

Volunteer's Report 8th May, 2017



Volunteers :- Peter Legge, Dave Butler, Ken Bellman, Byron Myer, Phil Cleaton, Pete Tanner, Phil Bevington and Brad McNeilly.

Apologies:- Bob Gray, Brian Thorn, Ian Goodall, Bob Preston, Gordy Bray, Stephen Humphreys and Jan Domanski.

ACHIEVEMENTS:

Spraying:

With the tractor again out of action for repairs to a blown head gasket (**Eugene**, our head club mechanic has the motor stripped and repair well underway), two spray rigs were set up by **Shane** with the view to spraying gardens.

I mentioned to Shane that it would be good to get all gardens done today – a tall order.

Phil Cleaton and **Brad McNeilly** manned (or should I say 'personned?') one rig with **Peter Legge** and **Byron Myer** on the other.

At the end of the day, we can confidently say that they sprayed every garden on the course. No order too tall for these vols!!!

Brad is having some more tests for his shoulder/neck complaint this week and we wish him well. If first impressions are right (they usually are), I would say that he has slotted seamlessly into our leader **Stephen Humphreys'** regularish spraying spot. What's that old saying Stephen? – 'possession is nine tenths of the law'!!!

Soiling:

Nil

Mulching/gardening:

Dave Butler turned up with several plants to add to the Pro Shop garden and was assisted with planting and mulching by **Phil Bevington** and **Pete Tanner**. **Dave** has been instrumental in establishing and caring for this area and we commend his efforts.

In addition, **Dave** deposited (so to speak) a few loads of mulch at the rear of club's front garden area for spreading at next opportunity. All done in record time as he had other commitments to attend.

Hedging:

Phil Bevington and **Pete Tanner** took on the somewhat overgrown hedges in the Clubhouse garden which were starting to encroach on the roadway to Studley Park House.

A decent strip of garden which I would say is now looking more respectable.

In addition we tidied up the terrace area including a lot of cigarette butts.

I mentioned to **Phil B** that there weren't many butts actually in the butt bin provided and their aim needed to improve.

Phil quipped- "probably C graders!"

In addition, **Phil** recovered 2 beer glasses, several golf balls and **a titleist 5 iron** in VG condition. (see photo of **Phil** - right).

The 5 iron was handed into the pro shop.

Brad and **Phil C** called by with an emptied spray cart and offered to assist with the collection and disposal of hedge cuttings – enough to fill a skip bin and more. Thanks guys.

Vac Blowing and Sweeping:

Nil.



Stick Run:

Ken Bellman offered to do a solo run but with makeshift equipment due to all workman vehicles occupied or under repair. It is amazing what **Ken** can do with just a club cart and pick.

I have scoured through my Concise Oxford for an appropriate adjective but decided that 'a picture tells a thousand words' (pictured left)

Special Request – Studley Corella Run

Shane and **Stephen** (and I think with some input from **Bob Zelesko** and **Peter Southby**) a request came through for volunteers to assist over the next 11 days leading up to the NSW qualifier on May 20th, to take a cart out around 4:30 to 5:30 to run the corellas off.

With great enthusiasm, I summoned the team of volunteers to chip in with one shift each starting at 4:30 **AM** daily. Hmmm, where did that come from? 'PM stupid' someone

said. Duly noted!

Our Corella team roster is:

May 9th Pete Tanner, 10th Bob Gray, 11th Brad McNeilly, 12th Phil Bevington, 13th Gordy Bray, 14th Peter Legge, 15th Byron Myer, 16th Peter Tanner, 17th Peter Southby, 18th Jan Domanski and 19th Bob Preston.

A quick report on:

- The 9th run: **Peter T** started at 4:30 **PM** and commenced clearing about a thousand corellas encountered en-mass at the 12th, through the tee area at 13, through to the 14th then on to 7, 6 and 5. En-route he met **Bob Zelesco** and faithful dog **Spike** also on the run. Between the 3 of us I would give **Spike** a clear win.

