

BOOMERANG GARDEN – RED HILL – GOOLAWAH 2021

PROPOSAL

Following consultation with the community, members are keen to improve community areas once again with tree planting projects. This project proposal aims to increase community areas for us all to enjoy and to add habitat for the many native animals we share this land with.

We propose that we create a tree and recreation zone on Red Hill Oval around the flagged area near the post box (this area has been extended slightly since the onsite meeting to include a couple of lonesome trees subsequently creating a pleasing boomerang shape).

Please see the proposed planting area attached and onsite meeting minutes from 28/5/21 for considerations and concerns raised re fire hazard reduction, low maintenance of garden etc.

We imagine this to be the resurgence of many subsequent plantings around Red Hill making our community all the more beautiful, bountiful and abundant.

PLAN

Secure funding at August 2021 AGM

Prepare and improve the soil in the proposed planting zone with machinery to aerate and add mulch prior to planting.

Fence off the area with temporary fencing to reduce destruction by pigs/wallabies etc. (this fencing can be reused in subsequent plantings on Red Hill.)

Plant the area out as part of a G –Month activity in October 2021. Ongoing succession plantings will continue over time

Install a 'Goolawah' welcome sign (like the one at Illa Langi Rd entrance), gate into garden and a market stall for community produce.

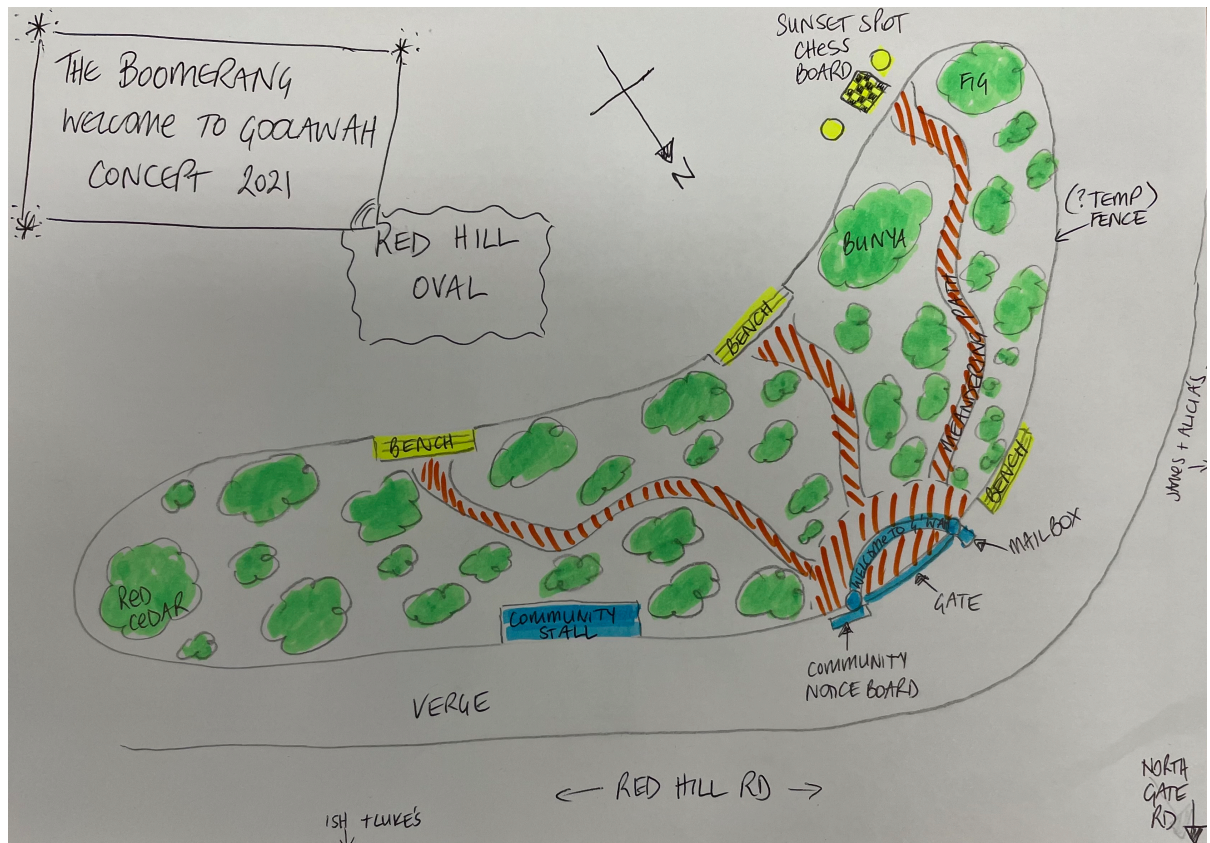
COST

\$1000 – please see spreadsheet attached.

Any left over funding can be used for subsequent plantings.

ORGANISERS

Ishbel and Jac



Boomerang Garden Red Hill

Item	Amount	Price
Gypsum	25kg	\$20.35
Star Pickets	20	165cm \$130.00
Ring Lock Fencing		
Wire	100m	\$228.60
Mulch		\$200.00
Machinery hire		\$160.00
Rotary Hoe Hire		
Plants	60	\$180.00
Total		\$918.95

Gate	Donation	Luke to build
Sign	Donation	Wayne to construct
Stall	Donation	Crow to construct

Community Meeting – Boomerang Garden on Red Hill

28 April 2021

A group of 21 people including young Coco met at the postbox on Redhill to discuss possible gardens to ring the Oval, Last resort and Kids playground.

Reasoning:

Windbreak, animal corridor, shade, amenity, community project and beautification.

Ideas for design

- Permaculture based, education site
- Windbreak
- Blobs or clumps of gardens, not continuous
- Snake like
- Shady sitting areas
