

# The Aliens in Retreat

May 2019

A chronicle of Helderberg Hackery

Under the auspices of the Friends of the Helderberg Nature Reserve

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## Scatterlings of acacia



*Hidden here and there amongst the proteas were a few scattered longleaf wattle as well as some beefwood, eucalypts and port jackson.*

**F**or this hack we returned to the burnt pine plantation area. We worked in a wide band along the bottom. We have this area pretty much under control, but there will always be the few that "got away". These scattered few had grown to the extent that they poked out of the underlying bush and were easy to spot and remove.

We found eucalypts, pines, longleaf wattle, port jackson and beefwood. There were targets to be pulled, lopped, sawed and tree-popped.

A couple of eucalypts had cunningly positioned themselves amongst a set of bee hives. John McNaught-Davis sorted them out without raising the ire of the bees.

The hackers were Christy de Witt, Alistair Galloway, John McNaught-Davis, Vic Nicolis, Marianne Parker, Ashley Pinto, Bailey Pinto, Bahar Urcan and James Silberbauer.

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*Bahar Urcan and Bailey Pinto grapple with a longleaf wattle.*



*Vic Nicolis removes a beefwood.*

*John McNaught-Davis working amongst the bee hives.*



## Upcoming Hacks

The next hack will be held on Saturday 8 June 2019.  
Starting at 8:00am.

The one after will be held on Saturday 13 July 2019.  
Starting at 8:00am.

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