

Hangklip Hardcore Hackers (No. 76): May 2026

Chris Geldenhuys reported as follows re the Hardcore Hackers May activities: "There were 8 hack opportunities in May despite three that were lost to rain. Even so, the group recorded a total of 110 man-days. The follow-up hack at the Two Sisters, Porter Drive, was another eye-opener. From a distance, the fynbos on the foothills looked magnificent, but up close, the extent of the hidden spider gums and myrtle was discouraging. Even so, the HH Hackers rose to the challenge and by the end of the day half the plot had been cleared of alien vegetation. The Hangklip Sugarbird work team completed the second task at Bottlebrush Farm before the wet conditions brought the work to a halt. The team has now moved on to clearing spider gums in the same area, where phase two of the pine hack is taking place, making this their third task. Mike C continues to coordinate the team, monitor productivity and act as liaison between HHH and the Sugarbird Foundation. The team's contribution is greatly appreciated by all, and their help in fighting the alien vegetation infestation is greatly appreciated. A hack was organised by the Sugarbird Foundation at Karwyderskraal to clear a very dense alien pine plantation, and 28 Hardcore Hackers attended this hack. The hack at Karwyderskraal was a gesture of goodwill in response to the generous support that we have received from the Sugarbird project. Hangklip Hardcore Hackers June 2026: Chris goes on to report that although the day started somewhat chaotically, it proved to be a valuable experience. The site is a beautiful fynbos-rich property belonging to the Moravian Church, and the infestation there poses a serious threat to the endangered Erica Karwyden. It is also a reminder that not everyone approaches hacking in the same way, but for our part we will continue to follow the method that has been tested and proven: "cut low and paint blue". The emphasis remains on cutting low.

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