

## Work Party Report – The Weekenders

The Weekenders group is aimed at providing a regular opportunity for anyone who is unavailable during the working week, but who would like to help a little with conserving, maintaining and improving the Port Hills.

Despite its small numbers, the Weekenders group has continued to provide some useful monthly working bees in our treasured hills. Working in collaboration with the Rangers, and in particular the ever-helpful and supportive Di Carter, we've had a range of missions during the year, varying from Boneseed removal in Barnett Park to planting and plant releasing on the Hills and in Victoria Park.

Sometimes working with our own small group, and sometimes combining forces with other groups, we always have a productive and happy time, and recently a few new faces have started to rebuild the numbers again. Always cheerful and enthusiastic, we are grateful to all who have been able to join us regularly or just occasionally during the year, and we look forward to more gatherings in the year to come.

## Victoria Park Information Centre.

The Society has maintained a presence at the Victoria Park Information Centre for a few hours for most Sundays during the Year. There is a dual aim of interfacing with the visiting public - providing local knowledge and information, and of promoting the Summit Road Society, - both in terms of its aims and objectives, and in offering membership to those who have an interest.

We must say a very big thank you to all of those who have given so freely of their time to man the desk at the Centre, sometimes when the weather has not been conducive to bringing visitors to the Park! On good days the numbers visiting the centre and engaging with our volunteers have been significant.

However, feedback from our volunteers has ranged from those who feel that this is a vital activity of the Society - to be seen in the community, to promote our causes and find new members, to those who have not felt that their time has been spent productively - either in benefit to the Society, to the visitors or our volunteer! It may be that the Society should review the scheme - there is certainly a need for more volunteers for a few hours on an occasional Sunday, and for a member to coordinate the roster and manage the small amount of administration that is required. Please let us have your thoughts!

Sue and Ron Ricketts - Coordinators.