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Howdy all,

Well here it is: the program for 1991. It wouldn't take a Rhodes Scholar to suss out that tree planting is well and truly on the agenda. PLEASE make every effort to help out on the tree planting days, if only for a couple of hours. Four hundred trees a day is not an unreasonable target if we all pitch in to help. Apart from filling up some unsightly gaps in the Billy's Creek, revegetation is vital to arrest the spread of weeds. So lets get some dirt under our fingernails this year; that's what real work for conservation is all about .

Another important date is February 17, a tree-guard assembly day. We are going back to using mesh tree-guards, as they are less restrictive on the seedlings, and better suited to keeping out the range of grazers encountered in the park. So gather together friends and family, as many hands will be needed. There'll be more details later, but please keep this date in mind.

Ken and a few troopers went out late December to gather some seed. We got heaps of Native Currants and Clover Bush seeds. The Varnished Wattle, however, has hardly set seed, so it was pretty slender pickings as far as this species was concerned. It will be interesting to see what the seed stock is like at the end of this year to establish whether this is a seasonal trait, or whether another cause may be responsible. A few other species had set seed, however it was too early to harvest. And so ...

We will be going out again to collect the remaining seeds on Sunday, January 27. We'll gather together at 1:30 at Foster's Gully car-park and take it from there. Its a pretty easy day's duties, so don't think you'll bust a boiler if it's a warm day. Please wear sturdy footware, as it won't be a Teddy Bears' Picnic you're likely to stumble across.

That 's about all; I can't stress enough the importance of having as many hands on deck come tree planting time .

Bye,

STEVE