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The Myall Post



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President's Message

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Last month I highlighted the indiscriminate destruction of other life-forms by war. I would like as a follow up to pose a number of questions for us to consider as individuals.

I am not suggesting that there are absolute right or wrong answers to these questions. On the contrary my point is that whether we like it or not everything seems to be relative. Thus creating dilemmas for a species that often seems to be far more comfortable if dealing with an illusion of absolutes.

With many, perhaps most things in our lives we have choices. How many of us would refuse to be treated with antibiotics so as not to kill bacteria causing a life threatening disease ? How many ants do you let invade your kitchen before using the killer spray ?

To be or not to be with the repellant to prevent the mosquito feeding upon your blood enabling the proliferation of it's species ? How many cute furry little mice may share your house before you set the traps to break their tiny necks ? With due respect to the family pet rabbit, how many of their wild cousins will you allow to eat the crops we are growing to sustain our life ? We root up carrots and cut lettuces in the prime of their life. How many lambs, chickens, cattle and pigs shall we send to the slaughterhouse ? Or fish into the frying pan ?

Whatever the answers they seem to be the best choice at the time.

Ella Smith

REVEGETATION IN PARK

The working bee on April the 8th saw some 30 Myall trees planted in the park. Lance Dean, Rod & Bev Dunham and Clint and Marg Garrett, provided the labour for this effort. Later in the same week, a further 12 seedlings were planted by Ron Hale and Clint.

The soil was quite moist in the upper 10 cm and we were assured by the Weather Bureau that 20 mm of rain was likely later in the day. Sadly this rain did not come and the plants have had limited water to get



Bev Dunham planting Myall seedlings and hoping for rain.

Ranger Michael Wigg did an inspection of the park with Ella and John. This will allow us to program more work in the next few working bees.

Michael brought a new gate with him for use in the car-park area. This will need to be installed at the next working bee.

He was impressed by the level of equipment that Friends had purchased through our fund-raising. We pointed out that we needed to be self-sufficient.

**BRING
 WATER FOR
 THE TREES**

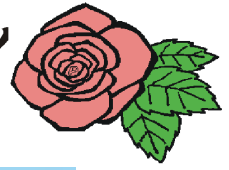
**WORKING BEE
 SATURDAY MAY 10TH
 9.00 am WILD DOG HILL**



MOTHER'S DAY WALK



11TH OF MAY

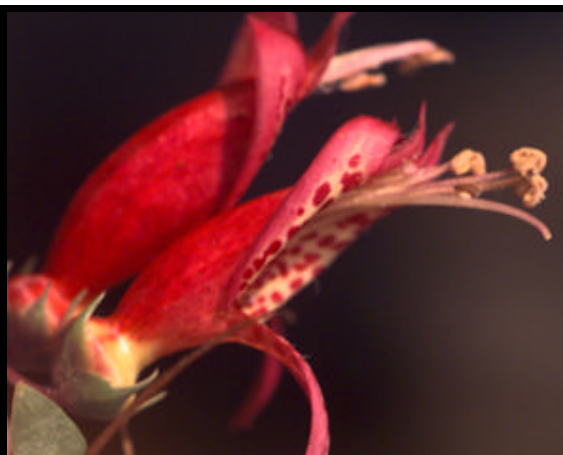


View from Cheese-board Hill to False Bay

This year, the walk will be on Cheese-board Hill, which lies on the southern edge of the extension of the park. Members and friends are asked to meet at South West Entry Grid at 2.00 pm. We will drive from the grid to the start of the walk. Marg and Clint have done a test walk in the area and found that the walk took about 1 and a half hours.

There are great views of the area from the top of this hill and there is a range of vegetation that is not found in the Conservation Park.

**The walk will be followed by afternoon tea at Wild Dog Hill.
Gold coin donation**



NATIVE PLANTS LOOKING FOR CARING HOMES.

We still have some plants that need someone to buy them and look after them.

Encourage your friends to save on their water bills by buying a native plant.

Contact David Poyner or Denise Sharp to find out what is available.

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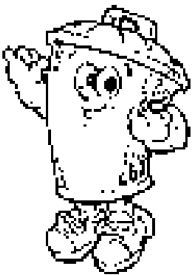
Short Edition of Myall Post

This edition of the Myall Post is shorter than normal , as the committee meeting will not be until May 1st. This is due to School Holidays and Anzac Day coinciding with the time of our usual meeting.

I look forward to seeing you at the working bee and/or at the Mother's Day Walk.

Clint Garrett

BIN



ROSTER

On weekends, members of the Friends group volunteer to visit the park and record any offences, as well as checking the toilet and emptying the bins.

If you wish to be a roster volunteer, please let Denise Sharp know .

This months volunteers are:

3rd -4th May – Charlesworths

Remainder of roster to be filled at the Committee meeting or by having volunteers call Denise Sharp

CALENDAR

May 1st	Committee Meeting
May 10th	Working Bee
May 11th	Mother's Day Walk
May 29th	Committee Meeting
June 14th	Working Bee

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