

Volunteer's Report:- Monday 29th February 2016



the 'Gregorian Calendar edition'.

(Info courtesy of Phil B. Thanks Phil.)

Volunteers :- Jan Domanski, Dave Butler, Phil Cleaton, Ken Bellman, Phil Bevington, Pete Tanner, Stephen Humphreys, and Brian Thorn.

Apologies:- Byron Myer (who is in Delan, Nth Qld), Ian Goodall, Peter Legge Frank Farrugia, Gordy Bray, David Kidd, Bob Preston, Leigh Grice, and Bob Gray.

Achievements:

Spraying:

Stephen took on the task of spraying, as he was booked in to start a little later but turned up unexpectedly on time. Having learned a little bit about Stephen's MO over the past year, I am not sure if this was co-incidental or a planned ploy to keep the team on their toes?

Phil C. was also booked to start late and did so! Having learned a little bit about Phil's MO over the past year, I am none the wiser if this was co-incidental or planned!

Nevertheless, this experienced duo managed to complete spraying from holes 3 through to 7 and in between 9 and 10.

A substantial morning's work.

Soiling:-

Shane had organised that we continue with the soil fill to trenches and GUR around the course before the growing season slows. However, his 6am delivery was delayed which meant that the remaining team only had one full load on hand. We managed to pretty much complete all of the LHS trenches of the 10th and also a good part surrounding the rear of the 10th. *A very good effort in the circumstances.*

Mulching:

With the soil delay, it was back to our favourite never-ending-garden between the 8th and 11th holes.

We probably went over some thinly spread mulch from 'the early days' but I will officially declare that this garden is now done!!

With the 2015 season under our belt, the team looked to be operating on 'auto pilot' which is quite an achievement for Phil B who said he was still trying to get his golf swings down to 4 from his current 99! If he turns up to next round with a rake in his bag, we will understand!

Jan was granted an early mark and took off at 10am to attend to Rotary commitments. They were assisting the indigenous community commemorate the 200 yr anniversary of the Appin massacre.

An extract from their Macarthur website reads:

“The Appin massacre of 1816 is perhaps the most devastating and tragic event to occur to the Dharawal and other local clans, a low point in the relationship between indigenous and European inhabitants. The Dharawal population was also depleted by diseases brought by the Europeans. In 1845 the number of Aborigines in the Campbelltown Police District had dropped in ten years from twenty to none. Tribal life in the district continued in a limited way. Corroborees were still held at Camden Park and Denham Court until at least the 1850s. During 1858 about 200 Aborigines attended the celebrations at Campbelltown marking the opening of the Railway line.

The Dharawal people lived in the area of Sydney the Europeans later named Campbelltown, which was south of the Eora people in Liverpool and the Gweagal of Botany Bay, and stretching as far down the coast as the Shoalhaven River and inland to Camden.

The Georges and Nepean Rivers influenced the lifestyle of the Dharawal who used the rivers as a source of food, and also for recreation and transportation. The Dharawal word for canoe was muddyeri. Dharawal men were renowned possum hunters, possum skins being made into thick, warm coats for the winter months. Physical evidence of the Aboriginal lifestyle can still be found today, with shell middens and scar trees around local rivers and lakes. Rock paintings and carvings, of which Bull Cave is a local example, document both the 'White Invasion' from local indigenous eyes, and local legend which had survived in art, ritual and oral traditions; passed on from generation to generation, for thousands of years proceeding European settlement.

The Dharawal totem is the Lyrebird. Indigenous Australians had a system of totemic belief describing the relationship between a person or a group of people and a natural species or object. Traditionally, the person would bare the name of the animal, plant or species, thus sharing the same life essence. This bond existed from the mythical age when the world as we know it was forming. ”

Volunteer’s Trophy:-

“Studley Park – Order of the Shovel – Vos Estis Sal Terrae”

Must go to **Jan Domanski**. A wonderful team and community man and a gentleman (most of the time).

Photo with trophy below.



Next Vol Day: will be 14th March.

Cheers,
Peter T. VCO, OOTS.

Footnote:

I called Brian who was taken to hospital from golf on Saturday with some discomfort. Brian tells me that he is 'all clear' and safely back at home.

Accordingly, I have informed Brian that he will not be qualifying for light duties!! He did laugh, so I have taken the liberty to include this item.

Cheers.