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The first pond restoration working bee such a success, another is planned

Nearly 60 hours of hard work was tackled last week as the quest to restore the pond at the Bribie Island Retirement Village began.

The working bee last Saturday saw 19 residents and friends undertake three hours of cutting, trimming and raking, to transform the overgrown pond into a serene area of tranquillity.

Bribie Island Retirement Village service manager Karen Tibbits said the residents had wanted to make the pond a feature of the village.

"It was amazing the amount of work achieved by all who participated, and we are thrilled with the outcome of the working bee," Ms Tibbits said.

"You couldn't even get on to the little island where the pond sits, as it was a jungle of overgrown vines and plants. Everyone was more than happy to get their hands dirty and now it is all trimmed and the residents are so pleased they have their wonderful pond back."

The village's clubhouse overlooks the pond and residents at the village had continually expressed their desires to restore it and make it an attraction for some of Bribie Island's beautiful wildlife.

Bribie Island Retirement Village resident Shirley Strickland said the residents felt that some of the village family feeling had been restored on Saturday, as they all worked together and enjoyed morning tea on the deck.

"It was really great and we are all enthusiastic about the future of the pond area," Mrs Strickland said.

"You can see that when we have a common goal, the team work is wonderful - in fact it was just like earlier days."

Ms Tibbits said another clean up morning was being planned as soon as the trees were lopped, and that they were calling on more volunteers to lend a hand.

"We are short on equipment, such as rakes, for the next working bee, so if anyone has tools they can bring along we would be very grateful; any assistance is warmly welcomed," she said.

For further information about how to get involved in the working bee, call Karen Tibbits on 0421 389 648.

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