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Welcome to this years first winter edition of our Newsletter. I am finding it hard to believe that it is actually winter. Apart from the odd frost, the temperature has been quite mild and the rain more or less non-existent since the flood. I am dreading summer and the water restrictions.

### **MAY'S ACTIVITY**

Last month's activity was the last of the willow clearing - well, at least until spring growth appears. We had a successful day and managed to cover quite a lot of ground. The floods that occurred during May changed the look of parts of the creek and it is a bit of concern about how many willow twigs are lying hidden under the silt waiting to take hold. We lost a few of our recent plantings along the banks of the creek, but overall most have survived the flooding, and the natural regrowth was hardly effected at all.

We were also pleased to see that most of the burning off has been done – some of it was still smouldering, but the piles in the shady, damp areas didn't burn too well. At least we will be able to plant trees around most of the burnt patches.

The other pleasant surprise of the month was seeing all the work that had been done to the Junction Road carpark. It looked great. It has been widened and flattened and Rob tells us that there are sign posts ready to go in.

### **THIS MONTH'S ACTIVITY**

This month we will be tree planting. We will again meet at the carpark at Junction Road at 10am, Sunday, June 17. Remember to bring along your lunch and it may be a good idea to wear gumboots again, especially if we plant trees in the long grass.

### **APOLOGIES**

Last month we commented on the DNR employing a man to remove the wasps from along Billy's creek. We have since been reliably informed by Rob that the man lives in the area and keeps bees, so he has all the equipment needed, and the knowledge, to remove the wasps voluntarily. We certainly appreciate his help.