

# NORTH CALPERUM VOLUNTEER GROUP VERTEBRATE SURVEYS 2021



Hello Everyone,

It's time to begin preparation for this year's 2021 NCVG vertebrate surveys. The 2020 surveys were challenging due to COVID 19 and the weather although we had very successful surveys on Taylorville West and Taylorville East. The Danggali survey was particularly impacted by rain which meant several sites were not surveyed and the on again off again survey at Calperum North caused one set of sites to be missed. At a recent working bee, we found that there is a marked improvement in vegetation and should lead to good conditions and hopefully a successful survey this year.

The following gives some details of this year's surveys and we would like you to consider attending one or more of them. Please indicate your interest by contacting one of the following by phone, text or email

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I guess there will be some uncertainty with the continuing COVID issues so the number of volunteers will determine how many of our usual sites we can monitor.

**Survey 1. Taylorville West – October 10<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>.** This survey is organised by Graham Frahn and is based at Schmidt Dam on Taylorville Station. Participants need to be self sufficient and willing to camp out. If you are interested in being involved, contact Graham or myself. On this survey we monitor 6 sites.

**Survey 2. – Danggali - 23rd October through to the 27<sup>th</sup> October.** We plan to have two groups

- a. One group will be based on the northern Boundary of the park and will be self-sufficient and camping. This group will monitor 5 sites
- b. Another group will be based at the ranger's headquarters at Canopus and will cover 10 sites. Here there are rooms for volunteers to stay in, a common room, kitchen and dining room, toilets and showers. There is also an area where you can camp. Volunteers would need to supply their own food and drinks.

**Survey 3. – Calperum North - 30<sup>th</sup> October through to the 3<sup>rd</sup> November.** Volunteers will be stationed at Oak Bore. Here there are rooms for volunteers to stay in, a kitchen/dining area, showers and toilets. There are also areas for people who wish to camp. Participants bring their own food and drinks. We normally cover 21 sites at this survey.

**Survey 4.- Taylorville East - 7<sup>th</sup> November through to the 12<sup>th</sup>.** This survey has been organised by Pat Wake but after years of fantastic service she has decided that with increased work commitments she will not continue so Graham and I will take on the management of the program. For this survey we will camp at Casuarina Dam {although there is no longer a dam there). There is shelter in the form of a small shearing shed, a pit toilet and an enclosure for a portable shower. You will need to be self-sufficient to camp there. At that time of year, the weather can be very changeable ranging from very hot through to quite cool.

Please consider joining us this year and to participate please contact Graham, Teresa or myself by 29/9/21. Indicate whether you need a room or will be camping out.

If you have further questions please contact me by email [phaines1564@outlook.com](mailto:phaines1564@outlook.com) or on 0429 231 946 (leave a message if I don't answer because I will be travelling on and off to remote areas until the end of September).

Regards

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