

2009 AGM

Work Party reports – Weekenders

The year has been one of 'ups and downs' for the weekend work party. On a positive note, we managed to continue with our modest onslaught on some of the many weed species in Victoria Park, released a large number of successive Arbor Day plantings on Latter's Spur, and carried out some new planting opposite the Sign of the Kiwi. We were also introduced to an area on lower Latter's Spur where the clearing the weed species will keep us occupied for many Saturday's into the future. Continuing with the positive theme, we received a Weedbusters Award as a result of the much appreciated nomination from Di Carter of the Port Hills Rangers, and hopefully due to his experience with the team, one of our members, Sam, a Lincoln student, secured a temporary summer job with the Rangers.

However, later in the year it became evident that most of the team members were finding it difficult to give time to the group due to work and other commitments. All are still happy to contribute what they can to the Society and the Port Hills. For example, Ron Ricketts is a Board member and organises the Victoria Park Visitor Centre, and Jim Grennell and Steve Cottrell are on the Activities and Promotions Committee. Di Cowan divides her voluntary effort between the Society and various other groups, including Quail Island, Di Carter's Restoration Group and a new Barnett Park boneseed group. At present, no-one is in a position to take over as coordinator, so the immediate future of the group is in doubt. However, we are all pleased with what we have achieved and remain enthusiastic about the work that groups such as ours do. I am confident that this is only a temporary problem, and that the Weekenders will remain a feature of the Summit Road Society.