

## Golfing Gardeners Update

June 2021

It has been several months since our last posting and since then the group has been busy working on several key projects primarily focusing on improving the course presentation around our tee boxes.

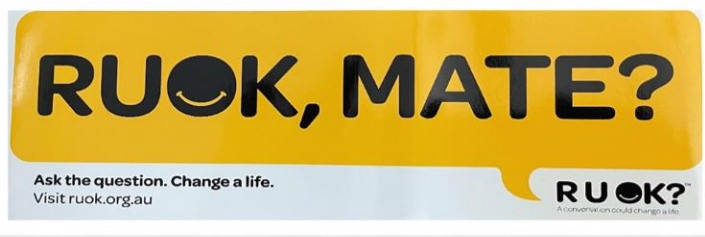
The group is following the landscaping aims of the Golf Club which can be summarized as:

- Showcasing Australian native species suitable for our riverside conditions.
- Working with themed tree species that are attractive, spectacular in flower with colourful leaf growth.
- Providing focal points of beauty and interest around tee signage, vistas behind greens, plantings to formal paths plus selective screening to improve the golf experience.

In all we have completed approximately 20 projects to-date. Some of these past few months include:

### Red 9 greenside

Members may have noticed on leaving the Red 9 green the “seat” has been painted blue in



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recognition of the Beyond Blue initiative aimed at highlighting information and support for anxiety, depression and suicide. This is fabulous free service that has helped thousands through personal times of difficulty. Support just a phone call away – 1300 224 636 or by visiting their website [www.beyondblue.org.au](http://www.beyondblue.org.au)



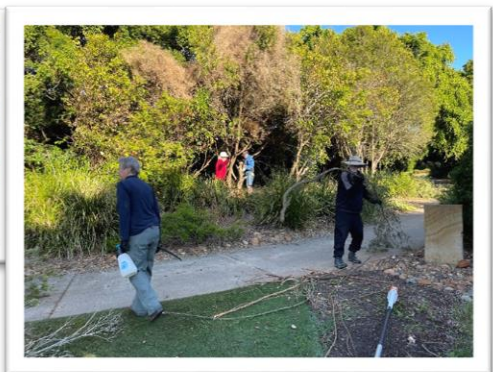
Thanks, Ernst for your valued input on this project.

We have also transplanted some 40 Spider Lillie's along the path over the bridge along with a good many more bulbs that will become more evident as summer approaches.



### **Red 9 tee box**

Work on the Red 9 tee box has been ongoing the past few working bees and still has some way to go. We have become very apt at Chinese Elm removal for there are hundreds of the invasive exotics on the course.



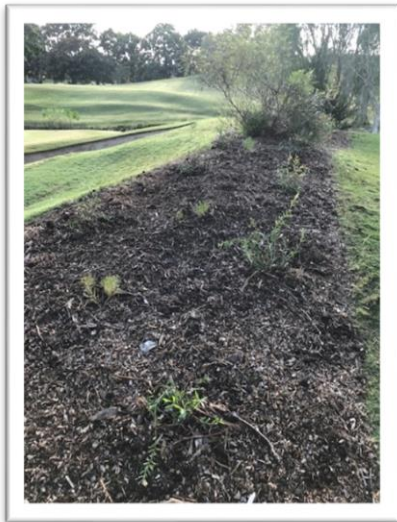
### **Poinciana bromeliad garden**



We have continued to harvest bromeliad "pups" as well as supplement these with others donated by members. In time we hope to have a dense grove fully covering the garden in this area.

### **Red 8 tee**



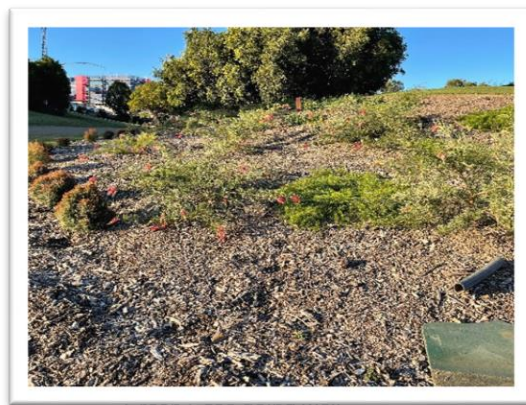


The garden bed between the Red 7 green and Red 8 tee has been replanted. The existing kangaroo paws were struggling in this location and have been taken back to the maintenance sheds where a nursery has been established to propagate and divide plant stock for future use on the course.

### Some of our completed projects:



*Gold 8 tee box*



*Green 6 tee doing well*



*Gold 6 tee 1*



*Native bees established and thriving*



The Golfing Gardeners are a social group of passionate members who not only enjoy their golf but have an interest in gardening and contributing to the beautification and maintenance of our wonderful course.

We have a programme of works that caters for all skills and new members are always welcome to join. We meet early morning on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of each month, finish with a morning tea provided by the club and often play 9 holes of golf afterwards.

If you are interested in joining, please see our web site for details or call me.

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