- Walking trail
- Wildlife corridor

Considerations

- Keep oval, plant outskirts
- Fire; No gum trees
- Needs maintenance; mulching, weed control, pruning, feeding, gypsum, cardboard sheeting
- Requires temporary fencing from animals
- Will it encourage animals and be an issue with the roads?
- Succession planting; pioneer natives such as wattles to protect emerging desired plants
- Funding; need a proposal to put to the community
- Drainage; will it affect the flow of water across the road
- Where to start?; near mail box, need an overall plan, a garden to welcome people to Goolawah
- Childrens Playground upgrade
- Need to define road boundaries; who owns road and where are they?

Mounds

- Need to rip compacted soil - Not too high
- Contoured for easy maintenance
- Do we add soil? Sourcing: where do get soil? Clint? Using trailers, no clay
- Construction; tractor ripping, hire dingo, trailers, Bruce has bobcat?

Trees

- Fruit trees; feijoas, macadamias, persimmons, pomegranates, pecans, mulberries

- Indigenous and natives; Acacias as pioneers, poison peach, cheesetrees, blueberry ash, sweet pittosporum, white/ lemon aspen, lemon myrtle, native gardenia, fan palm, hibiscus, bottlebrush, etc

Sourcing plants

- Kempsey TAFE – bushtucker
- Port Mac Landcare Nursery
- Ask members for donations; be specific as we don't want everything

Decision

- Agreed to start at the Postbox in a triangular arrangement
- Site was pegged out
- Take proposal to community meeting
- Look to develop a larger plan for the whole site; Placemaking process?

Further Discussions

Succession plantings – begin with pioneer and protective plants to help existing trees, then add more over time

- *Acacia longifolia* var. *Sophorae* Coastal wattle rounded low shrub, indigenous bush tucker.
- *Acacia fimbriata* as a medium tree for shade
- *Pittosporum* – tough small medium shrub

Goolawah Sign

Create and install a welcome sign replicating the one at Illa Langi road entrance along with a gate. Could be included with current Post box structure. Wayne Ellis has agreed to construct. Luke agreed to make gate. Speak to Ralph V to see how we can include in the Post Box structure.

Market Stall

A discussion with Aliya and Ish to construct a market stall and install along the fence line of garden for members to sell produce. Crow has agreed to construct, similar to the one outside of Ish and Luke's place .

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