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Hello,

A few souls gathered together for the seed collecting day recently. As many of the seeds targeted had already been harvested, Rob concentrated on collecting Eucalyptus seeds from around Billy's Creek across from the Junction picnic area.

Rob had some good news for us regarding weeds in the new section of the park. DC&E intends to instigate a pretty full-on program of weed eradication, including the spraying of blackberries and thistles, and the setting up of trial plots to test the effect of various sprays on verbena and nightshade. This news comes as a very pleasant surprise, and has to be wholeheartedly welcomed.

As you may have guessed from the program, our next meeting is going to be pretty busy. As has been mentioned, we are going back to using wire tree guards as the plastic mesh "stocking" guards had many limitations. The biggest drawback of the wire mesh guards is that they are very difficult to transport in any great number, especially to isolated locations. To overcome this, we intend to cut lengths of chicken wire at the meeting of February 17. These can be stacked and transported, to site, where the guards can be assembled by looping and wiring the sections. Simple, eh? As such, we need all the help we can get. Whilst we are starting at 10:30, but you can come and go as you please. Bring along pliers, wire cutters, gloves and, if you'll be around at lunch time, something to throw on the barbie. It won't be hard yakka, just time-consuming, so please come along to help out.

Hope to see you there,

Steve Shinnars.