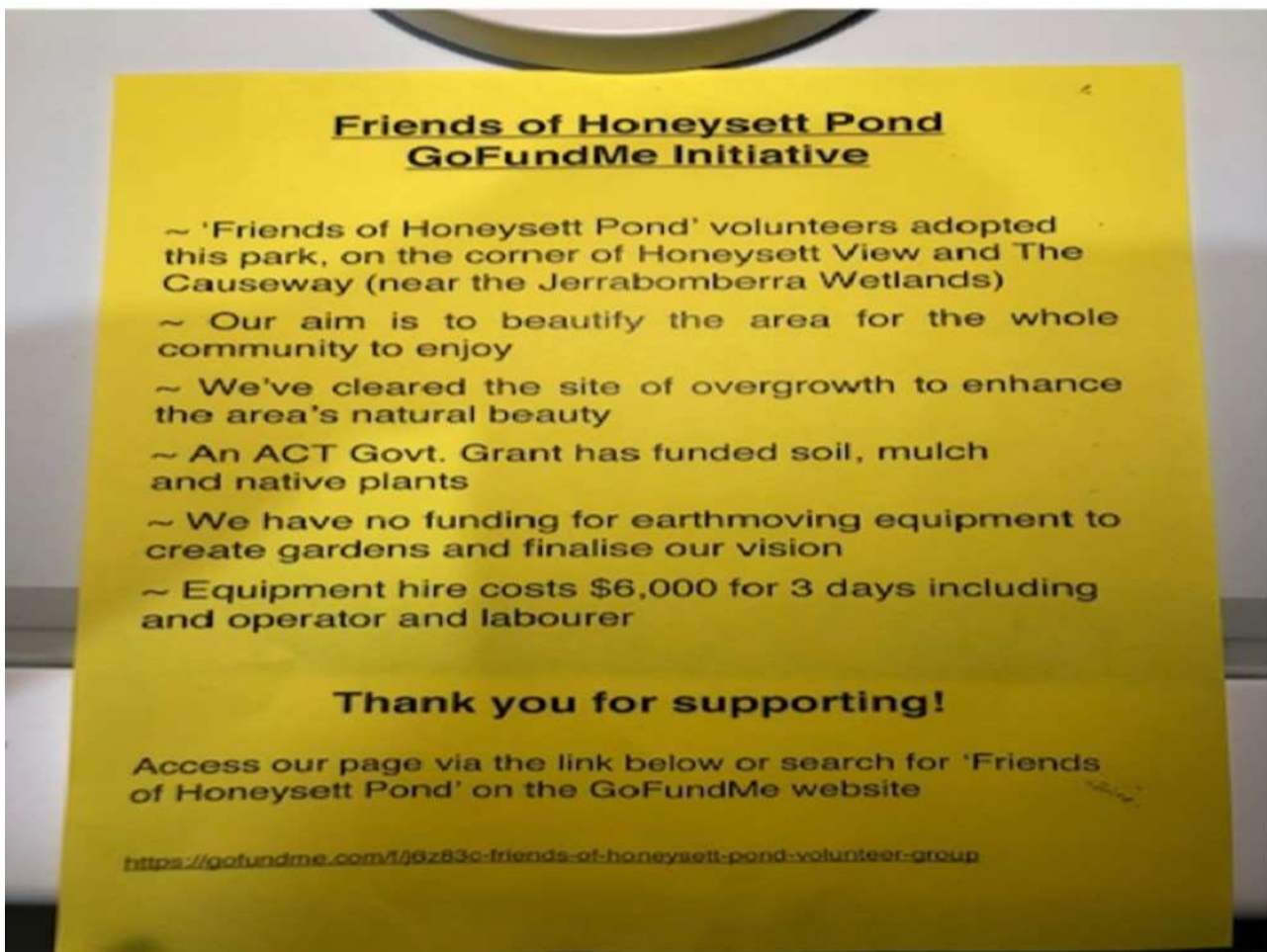


**Karen Williams**

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**To:** Michael McGoogan  
**Subject:** RE: Info re 'Honeysett Pond'



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As discussed re the massive improvements to "Honeysett Pond". Sue (recently turned 80) has instigated all of this. The vast majority of new plantings Sha has paid for. She has worked tirelessly in all weather conditions in an attempt to eradicate weeds, including couch.

Sue in her working life was an architectural designer and builder. She is very knowledgeable on fauna and flora. Many hours have been spent dealing with the headache that is ACT government beuaracracy. None of the obstacles, including Canberra winter, have deterred her at all.

She has also set up a "go fund me" website (I will forward separately)

I think this is very worthy of a story and photos on RiotAct. Also wonder if we could do some some sort of fund raiser.

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Sue Welbourn <[welbournsue@gmail.com](mailto:welbournsue@gmail.com)>  
**Subject:** Info re 'Honeysett Pond'  
**Date:** 16 August 2022 at 7:07:46 pm AEST  
**To:** [fiona@willett.id.au](mailto:fiona@willett.id.au)  
**Cc:** Jeannine Fromholtz <[jeannine.fromholtz@molonglo.org.au](mailto:jeannine.fromholtz@molonglo.org.au)>

Hello Fiona

What a great suggestion of yours re RiotACT! Thank you for enabling access and organising it. It's much appreciated. We badly need more funds. and will be delighted with some publicity.

