

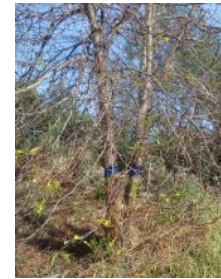
## Hacking group(s)

The last two Sundays have seen the first Hacking party going out.

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June four hackers went up to the old quarry – its magnificent crop of pampas grass has been a source of angst for a couple of years now. The plumes which each carry up to a hundred thousand seeds apiece have been visible from the Botanic Gardens as a white patch on the mountainside. The day's outing saw the last of the current seed-crop removed and destroyed.



Once we have the right equipment we plan to go and spray the very large number of plants proliferating from this site. It will probably take a number of years to eradicate all trace of the plant - been left for so long with attendant growth of young plants which only become visible once they are old enough to bloom above the surrounding growth. Also achieved (by Rinus) was the 'test' ring-barking of a large well-established Honey-locust tree (*Gleditsia triacanthos*).



Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June saw just three of us with a few hours to spare near the wooden bridge over the Camfersdrift River just north-east of where the road crosses the river. Within three hours just three people working were able to make the difference you see on the photos below – please come and join us!



Before.....

and after.....



Bring :- Sunscreen, water, hats and breakfast/tea-time snacks - the usual for a period out as well as gloves, secateurs and saw.

Please let me have your availability and comments/queries.

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