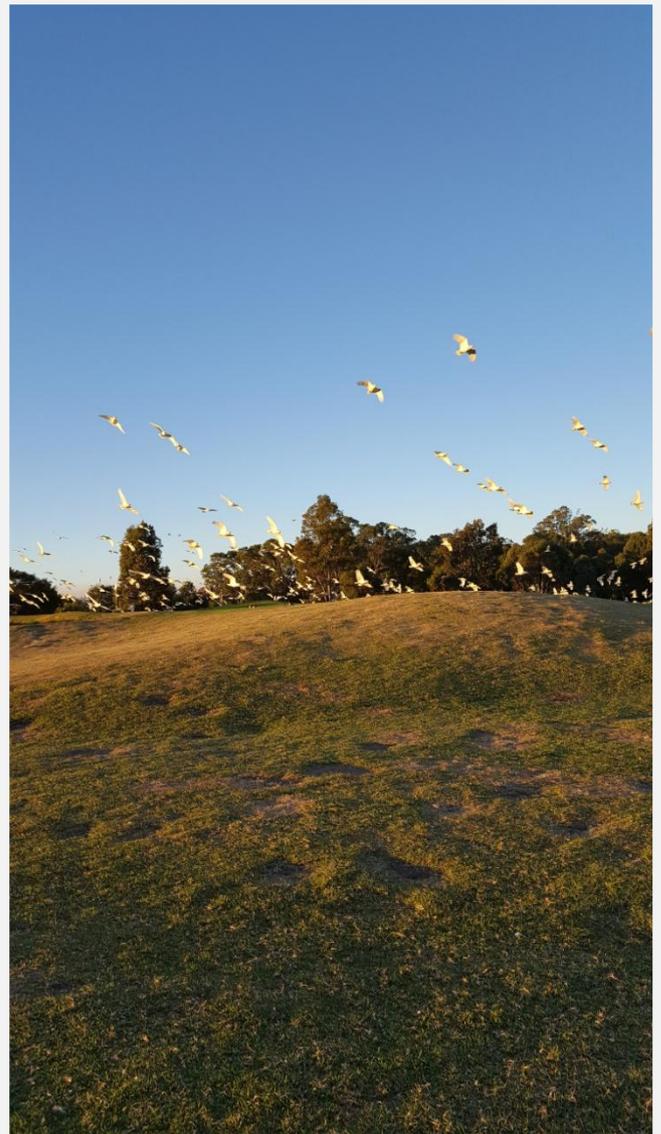
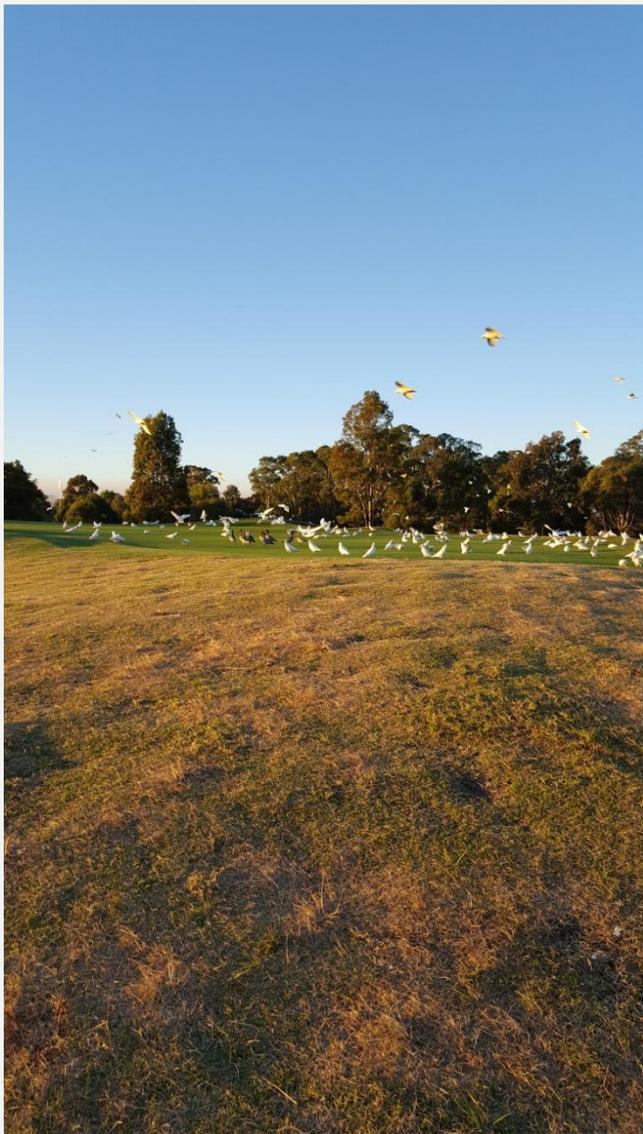
That Jack Russell does not like corellas!.

Just a tip for the team, the corellas 'home' in a NE direction so getting them moving in that direction is the go.

At about 5:15 they all started to migrate home. Quite a sight.

- The 10th run: Caught up with **Bob Gray** about 4:30. **Bob** was already in action chasing birds from the 17th. Today they had also moved to the 1st, 18th, 2nd plus their usual spots at 5, 6, 7, 12, 13 and 14th.

Bob Zelesco was again on board. Check out the attached photo of **Bob** near the 13th green. I would say we got there in the nick of time. The green was about to turn white. Probably a dozen or so bird holes in the green dug in just seconds!!!



Bob Zelesco reports that he has purchased a drone which he was charging up today. Reckons it has a range of about 20k.

Gordy Bray has just texted me: 'Just driven past park at Elderslie. Corellas obviously migrated here. Must have been 5000 birds there at 4:30pm.' Thanks Gordy.

A big 'thank you all' from Shane Herring and Stephen Humphreys.

Of Interest:

- **Byron** is now eating his crusts at morning tea. *What?*
- **Dixie** helped with morning tea arrangements – many thanks Dixie and kitchen team.

Volunteer's Trophy:-

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

Dave Butler is our man.

Sometimes hard to sum up Dave, but I think our Latin inscription Vos Estis Sal Terrae – The Salt of the Earth is about right.

And he's not bad around the garden either!

Thanks Dave.



Nice pic of Dave above.

Next Vol Day: Should be Monday- 22th of May.

Cheers,
Peter T. VCO, OOTS.