Here are some photos which depict our volunteer progress at 'Honeysett Pond' - and a few random ramblings thrown in.

We recently applied for and received a \$5000 grant from ACT Govt.

I'm sending you a copy of our 'GoFundMe' flier separately. We've raised \$2000 so far. The flier explains our work.

We'll need further funds to enable us to plant more natives and provide seating. We'll apply for further grants. All future plantings will be low so that the beauty of the pond and Jerrabomberra Creek can be easily seen. This will create excellent habitat for the small critters. Existing mature trees already provide good bird habitat. Pond reeds will be kept in check. On completion it should be a very pleasant area for the whole community to enjoy. Frogs abound. Waterbirds abound.

We're very disappointed that ACT Govt. won't provide a rubbish bin for this area as many dogs are walked in the area and many people picnic.

There are no public toilets at all on this side of the Foreshore hence people are urinating publicly in our park and it is quite unbecoming for the overlooking apartment residents to view. Cars also stop here for the express purpose of the drivers to urinate.



Feb '21 Jerrabomberra bomber Creek barely visible



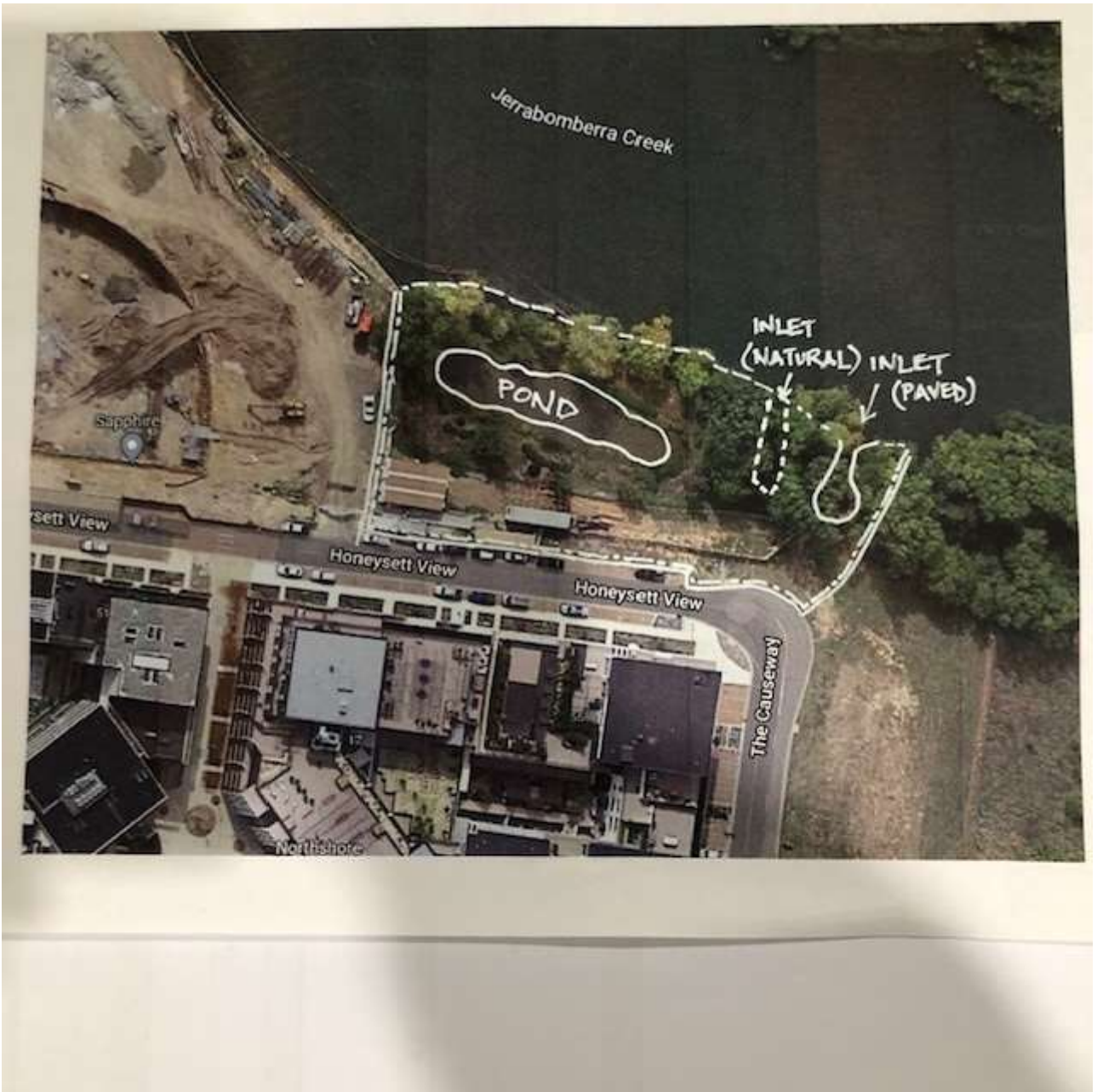
Feb '21 Jerrabomberra Creek hard to see



Feb '21 Jerrabomberra Creek is behind all this thick undergrowth



Feb '21 Thick pest species trees and ivy growth such that Jerrabomberra Creek can be barely seen. Many pest trees have now been removed.



