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Hello,

Well, if you gave our last planting session a miss because of the weather, you missed out on an enjoyable day. Whilst the ground was a bit sticky underfoot on the walk down, the soil was in perfect condition for planting. The dirty dozen (or so) hard core planters turned up to plant about 210 trees along Billy's Creek. This time around, Ken paid particular attention to planting Hemp Bush along the Creek banks.

I, for one, was sceptical initially about the viability of trees planted so close to the Creek's edge. That was until we checked out the previous month's planting and saw what hardy little critters they were. Most of the Hemp Bush were inundated by the recent high water, and are thriving. To give some idea of what the plants had gone through, detritus from the high water had gathered up to a third of the way up on some of the guards. This probably helped to protect many of the plants. One poor specimen I spotted had its leaves completely stripped off, -and had already begun to re-shoot.

We also took the opportunity to check out our first planting effort. To our delight, the rains have done them proud. Most importantly, the experimental use of newspaper to reduce weed competition has been very successful. Take the time to check to plots out; it's successes like these that give us the encouragement to keep going.

We've only got one planting session to go for this year. As it's the last please make, every endeavor to come along. The meeting day is Sunday, August 18th. We will be planting at an isolated section of the park, so, if your coming, please try and meet at the end of Tebb Tce .at 10:00 a. m., so we can pool the transport .If you can't come at that time, or you need to get away early, follow The map on the other side of the letter. Signs will be put up to guide you to the planting site.

Remember the A.G.M. and special general meeting at the Ranger's depot at 1:30 p.m. on August 4. Please bring along a plate of tucker when you come.

The agenda of the Special General Meeting is as follows:

- Confirmation of minutes of previous S.G.M.
- Correspondence
- Ranger's Report
- Visit to another Friends group on October 20
- Other business

Finally, a good reason to cane along on August 18 is to plant a tree for Peter and Sandy Bryant's new baby. Congratulations, folks.

Bye,

Steve Shinnars.

