

Working bee: May 24th

By Terry Lane

A disappointing turnout for a lovely sunny Working Bee morning, just four FOOPs, Maelor, Karen, Kellie and I with newcomer Nancy Peplow from St Albans who has just graduated in Ecotourism at the William Angliss College.

The plan for the day was to check Glider boxes, but after the resent rain, we decided to do some planting down near the Visitors Centre.



Nancy Peplow

Ranger Gerry Sansico was on duty this morning so we loaded up his Ute with trays of Lomandra and Poa and headed down to the carpark.

The area around the VC has been planted many times before with limited success. And some would say a waste of time trying again. Nevertheless, the Organ Pipes is Melbourne's closest National Park with many visitors per year, this area has been neglected with hundreds of

plastic tree guards containing dead plants, hardly a showpiece of revegetation and with every sign vandalized and an unused VC it's an embarrassment.



Half a teaspoon of water crystals were added to each plant and mulch will be brought in.



Gerry brought the water truck down. The rangers say the will keep the watering up.

The images for the signs have been chosen and they should be completed and installed within three weeks to a month.

Next months Working Bee will on **Sunday June 29th**. We will be working with Brimbank Council at Sydenham Park and maybe do more planting at the VC.