2020 The area that volunteers 'Friends of Honeysett Pond' have adopted



Feb '22 A part of 'Honeysett Pond'

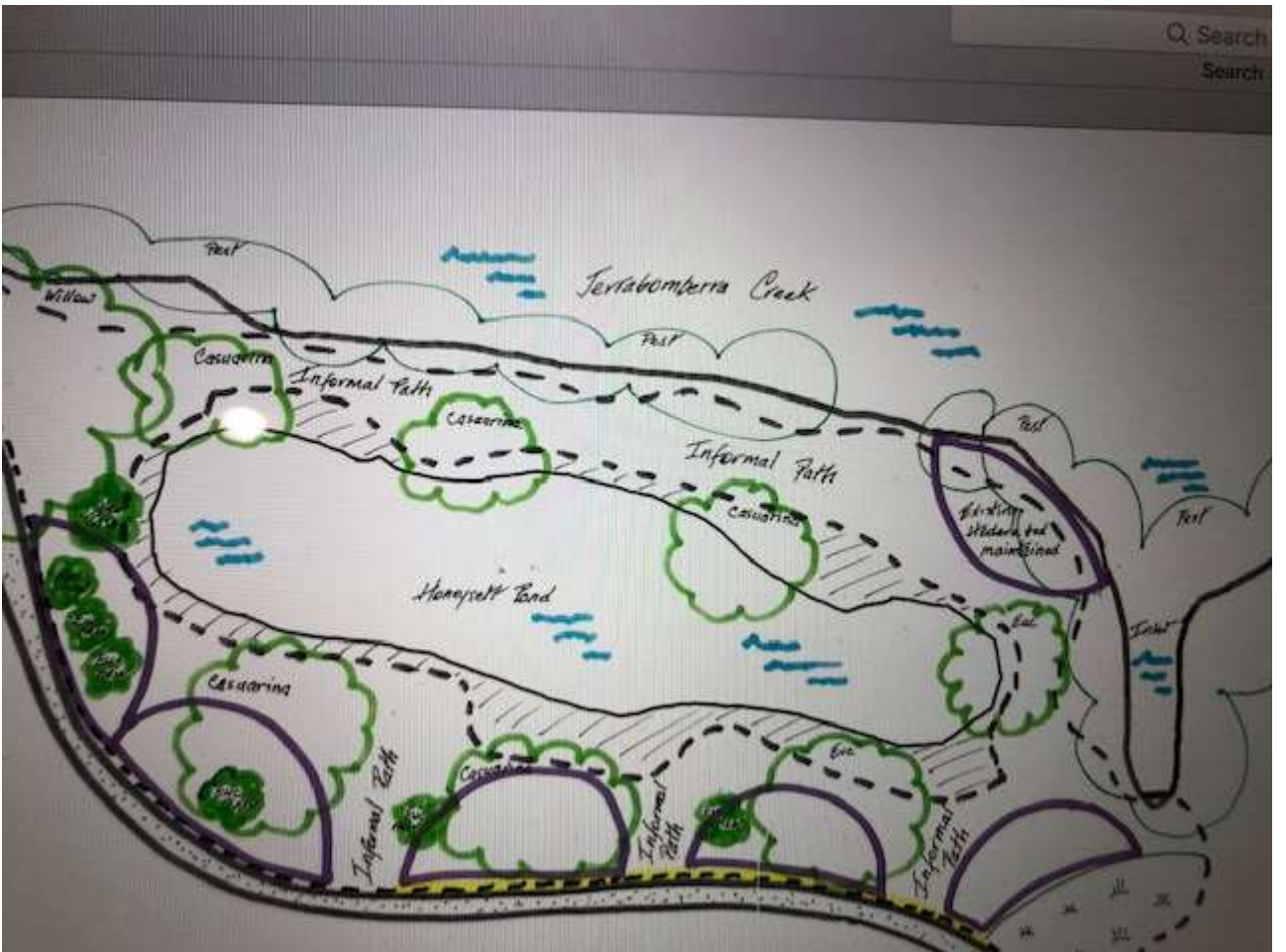




July '22 Honeysett Pond area at sunset



July '22 The pond hasn't yet had the dying invasive reeds removed



Approved new design - semi circular areas are proposed garden beds which will have low earth mounding (1.2m wide) around the curved perimeters. Natives will be planted on the mounds. This area is bounded by a popular walking gravel path and is bordered by a 1.2m wide 'spring garden' in which 900 (privately funded by some Peninsula residents) tulip and jonquil bulbs have been planted. Volunteers hope to add further plantings to this next year.



August '22 Note all pest species shrubs, trees and weeds removed ready for earth moving when garden beds will be created - for which further funds are required. Jerrabomberra Creek now visible. Sixteen volunteers in our group. ACT Govt has provided gardening tools. Volunteer group set up 26 May '22 and work started immediately.