

The Aliens in Retreat

November 2009

A chronicle of Helderberg Hackery

Under the auspices of the Friends of the Helderberg Nature Reserve

Making an entrance



Clearing out: Nicholas Hamilton and Jan-Benjamin Kilb.



Teamwork: Marc Hamilton and Debbie Gordon.

This was a hack in two parts. The first part was spent clearing the road verge on the approach to the Reserve. Mostly this meant removing pittisporum, but there were a few other nasties lurking amongst the proteas. These included some very prickly brambles! We last hacked this area in January 2008, so I guess we'll need to return again in about two years time.

For the second part of the hack we went back to the pine plantation where we got through a good deal of work.

As the Summer season has begun, we're starting early again. Instead of meeting at 8:00 we're meeting at 7:30. This might be difficult for some (myself included!), but an early start allows us to beat the heat of the day and to have a lot more Saturday at our disposal after the hack.

The early risers who gathered at 7:30 were — Mike Carr, Annegret Gruner, Karen Hansen, John McNaught-Davis, Megan Ford, Lewis Silberbauer, Jan-Benjamin Kilb, Shaun Cox, Neil Hoy, Debbie Gordon, Nicholas Hamilton, Marc Hamilton and James Silberbauer.

A couple of “related” hacks were held during the month. Some of our regular hackers present at the Somerset House hack were Dave Weber, Ian Weber and James Silberbauer. The Lourens River hack was attended by Anne Orton, Lucy Orton, Neil Hoy and James Silberbauer.

Somerset House Hack



A group of boys from Somerset House (with the help of a handful of adults) got stuck into some pines at a special Saturday morning hack.

The hack was organised by regular hacker Ian Weber as part of his leadership project.

Lourens River Hack



Hacks on the banks of the Lourens River take place on the second Sunday of every month.

If you'd like to join in or to know more, contact Neil Hoy at 021 880 2882 or 082 390 8143.



This Angulate tortoise was discovered after our hack by Marc and Nicholas Hamilton.

Next Hack

The next hack will be held on Saturday 12 December 2009. Starting at 7:30am.

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