

Weed like more helpers

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DO you know what Mickey Mouse bush and bridal creeper are?

They are both weeds causing havoc in Carr's Bush in Fagan Park at Galston.

But residents formed the Carrs Bush Bushcare Group and are trying to win the fight against the weeds and South African grass *ehrharta* which is gradually "taking over the place".

Group leader Barry Lees said in the 55ha Fagan Park, 6ha in the bottom corner had been left virtually untouched, with the original turpentine trees in it.

"Our group tries to look after this bush and our main work of late has been to keep the weeds out," he said.

"However we only have four volunteers in our group and we would love more to join us so we can win our battle with the weeds."

It is one of 12 Bushcare groups run by Hornsby Council. This month Bushcare groups are hosting open days to encourage new blood.

On Friday, Francis Greenway Bushcare Group has an open day between 12.30pm and 3.30pm along the private road off Francis Greenway



Drive, opposite Thorpe Ave, Cherrybrook. On Tuesday, the Kitchener Rd Bushcare Group has an open day between 10am and noon on Kitchener Rd, about 100m from the intersection off Boundary Rd, Cherrybrook. Inquiries: Hornsby Council on 9847 6362.

Sonny Armstrong, Barry Lees, Mary Ann Lamacchia and Noni Dickson work in Carr's Bush.

BRIEFLY

Inala's annual fair

INALA'S popular fair will be held at its Cherrybrook grounds between 9am and 3pm on October 25. The day has been a fixture in the Hills for more than 45 years. There will be non-stop entertainment, including the West Pennant Hills Pipe Band. A jumping castle, face painting and stilt walkers will keep the children happy. Inala hopes to raise more than \$35,000 to continue supporting people with intellectual disabilities.

Sparkies alive

THE Hills district produced three top sparkies in the 2009 National Electrical and Communications Association's NSW Apprentice Awards. In the industrial apprentice award section, Joel Berghofer, of Castle Hill, took first place, Baden Jones, of Baulkham Hills, was second and Mark Ashford, of Castle Hill, third. Mr Berghofer is eligible for the National Apprentice of the Year Awards, which will be announced in Melbourne on November 25.

Brawl charges

A TEENAGER faces several charges including assault and malicious damage after a brawl in Showground Rd, Castle Hill. The youth, 17, of Castle Hill, will appear before Parramatta Children's Court on December 3. Police said the youth was not involved in the brawl on August 30 but refused to leave the scene when asked to by police, who subdued him with capsicum spray.

Do you know any areas which need a Bushcare group? Comment at hillshiretimes.com.au