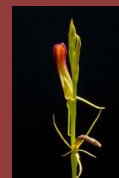


ROAD EROSION PROJECT UPDATE

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EDITORIAL : EROSION REMEDIATION PROJECT IS SIMPLY TOO SLOW

Our HEST network knows that progress on many of the later issues in the Heritage Estate has usually taken inordinate amounts of time to achieve, e.g. Rezoning to E2, Access Blocking and road erosion remediation; not to mention the various doomed court actions by the landowners group and the voluntary purchase scheme.

HEST made the first announcement of an Environment Trust Grant of \$100,000 for road erosion remediation in **HEST #62 of May 16 2016 - TWO YEARS AGO**

HEST newsletters this year since January have carried news of the project.

The project remains unfinished and unattended at the present time.

There has been a significant amount of work completed but HEST offers the view that a significant and important portion of work remains and a number of erosion gullies remain.

The project is in the hands of the Soil Conservation Service and supervised by Council and the NPWS.

Council is aware of our concerns and has advised HEST that Areas A and B are virtually finished though Area C is to be completed. The logs and root balls stockpile of NPWS has been moved into the Estate and more is being sourced. There has also been some funding supplements to assist completion.

SOME THINGS JUST DON'T HELP!

A large stockpile of native vegetation mulch from Bayswood Estate was accessed for the erosion work and stockpiled beside Erowal Bay Road and the Estate. It could be easily accessed from there for use in the project.

The site is often used for public purpose materials storage. The steering committee approved both the mulch and stockpile - made common sense.

BUT - Complaints were received by Council and the EPA about the stockpile, which wasn't in any way, in anyone's road.

This led to days of work removing the stockpile into the Estate itself and to being stored there. Such a double-handling meant lost days and thus money from a limited budget project, which HEST regards as damaging to project completion and contrary to long term community interest and action. HEST wonders at the motives for such actions so contrary to conservation of the Estate.



An emerging concern with runoff is that mulch fill and barriers are not holding in some places and may do little to alleviate erosion in the longer term.