



## - **NSMAC Working Bee** - A buzzy day ☺

Hi All.

Message from Simon Hudson:-

***Hello everyone, I would just like to say "wow" what a great turnout at the club for the working bee. We had a very productive day with teams of people walking all the fields getting rid of the dreaded thistles, and another group of guys helping Bruce the farmer cut and move the trees. What a great effort by all concerned, so thanks again to everyone who turned up. The driveway is now clear again, summer is on the way and with the start of daylight saving we should all get some great flying done on those long summer evenings. See you out there. Cheers***

### ***Simon (Club Captain Fixed Wing)***

This was a mammoth task! These were more than your average garden shrubs. Three huge Macracapa trees had blown over the driveway in high winds and they were not about to melt away by themselves.



Some twenty odd cars turned up with members armed with chainsaws, axes, ropes etc.

By the end of the morning, the driveway had been cleared and some people were able to enjoy a BBQ plus have a fly while basic tidying work continued.

Makes you realise what a great club we have when people get stuck in like this. We've become quite used to having vehicle access to the strip all winter – what an asset that has been – and nature's efforts to cut us off were simply NOT ON.

Bruce, the farmer, brought his rather grunty tractor and generally directed proceedings.

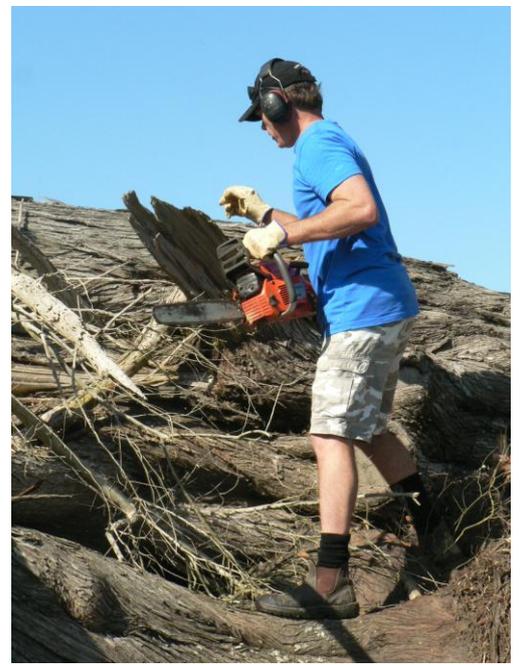
No task too great for that beast and its Southern Alps tyre treads.

The whole operation went very smoothly, to everyone's relief. A significant length of fence had to be removed and the work was all about making parts of trees small enough to be dragged away. It obviously involved a lot of cutting up of smaller branches and moving smaller stuff out of the way, so it was helpful to have many hands working. Members with spades and grubbers got stuck into the thistles as a favour to Bruce. These were all over the No.2 field and the farmland to the North of the driveway, but surrendered to the onslaught fairly easily.





This shows some scale.



Simon hard at it.



Bruce decided to fell a 4<sup>th</sup> tree that was leaning perilously.

T I M B E R.....



Thump –  
Tree's history  
Bruce looks  
happy



BUT – now what's this?!!!

Nothing that can't be handled



Grant showing some Stihl.....

Everyone into it





"Follow me" says Mike.

"No problem – done before smoko", says Bruce

and Mal says "Hmmm....could be useful on the Barbie if we run out of gas today"



Check that out guys...



Fun for all... the quadrupeds took their owner for a thistle inspection and several planes finally went up. Below - Graham Beagley enjoying a flight with his 12' glider.



**This was a great day with awesome results.**

**Thanks go to Simon and others for organising this working bee and to all the Members who contributed on the day.**

See you at the field –

Stan (with apologies for the delay)