

## VOLUNTEER'S REPORT

22<sup>ND</sup> MAY, 2017



**Volunteers:-** Gordy Bray, Jan Domanski, Ian Goodall, Bob Gray, Ken Bellman, Byron Myer, Pete Tanner and Phil Bevington\*.

**Apologies:-** Peter Legge, Dave Butler, Brian Thorn, Bob Preston, Stephen Humphreys, Phil Cleaton, Brad McNeilly and Phil Bevington\*.

\*A special mention for **Phil** who was listed to attend but at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour had to call the NRMA for Honda help - a flat battery. Phil had his clubs packed for a late practice, unpacked to have the car examined but 1<sup>st</sup> NRMA guy didn't have a battery on board, repacked clubs in anticipation of 2<sup>nd</sup> NRMA guy coming to fit battery, then told diagnostics said 'don't drive the car'. Unpacked clubs to drive car to Service Centre on Wednesday. Service guy said 'diagnostics all clear – ok to pack clubs'. Phil thought – 'Geez, these modern diagnostics must have included a golf app!!!'

### **Achievements:**

#### **Spraying:**

Nil – with our new regular spray duo of **Phil Cleaton** and **Brad McNeilly** away. However, it was noted at a 'bird watch' debrief later that week that **Brad** quipped he was feeling confident that the new duo appeared to be set in concrete and permanent replacements for the previous team of **Phil** and **Stephen H** (aka Bert and Ernie). That said, we may need to run a contest for the new teams nomenclature!!

#### **Soiling:**

Nil

#### **Mulching/gardening:**

Lots – team took on gardening and weeding of large gardens on 5<sup>th</sup> tee and 7<sup>th</sup> green plus some very unsightly and overgrown areas along the path from 7<sup>th</sup> green to 8<sup>th</sup> tee.

Weed spraying from last shift appears to be taking affect and I think members will agree that weeding and raking certainly makes a big difference to the course appearance.

#### **Hedging/Tree Trimming:**

**Ken Bellman** continued with his mission to raise the canopies of shrubs and trees throughout the course. Ken has been active Monday fortnightly and other days as well. In fact, Ken put in 9 hours straight on the last off-duty Monday starting at 8am. A '**CROWING**' effort **Ken**.

At our recent information night, both **Bob Zelesco** and **Stephen Humphreys** passed on their special thanks to volunteers.

And in particular, **Bob** noted Ken's recent efforts with the axe. Can't be sure, but did I hear **Bob** refer to **Ken** as '**Tomahawk Ted**'. Searched the archives for an early pic of Ken in training:-

#### **Vac Blowing and Sweeping:**

Nil.



### **Stick Run:**

As above, stick run completed on 5, 6 and 7 in conjunction with gardening etc on that stretch. Just amazed that we filled 2 trailer loads in such a short space.

### **Bridge Maintenance:**

Probably a category for this report only, but an observant Vol (yes- **KB** again) noticed an idle load of road-base sitting not far from the RHS bridge just before the 4<sup>th</sup> green. Team agreed it would be a good activity, so without any fuss, we resurfaced the bridge.

Probably took a bit longer than experienced tradies, as **Tanner** was operating the tractor/trailer and couldn't get the hydraulic tipper working. So **Jan Domanski, Bob Gray** and **Gordy Bray** (say that 3 times quickly!!) were left with extra shovelling. Sorry guys, apparently I need to hold the lever down a bit longer.

It was also suggested earlier by **Shane** to get one of the heavier vols to run a cart over it a few times to settle the dust. 'We' selected **Byron Myer!!** Anyway, great job **Byron, Jan, Bob and Gordy.**

### **Studley Corella Run:**

Continued on all week with the pesky white birds still about.

There seems to be no regular pattern with this lot, or are they just a cunning bunch? Some come early, others late and in the past few days, big numbers coming in late for a quick feed.

Our Corella Team, many of whom come day after day for the 'run' are:

**Pete Tanner, Byron Myer, Ian** and **Susan Goodall, Bob Gray, Brad McNeilly, Phil Cleaton (and grandkids), Bob Preston, Peter Legge, Peter Southby, Gordy Bray, Jan Domanski, Phil Bevington** and **Brian Thorn** (with stockwhip- yes, he can use it!!). Must also include **Bob Zelesco** and **Spike** in the team.

Don't forget, **Bob** offers special deals to vols and Club members at **Camden Tyre Service**. I can tell you that now would be a great time to talk to **Bob** who looked very very happy leaving our poker machine area this week!!

And a big **THANK YOU** from the team to **Stephen Humphreys** and **the Board** in recognition of our services and extra work with Corella watch etc, who have given us a good quantity of **\$25 food vouchers**.

### **Of Interest:**

- Birds, Birds, Birds.

### **Volunteer's Trophy:-**

**"Studley Park – Order of the Shovel – Vos Estis Sal Terrae"**

A little different, but our man this week is **Phil Bevington** who didn't make this shift.

Too many good things to say about **Phil**, but in particular - he does spin a good yarn!

In recognition of his perpetuity and team spirit.

**Thank you Phil** (pic right).



**Next Vol Day:** Should be Monday - 5<sup>th</sup> of June.

VCO will be on a flight back from NZ that day, so can you let **Ken** know if you are available for the 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Cheers,**

Peter T. VCO, OOTS.