

Newport Forest

August 1 2003

2:15 - 7:25 pm

Weather: prec. 0 mm; sun/haze; SW < 10 km/h; LM 30 C; FCF 27 C

Purpose: maintenance

Participants: Kee and Nic

On this visit, we mounted the sun screens on the south side of the tree station and painted them. During this period, the water truck arrived and we accidentally took 2000 gal, instead of the planned 1000 gal. (cost: \$75)

We then watered the tree station plots thoroughly. Loading the tanks and jugs, we then proceeded to the two cores and watered all the trees (we could find) there. I found a small amount of UV damage on some of the saplings, the others now “consolidating” the gains of the last few months.

Nic walked the FCT while I had a short snooze/reverie on the pipe bridge.

Leaving the property, I had some things to deliver to Eva Newport. Shortly after we had turned onto the Furnival Road, heading south, I caught a glimpse of a rather large golden-coloured animal. It was almost too large to be any common breed of dog, with very large, heavy-looking feet. Only a one-second glimpse. It had almost crossed the road when I saw it, heading from the van Bommel property into Betty Purcell’s pine bush at the edge of her meadow by the Furnival/Fleming intersection. The gold colour was probably due to the sunlight catching a tan-coloured coat. A discussion with Eva revealed that no one in the neighbourhood owns a brown- or gold-coloured dog.