

Dear Burdett's Scrub,

It's a beautiful drive down Merchant's Road in Basket Range to get to you, Burdett's Scrub. It's an even nicer dog walk. You drive or stroll down, alongside Sixth Creek.

Along the way, you see the amazing work of the Sixth Creek Landcare group - the creek flows free of willows and blackberries, natives are planted along the banks.

There are lorikeets swooping, white trunks of gums.

If you're lucky, you'll spy a koala wedged in the fork of one. You cross a little bridge and start to see beautiful cliffs up high- they remind me of Morialta.

Then you come to a little sign: Burdett's Scrub.

Blink and you'd miss it. Down a series of steps to a clearing near a deep bend in the creek.

You are a hidden gem of a place, Burdett's Scrub.

The creek is deep enough to swim in, with shallower sections to paddle. Plenty of sticks for dogs, round logs for kids to balance on. We have lots of happy memories with you, Burdett's Scrub. Picnics, thermoses of tea. Kids paddling in the creek, sailing leaf boats, scooping out tadpoles.

You are a cool refuge on summer days, a peaceful nook in our beautiful Hills.

Look forward to my next swim!

