



**Monthly Activity Morning**  
June 21<sup>st</sup> 2014: 9:00 – 11:30 am

**Attendance:**

- Barbara, Brian G., B. McClive, David, Ellen, Frank, Helen, Karen, Nole, Regina, Subas, Sue, Trevor

**Morning Activities:**

- Rubbish clean-up
- Weeding
- Wildlife photography (page # 2 – 4)

**Morning Tea Agenda:**

- Upcoming fungi talk
- Upcoming flora walk
- Funds raised during the garage sale
- Website update and maintenance

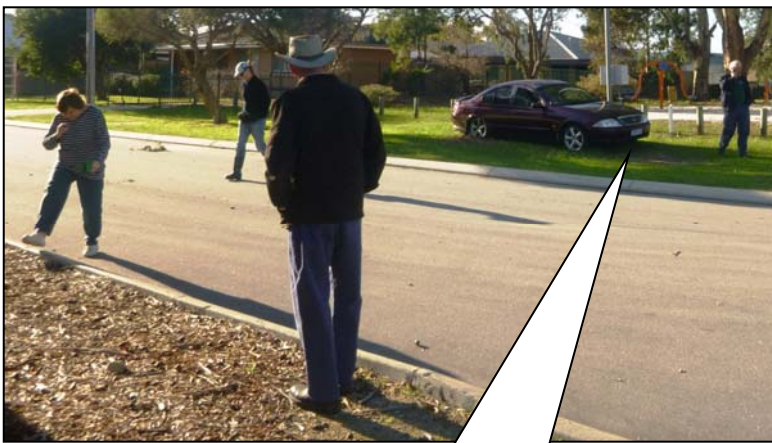
Enjoying Yummy Cake,  
Happy Birthday Helen!



**Glimpses of the Day!**



Regina's Shots:  
Basking Bobtail +  
Hubby behind the Bush!



Civic duty:  
Reporting a suspicious vehicle!



Hard Working Volunteers in the Silhouette!



**1<sup>st</sup> Donkey Orchid  
of the Season!**



**Mating Damselflies. Notice  
How Hairy they are!**



**Early Blooming Bacon & Eggs,  
Notice a small flower spider!**

## **Bull Ants *Myrmecia gratiosa***

Bull Ants [native] are responsible for most cases of life-threatening allergic reaction to ant stings around Perth. I had been trying to get close-up shots of these little rascals since many years. When I noticed a couple of ants near the bacon and eggs flowers, I had to follow them to their nest below. Once I saw the nest, I went back to my car to put on my boots to make sure they didn't sting ☺ These ants have strong saw like mandibles (x2) up front but they actually sting from the other end which can cause severe allergic reactions, so please do watch out for these insects.



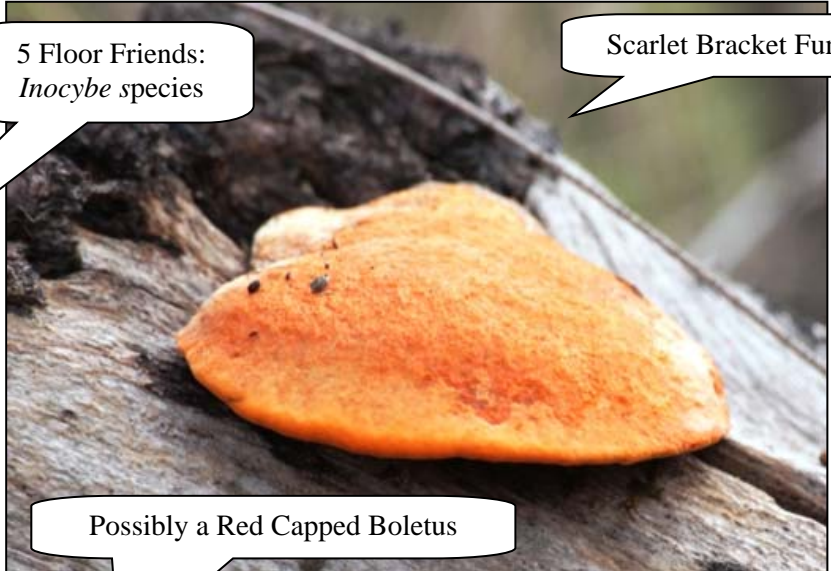
Bull ants are large ants that can grow up to 40 mm. They have large eyes and long, slender mandibles and a potent venom-loaded sting. They also have superior vision, able to track and even follow intruders from a distance of 1 metre. Many species of bull ants have bright red or orange colours on the head or abdomen. There are about 90 species of bull ants in Australia. More info at: <http://australianmuseum.net.au/Bull-ants>

## Fungi

More than 50 species of fungi were recorded within the Brixton Street Nature Reserve by a survey team in 2007. Fungi are a vital part of ecosystems and they are often considered ‘biodiversity police’ because they play a role in keeping a distance between two trees. Here are some of the Fungi captured on the day.

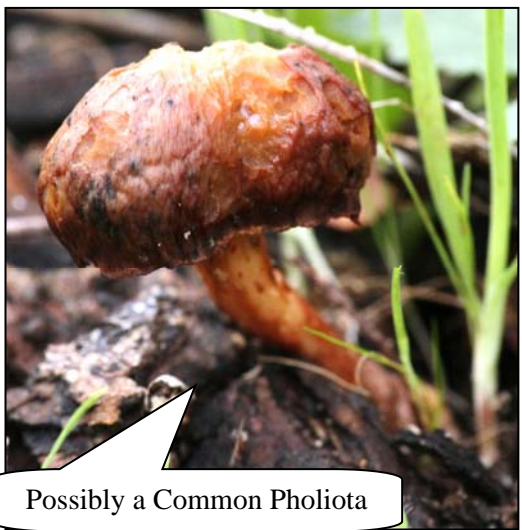


5 Floor Friends:  
*Inocybe* species



Scarlet Bracket Fungus

Possibly a Red Capped Boletus



Possibly a Common Pholiota



Yellow Brain Fungus  
(Notice centipede eating it in the left picture!)

