



# Newsletter

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## The dam today

There is action taking place now and in the future to open more water, stabilise the wall, tackle weeds and improve viewing for tourists. Fogg Dam friends thank NT Parks and Wildlife and in particular Kristen Appel for raising the priority on improvements at Fogg Dam. The need to improve the visitor experience eg clear the view from the Woodland to Waterlily Walk and extend the boardwalk was also recognised as something needing prompt attention.

## Annual General Meeting

**FOFD AGM** was held in October and a new board appointed :

Heather Boulden - President  
Leisa Baldwin - Vice President/Treasurer  
Jeremy Hemphill - Secretary/Public officer  
Alan Anderson, Gemina Corpus and  
Wayne Bennett as committee members.



## November Working Bee

This was a very successful day with nine FOFD members participating. Some of the tasks that were undertaken were snake weed removal along the monsoon walk, recoating the decks on the lookouts and cleaning of the interpretive signs.

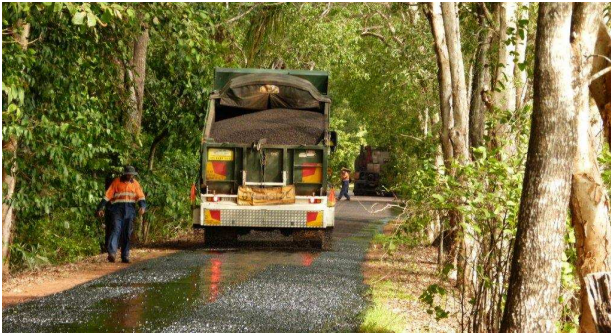
Snake weed *Stacharpheta* spp is a class B/C weed and unfortunately has a strong hold in parts of the Fogg Dam reserve. Over the past few years the FOFD in conjunction with Parks have progressively been removing snakeweed from the walk ways. It is very rewarding to see the significant improvement and results of this work. We undertake the weed pulling in the wet as the plants are at the most venerable and are easy to pull.

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## The Dam Wall

During discussions regarding opening more water, the dam wall was found to be in a poor state and its not possible to reinstall the proposed sluice gate. A decision was made to stabilise the wall and in the short term, clear the channel leading to western end spillway to hopefully reduce water overflowing the centre spillway.

They will also clear weed along wall upstream of wall, ie in the dam itself, with a big backhoe and look to what to do in the longer term. Harrison Road (the rice project name for Fogg Dam causeway road )and Anzac Parade were resealed Sunday 4th to

## Grants

We have been successful in getting the following grants.

\$5000 Environment NT to continue the control and eradication of olive Hymenachne with P&W.

\$10000 Heritage grant for the rice trail project—signage and mp3 download

\$5000 Environment NT for a field day - April 29 2012



## Whats New

We are on facebook — Fogg Dam Friends.

For great info on the wildlife at the dam, history, photos, achievements, research and much more.

Check the website.

<http://www.foggdamfriends.org/> .

## Coming activities

- **Working Bee : Sunday 29 January 9am**  
Meet at the Fogg Dam rotunda.  
Activities: Weeding, maintenance  
  
12pm BBQ supplied by P&W rsvp  
Heather [info@foggdamfriends.org](mailto:info@foggdamfriends.org)
- **Field Day : Sunday 29 April 2012**