



CAMDEN

Golf Club

STUDLEY PARK

Volunteer's Report

December 2017

Our Team:

Ken Bellman, Phil Bevington, Gordy Bray, Phil Cleaton, Jan Domanski, Ian Goodall, Bob Gray, Stephen Humphreys, Peter Legge, Byron Myer, Bob Preston, Peter Tanner, Brian Thorn, Brad McNeilly, Terry Hughes & Frank Cahill.



End of Year – Xmas Edition.

Just a few simple tasks to finish off the year with a great turn-out of 12 vols. Was it the suggestion of *Xmas Pud* being on the morning tea menu??

Sand and Soil Run:

Still a reasonable amount of leftover soil stockpiled near the practice range, so the team decided to continue attending to the fringe fairway areas. I have heard several comments from golfers that a manicured '1st cut' would greatly enhance our course.

Easier said than done as Course Super **Shane Herring** points out that the watering system does not extend fully to some of these areas. Having said that, **Shane** is a great supporter of the vols and their endeavours to assist with improvements to playing conditions.

In addition, weather conditions as everyone knows has again become quite extreme and water is at a premium. Has the Camden District done something to be out of favour with Zeus (lord of sky and rain)?

Nevertheless, in the absence of the gods, the vols spent the morning spreading soil over the vast RHS of the 5th.

Cover Pic: *The Sand Team following completion of the RHS of the 5th. From L to R: Phil Bevington and Terry Hughes enjoying a seat with shade, Gordy Bray looking rather pleased, Bob Gray - foot under wheel!!, Pete Tanner at the wheel, Ken Bellman on the 'water' wagon, Frank Cahill looking a little like Kris Kringle -*



and a 'super' imposed *Jan Domanski* who shared photo duties with Frank.

A very special mention must also go to **Dave Butler** who put in a much-appreciated cameo performance on the FE Loader which **Tom** has running beautifully again.

Dave did not hang around for the photo shoot – not one for the cameras, but in any case, **a big thank you Dave.**

Not sure at this stage whether this area will be declared temporary GUR, similar to the 7th, as the soil is quite thick in places. Something to consider.

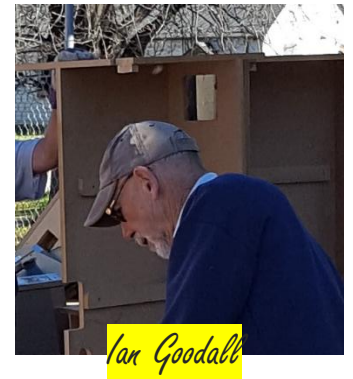
The Spray Team (or two):

Our established team of **Phil Cleaton** and **Brad McNeilly** were joined by another experienced team of **Byron Myer** and **Ian Goodall**. Quite a build up of toxic weeds and unwanted shrubs over the past month warranted the launch of two teams this week. Feedback from **Shane** and **Isaac** is that greenkeepers have been working big hours recently to keep greens and fairways alive during the current

heat-wave and dry conditions. So, they are very appreciative that the vols were able to man two spray vehicles.

Speaking of dry conditions, both **Phil** and **Brad** missed our usual water bottle distribution. Not sure of the reason, suffice to say - 'a dry argument'. On the achievement side, nothing was missed. The guys pretty much covered the whole course – **great achievement again**.

Our Sprayers:



Bird Watch:

The birds are still about in large numbers and smashed the 10th green last week. **Bob Preston** did about 5 days straight but has been instructed by his better half to take annual leave (approved!!).

Bob reports that he was 'one out' for most days and just could not move the cunning little buggers. **Pete Tanner** did last Thursday night at short notice and birds covered all holes except 3 and 4. Must have driven up and down the 8th a dozen times and they just flew from one end to the other. They are quick learners.

Lots of google sites on this subject, but if you are interested, the best one I have found is: <https://www.dpaw.wa.gov.au/images/documents/plants-animals/animals/living-with-wildlife/cockatoos.pdf>

Rest of the Team:

Only four could not make our last 2017 vol day but all have contributed significantly over the year.

They are:





Stephen (he does like a trophy) Humphreys

Volunteer's Trophy:-

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

ALL OF THE ABOVE.

PS: Another big **thank you** to ***Studley Staff*** – namely **Donna, Sharon, Mandy etc** in the office and **Sue, Dixie etc** in the Bar area for arranging a ***Special Xmas Morning Tea*** for the **vols' and greens staff** who joined us in the festivities.

Best Wishes, Merry Xmas and Happy New Year to all.

Pete Tanner. VCO, OOTS.

Next Vol Day: ***see you in 2018***